

Position/title: **Camp Wise Head Specialist**
Job Location: Los Angeles, CA
Industry Category: Summer Camp / Non-Profit / Religious Organization
Reports to: Director of Camp Wise
Organization: Stephen Wise Temple
Department: Camp Wise LA
Status: Full-Time, Non-Exempt, Hourly
Work Schedule:

- Summer 2026 Season: 1 Training Week, 7 Program Weeks (approx. 40 hrs/week)
- Training: June 14–20 (closed 6/19, additional dates TBD) | Time TBD
- Program: June 22–August 7 (closed July 3) | Monday–Friday, 8:30 AM–4:30 PM (30-minute unpaid lunch; hours subject to change)

Hourly Rate Range: \$20.00-\$22.00/hour

About the Program

Camp Wise is a vibrant Jewish summer day camp at Stephen Wise Temple and Wise School for children in Kindergarten through 8th grade. Campers enjoy full days of activities like swimming, sports, arts, cooking, music, and dance, plus weekly field trips for 1st–8th graders. Special events including carnivals, theme days, guest programs, and Shabbat celebrations make every week unique and exciting.

Our dedicated, well-trained staff build meaningful relationships with campers while ensuring their emotional and physical safety on and off site. Guided by Jewish values, Camp Wise creates a fun, safe, and loving community where campers make lasting friendships and look forward to returning year after year.

About the Position

Camp Wise Head Specialists are creative leaders who design and lead engaging programs in their area of expertise such as art, science, sports, music, dance, cooking, or other specialties. They plan and facilitate daily activities for campers of varying ages, ensuring each session is fun, safe, and developmentally appropriate. Head Specialists also support general camp programming, assist on field trips, and share responsibilities for running afternoon extended care. Ideal candidates are organized, enthusiastic educators who enjoy working with children, thrive in a collaborative team environment, and bring energy and creativity to every program they lead.

Responsibilities

- Deliver Camp Wise’s mission by creating a safe, fun, and values-based environment.
- Plan, prepare, and implement daily programs for multiple age groups that are engaging, age-appropriate, and align with camp values.
- Maintain and organize program spaces and materials, ensuring safety and readiness for each session.

- Collaborate with counselors and leadership staff to integrate programming into the camp schedule.
- Lead activities independently and adapt lessons to meet the needs and interests of each camper group.
- Support other camp-wide programs and special events, such as morning circles, Shabbat, carnivals, and guest activities.
- Serve as additional supervision on field trips as assigned.
- Alternate responsibilities for running afternoon extended care.
- Build positive relationships with campers and staff, acting as a role model and mentor.
- Communicate regularly with the Programs Coordinator and Directors regarding schedules, supplies, and camper engagement.
- Participate in pre-camp training and ongoing professional development.
- Perform other duties as assigned.

Qualifications

- High school graduate, college student, graduate, or equivalent experience in youth programming, education, or a related field. (must be 18+ years old by start of camp)
- Expertise in at least one specialty area (e.g., sports, art, music, science, cooking, etc.).
- Previous experience working with children or youth programs required; camp experience preferred.
- Strong organizational, communication, and leadership skills.
- Creative, flexible, and energetic approach to program development and teaching.
- CPR/First Aid certification required before camp begins (training provided if needed).
- Comfortable moving between program areas and assisting on field trips.