Assistant to the Editor, The Network of Spiritual Progressives, Berkeley, CA

We are looking for a full-time personal Assistant to Rabbi Michael Lerner, involved in helping to build the community of Beyt Tikkun Synagogue-Without-Walls in Berkeley, who would also be the organizer/outreach person for the Network of Spiritual Progressives (NSP) and do editorial work at Tikkun and possibly become Assistant Editor. (The Network of Spiritual Progressives is the activist arm of Tikkun.) This one-year activist opportunity involves full immersion in the activities of our small yet high-powered non-profit. It includes regular night and weekend work, in addition to standard 9-6pm working hours.

Our Assistant to the Editor works from our office in lovely downtown Berkeley, across the Bay from San Francisco, and enjoys all the benefits of living in beautiful northern California (3-4 hours ride to Yosemite or to Big Sur). Beyt Tikkun is Rabbi Lerner's shteebel/shul-- a small group of people who meet either Friday night or Saturday morning each Shabbat for Jewish religious prayer and Torah study. Tikkun magazine was started as the voice of Jewish progressives who both support Israel and strongly critique the Occupation of the West Bank and the blockade of Gaza, and who support spiritually progressive politics. We define this in terms of advocating for a new bottom line, in which institutions, corporations, government policies, our health care, education and legal systems, and even our own personal behavior is judged to be “efficient, rational, or productive” not only to the extent that they maximize money and power (the Old Bottom Line) but also to the extent that they maximize our capacities to be loving, caring, kind and generous, ethically and ecologically sensitive, and capable of responding to other human beings as embodiments of the sacred. This job is for someone who is really into the three projects: NSP www.spiritualprogressives.org, Tikkun Magazine www.tikkun.org, and Beyt Tikkunwww.beyttikkun.org, so don't bother to apply until you feel you've read enough of all three projects online to have an initial sense of what we are about and how you, your skills, and your interests connect to what we are trying to do in all 3 projects.

Over the past 26 years of Tikkun's existence we have evolved into being an interfaith voice for people of every faith tradition or none (explicitly including atheists and secular humanists) who enthusiastically endorse our New Bottom Line. Yet we retain our own roots in the Jewish tradition and it would be a plus (not an absolute requirement) if you were familiar with that tradition, its music, prayers, and holy texts (though you don't have to be Jewish to have that familiarity and being Jewish doesn’t automatically give you that familiarity either). It would also be a plus if you knew lots of young thinkers and writers of every faith including atheists whom you could recruit to be writing for Tikkun!!!

Here are the major responsibilities:

1. **Assistant to Editor Rabbi Michael Lerner:** This includes everything from being the person who arranges his public talks to organizing his desk to responding to his mail to promoting his messages to the world to editing his articles and books to working with him on Beyt Tikkun and the NSP (both explained below). So far he has written 11 books, and you have to be familiar with them and be able to publicly represent their perspective to the world. Please read his 2006 national best seller, *The Left Hand of God—Taking Back Our Country from the Religious Right*, and his latest 2012 book,*Embracing Israel/Palestine: A Strategy to Heal and Transform the Middle East.*

2. **Editing Articles and Recruiting Writers:** This includes editing, proofreading, and work in shaping both the print edition of *Tikkun* and the website and blog. It also involves using social media and the internet to broaden our readership online and increase our subscription base.
Email a self-revealing cover letter and resume to ashley@tikkun.org. In your cover letter, describe your background in organizing, editing, and activism, your relationship to the ideas of NSP and Tikkun as you understand them, your familiarity with Judaism and comfort in taking a role in building Beyt Tikkun, and explain why you are capable of doing first-rate work in this capacity. If we are interested in your application, we will contact you. NO PHONE CALLS, PLEASE.