

Harriet Eisenkraft (President 2012-2014)

Ever since Harriet first attended Shir Libeynu High Holy Day services in 1999, she has been a volunteer and was a board member from the formal inception and a council member (unofficial board) before that. She stepped down from the board as of the 2015 term, but is still our Shabbat coordinator, which involves organizing many aspects of the services and kiddishes, and liaison to the MNJCC, and our communications director, writing and editing the newsletter and maintaining the website blog and content. Harriet helped as part of the teams that formed several of the Jewish learning initiatives over the past few years, including the bar/mitzvah program, the adult education program, and she is on the education committee now to help ramp up our children's program with a possible supplemental class on Sundays or after school. For the past two years, Harriet has been the programming coordinator, dealing with the scheduling and liaising of our Shabbos services and other events. She is also the coordinator of our new chevra kadisha (sacred society) group to help members during their times of mourning, and assists with the bikkur cholim group (aid to the ill and housebound) as well.

Harriet is a journalist and editor with a degree from Ryerson's journalism program, and undergraduate studies at the University of Toronto. She has written for and/or been on staff of many Canadian publications and been involved in non-profit organizations and other charities, both as a volunteer and on contract. At present, she serves on the board of Axis Music, a music education group that provides tuition-free lessons to children/youth in public housing, and is a volunteer dance partner at Dancing with Parkinson's. She also works as the administrator for a business that she runs with her husband, Gary Klein. He, and their now-adult children, Elise and Daniel, have always played active roles in the congregation alongside Harriet.

Harriet rarely misses an opportunity to "talk up" the community and share details of its meaningful, joyous and diverse culture with all who may benefit.