



Shir Tikvah
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Dear Shir Tikvah:

As we shared with you on Tuesday, Wendy Goldberg has chosen to step back from her fulltime work as our Director of Spiritual Engagement at the end of June. She will continue as our B'nei Mitzvah Coordinator next year, but as she transitions from her fulltime staff role, we will take a moment to celebrate all she's given to Shir Tikvah during Shabbat Services, June 16, 2017. Please mark your calendar and look for more details soon.

As we move forward to assess and meet Shir Tikvah's professional needs, we are delighted to share with you that MJ Gilbert and Jane Binder will serve as Co-Chairs for our Hiring Advisory Team (HAT).

To introduce (or re-introduce) you to our co-chairs:

Jane Binder has been a member of Shir Tikvah since 1989 and has been involved in congregational life in a variety of ways over the years from planning events, to serving as board president, and now she is part of the Adult B'nei Mitzvah cohort. When not at Shir Tikvah, she works as a family law attorney in Minneapolis, and spends time with her husband, Larry Silber, their daughters, Emily and Naomi, and their beloved golden retrievers Caleb and Star.

MJ Gilbert has been a member of Shir Tikvah since 2001, and involved in Reform Jewish life since childhood (she is the child of two synagogue presidents). A former rabbinic student and Jewish educator, she was the youth director at Temple Israel in the mid-1980s. She obtained her Masters degree in Social Work from the University of Minnesota in 1990, and currently serves as Director of Field Instruction for the School of Social Work. She serves on the Shir Tikvah Education Va'Ad (Advisory committee). Her son Isaac is an active 8th grader and Hebrew school ozer (teaching assistant).

MJ and Jane will work with Rabbi Latz, Rabbi Rappaport, and their Hiring Advisory Team which includes: Jessica Cohen, Marlys Fiterman, Ofer Geller, Gabriel Glissmeyer, Eli Kramer, Kathryn Klibanoff, Gayle Zoffer, and Luke Weisberg to identify our professional needs and offer advice and counsel in the hiring process. We understand the centrality, indeed the primacy, of vibrant and participatory music in Shir Tikvah's spiritual life; it is one of the aspects of our congregation that makes us so proud and has drawn so many of us closer to Jewish life. We are confident that Jane, MJ, and their team will help lead us through this transition in a thoughtful and menschy way.

There will be opportunities for congregational input. We will be in regular communication with you to describe our next steps.

Again, we are grateful to build this k'hilah k'doshah, our holy Shir Tikvah community, with you.

L'shalom,

Rabbi Michael Adam Latz & Luke Weisberg, Board President