

## URJ 6 Points Creative Arts Academy - Serving as Faculty

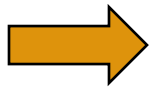
### The Mission of URJ 6 Points Creative Arts Academy:

The mission of URJ 6 Points Creative Arts Academy is to elevate The Arts and Judaism as interconnecting sparks, inspiring campers, faculty and staff to work toward transformational change in their lives and communities. 6 Points Creative Arts uses Creative Arts and traditional summer camp activities as vehicles to provide both formal and informal Jewish education to accomplish our mission.

### The Core Values of URJ 6 Points Creative Arts Academy:

With Judaism's wisdom and wonder as a foundation for innovation, expression and resilience, we are creative artists who:

**Creativity**  
יְצִירָה  
*Yetzirah*



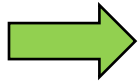
Immerse ourselves in creation in diverse ways, recognizing and cultivating our unique gifts to continually contribute to the design of a world still in formation.

**Curiosity**  
סְקָרָנוּת  
*Sakranu*



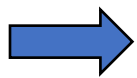
Embrace the Jewish tradition of continuous learning and discovery.

**Grit**  
אִמְץ לֵב  
*Ometz Lev*



Display courage and resolve, drawing on strength of character to journey beyond our comfort zones.

**Craftsmanship**  
מְלָאכָה  
*M'lacha*



Concentrate on the quality of our efforts, holding process in balance with performance.

**Collaboration**  
שְׁלוּב  
*Shiluv*



Work together with others. We seek and value their contributions, while also offering our own insights and perspectives.

## Major Disciplines

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|-----------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Creative Writing            | Contemporary Theatre | Dance                |
| Instrumental Music Ensemble | Musical Theatre      | Photography          |
| Shakespeare                 | Visual Art           | Vocal Music Ensemble |

Additional information can be found on our website [6pointscreativearts.org](http://6pointscreativearts.org).

## Accommodating Requests to Serve

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The URJ 6 Points Creative Arts Academy is located at The Westtown School in West, Chester, Pennsylvania. Due to limited housing availability, an astounding number of inquiries, and the specific needs of our camp program, **we anticipate that we will not be able to accommodate all requests.** Prior experience on Creative Arts faculty does not guarantee summer 2022 placement.

Decisions about who will be offered a Residential Faculty placement will be informed by several factors including (1) service to a URJ congregation or program (2) specialty area background, (3) geographic diversity, (4) the number of potential faculty that apply from one congregation, **If there are more than one potential professional staff member from your congregation or program interested in serving on Creative Arts Faculty, please discuss this internally before submitting your request as we will not be able to accommodate multiple faculty from any one congregation or program.** (5) a commitment to providing a recruitment opportunity, virtual or in-person, open to your congregation/community prior to summer, and other considerations.

Please read through the following guidelines to help you decide about submitting a request form to be a part of our program.

## Glossary

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**Majors** – our arts disciplines for which campers register prior to camp to build skills.

**Electives** – short term arts and arts adjacent programming to give a taste of other mediums. These may change daily or every few days. Faculty are encouraged to facilitate or support an elective. Some of our more popular electives from past summers are Arts as Advocacy, Showchoir, Creative Writing, and Poetry.

**Kinesthetic Arts** (KinArts) – our recreational period of the day that might be sports or movement based.

**Shabbat Shalectives** – first Saturday of each session chill programming like yawn on the lawn (reading a book or chatting outside), strings and things (friendship bracelets), and the like.

**Evening Programs** – our evening activities that can be by bunk, unit, or all camp, and can be content programs in Israel education, Social Justice, on our core values or theme, or good ole camp fun.

**MoMoments/Siyyum** – ritual moments that bookend our day. Mo Moments sets an intention and Siyyum allows us to reflect on it.

**Shabbat Prep** – our Thursday evening and Friday afternoon programming where campers staff and faculty craft an artistic response to the prayers and blessings of Erev Shabbat services.

**Showcase** - the final Saturday of each session is Showcase, the culmination of our campers' hard work. Every art discipline presents their pieces to the community in the art gallery, through video, and on stage. Showcase concludes with Havdallah led by the year-round team.

### **Covid-19 Protocols\***

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While we are watching the evolving information around Covid-19, we do not yet have any guidelines from the URJ, American Camp Association, Foundation for Jewish Camp or CDC on Covid mitigation protocols for summer 2022.

### **Understanding the Residential Faculty Presence at CAA**

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Camp remains relatively small and intimate, with 50 staff and anywhere from 75-130 campers each session, joining us from across North America and overseas. The camp team will also include approximately 6 Residential Faculty members on campus at a time.

**Residential Faculty at CAA are “all-in.”** From morning until night, there are activities in which faculty will be integrally involved. Faculty are a loving, supportive presence, passionate about Judaism, youth, camping and The Arts. Our faculty recognize that camp is a work-in-progress, from policies and schedules to culture and minhag. They are flexible, compassionate, patient, and dedicated to the success of the campers, staff, their peers and our program. We look forward to deepening relationships with, and between, our faculty and our larger community.

Residential Faculty are immersed in a major discipline and may also be called upon to offer an elective or Shabbat Shalective. Faculty participate in morning and evening rituals, Shabbat prep and the collaborative Shabbat experience. Faculty also are a part of many evening and all-camp programs, some staff meetings and may sit on sh'mira or serve as B'nai Mitzvah prep support to our campers. Lastly, faculty are all given the opportunity to serve on working groups to advance camp's programming.

There is no separate period for Judaic education at CAA – the exploration of and skill-building in art and Judaism are woven into the curriculum, and faculty not only advance these elements, but are also there for the “a-ha” moments with our

participants. You will be partnering with our staff to integrate Judaism in a way that aligns with the mission and values of camp.

As you can see, each day is a busy one. We strive to provide time off each day to focus on your professional responsibilities and we have Wi-Fi across our campus to support you in your work.

## **2020 Faculty Dates**

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CAA Faculty are asked to serve for a full session. Session dates are:

- Sunday, June 19 – Monday, June 27 (Staff Week)
- Tuesday, June 28 – Sunday, July 10 (Session 1)
- Tuesday, July 12 – Sunday, July 24 (Session 2)
- Tuesday, July 26 – Sunday, August 7 (Session 3)

## **Showcase**

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We know that being away from your congregation and family is not always an option. This year\*, we invite all congregational professionals to join us for Showcase on the last Saturday evening of each session. Details will be available in the Spring.

Saturday, July 9

Saturday, July 23

Saturday, August 6

## **Musical Theatre Intensive Performance**

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Saturday, July 30

## **Pre-Camp**

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All Residential Faculty are required to participate in an hour-long orientation webinar, known as a FaculChat, selected from the following options:

Wednesday, February 8  
12pm-1pm ET

Thursday, February 13  
3pm-4pm ET

Additional preparation time will be scheduled for specific cohorts (arts disciplines, session, worship leaders, etc.).

## **Post-Camp**

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Post-camp, 2022 CAA Faculty will be expected to strengthen the partnership with camp by:

- Providing requested feedback in a timely manner
- Serving as a CAA ambassador within the Reform Movement in their home community
- Welcoming us to visit/present at your congregation and meet with congregational parents and children. Please, note that because we are a

North American program, covering the US and Canada, we may not be able to visit every year.

### **Residential Faculty Housing**

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Faculty stay in dorm rooms in a building with other adult staff. There is a communal bathroom with private toilet and shower stalls on each floor utilized by adult staff only. Faculty are responsible for bringing their own linens to fit a standard twin bed, their own towels, robe and toiletries. Laundry facilities are available.

The Westtown School is a smoke-free, alcohol-free and drug-free campus.

### **Bringing Family Members Not Registered for Camp**

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While we may be able to offer greater accommodation in the future, due to our limited space on camp, as well as the demands on our faculty, we are unable to accommodate families with young children. We are unable to provide babysitters or programming for non-program age children. We are also unable to accommodate pets at camp.

### **Navigating the Campus**

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Everything on campus is within reasonable walking distance. Campers, staff and faculty walk as the primary mode of transportation around camp. Special arrangements will be made for those needing assistance due to medical or programmatic needs. Only full-time and predetermined seasonal staff will be allowed to operate golf carts on campus.

### **Camper Tuition Assistance**

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If you have a child registered for the program, please rest assured that we will work with you to ensure that your camper can participate, whether or not you are on Residential Faculty for this summer. Please contact us to discuss financial support at CAA.

### **Requesting to Serve**

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If you are interested in applying to be a part of the Creative Arts Community as Residential Faculty this summer, please complete our **faculty participation request form** no later than **Friday, December 10**. Applicants will be notified of Residential Faculty placements no later than Friday, January 6.

### **Questions?**

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Should you have any questions about the role of faculty or the request process, please do not hesitate to reach out to Jo-Ellen at 410-609-9869 or [jeunger@urj.org](mailto:jeunger@urj.org) or Rabbi Jessie Wainer, Rosh Faculty at [rabbiwainer@congetzchaim.com](mailto:rabbiwainer@congetzchaim.com) or 708-828-2877.