

## **Barry Benigson**

Back in 2000, my partner, Garry Rubenstein, and I were looking around for a congregation where we could feel at home, and found Shir Libeynu. We have been coming to High Holy Day services at Shir Libeynu since then and have also been attending the monthly Shabbat services and other various activities. For the past few years, Garry has chanted Torah a number of times at Shabbat services. We enjoy them, and we are proud to be part of such a wonderfully diverse and inclusive Jewish community.

I was born in southern Africa and have been living in mid-town Toronto for 30 years. I am a CPA, CA and an MBA with my own accounting practice for 25 years. I specialize in small to medium-size businesses. I have served on the board of my condo corporation for 15 years and understand the intricacies of not-for-profit organizations. I also have quite a number of clients in the not-for-profit sector. In the 1990s, I was a volunteer in an organization in the gay community. I look forward to serving the congregation and contributing to Shir Libeynu and I hope to take on the role of treasurer with the new board.