



## Strategy 2021

### Overview for the Congregation - May 2016

#### What We Value About Shir Libeynu

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##### Inclusivity and Inclusion

- Acceptance of difference
- Diversity – opinion, thought, history, backgrounds, political and spiritual, tradition
- No one left behind
- You don't have to be Jewish
- Aviva shares the Bimah with Congregation
- Affordability
- "You can do Jewish here no matter how you want to do that"

##### Creativity -- Music and Art

- Opportunity to share creativity of congregation – writing, art. Blend of art of spirituality -- Use of music – choir band etc.

##### Authenticity and Acceptance

- No one needs to leave a part of themselves behind to be part of the community
- Acceptance of Ambivalence
- Allowing people to question observance – maintain grounding in history

##### Balance of Reverence and Irreverence

- Dialogue -willing to talk about challenging issues
- Allowing people to question observance –
- Maintain grounding in history and tradition

**Our Mission:** Shir Libeynu is a liberal, egalitarian congregation, unaffiliated with any particular stream of Judaism. Our goals are to joyfully celebrate and experience all aspects of Jewish life and spirituality within an environment of inclusiveness, innovation, and intellectual challenge. We welcome new rituals and liturgy while recognizing and affirming the many paths our tradition offers.

#### Our Vision for the Future

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- Shir Libeynu is a thriving congregation widely recognized, valued and sought out within and around the Jewish community for its inclusiveness, generosity, accessibility and its reverent and irreverent approach to celebrating Judaism.
- Our unique highly valued ritual and philosophy continues to be brought to life by new spiritual leaders who are mentored by Aviva
- We have meaningful partnerships with other congregations to provide our members wider access to rituals, services, support and celebration throughout the year and throughout the life cycle.
- We forge connections with like-minded organizations and with other faith-based communities that advance our community's commitment to tikkun olam and increase access to a wide variety of programs.
- We have regular, consistent space that we leverage to provide services and events throughout the year that attract and support people of all ages and levels of accessibility.
- Our members are highly engaged, giving freely of their time and expertise in ways that help our congregation thrive.