As part of a partnership between the University of Pennsylvania’s Katz Center for Advanced Judaic Studies and Carpenters’ Hall, The Carpenters’ Company and the Katz center seek an interested and qualified intern.

The Carpenters’ Company of the City and County of Philadelphia was founded in 1724 and is the nation’s oldest continuously operating trade guild. Modeled on the Worshipful Company of Carpenters founded in London in the Middle Ages, the Carpenters’ Company established building standards in 18th-century Philadelphia and in the early 19th century operated the nation’s first architectural school. The Company is still active as a professional association of architects, builders and structural engineers, and its 185 members play an active role in the contemporary built environment and the civic life of Philadelphia.

The Katz Center is a global leader in the study of Jewish civilization, opening new vistas in the humanities and social sciences at the University of Pennsylvania and beyond. With a prestigious fellowship program, a vast Judaica library, and a leading scholarly journal, the Katz Center links scholars to scholars, researchers to resources, and ideas to the wider world. The Center is driven by a mission to deepen and broaden the understanding of Jewish history, texts, cultures, ideas, and experiences. In this it is heir to an intellectual legacy that is more than 110 years old, developing out of the Dropsie College for Hebrew and Cognate Learning, founded in 1907 as the first secular institution to grant PhDs in Jewish studies.

This joint internship between Penn’s Katz Center for Advanced Judaic Studies and Carpenters’ Hall offers a unique opportunity to work in the archives and the administrative offices of two historic institutions, both just blocks away from NMAJH. The intern will carry out communications and data-related work while undertaking a special research project involving the intersection of Carpenters’ Hall with Philadelphia Jewish culture in conjunction with the Katz Center’s upcoming year of programming centered on American Jewish history.

At the Katz Center, specific tasks include:

- Locating and organizing open access images of historical Jewish life in America.
- Performing maintenance on the Center’s large database of contacts in the community.
- Advertising upcoming programs including local lectures and the academic fellowship.

At Carpenters’ Hall, tasks include:

- Researching the history of Jewish members of the Carpenters’ Company and work the Company has done for significant synagogues and Jewish institutions.
- Working with our Assistant Director and with the Katz Center’s Director for Public Programming to develop a joint event for the public based on that research.
- Under the guidance of our scholar-in-residence, building a digital exhibit on our Omeka website mapping CCCP work on Jewish institutions.

PLEASE NOTE: The Katz Center must comply with the directives of the University of Pennsylvania in response to the global health crisis, which currently require remote work. It is not yet clear what the situation will be during the summer, so we cannot guarantee that we will be able to facilitate the internship, or do so in the way described here, but we will make every effort to do so and to adapt it to the changing circumstances in a meaningful way.

Position factors:

- The intern must operate related office equipment and use necessary tools.
- The position requires regular keyboarding and computer use.
- The position requires regular ascent and descent of stairs.