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I immigrated to Canada in 2008 and have been a member of Shir Libeynu on and off since 2010. What attracted my partner and I, and what has kept us coming back, is the welcoming community and the accessible approach to Judaism. Although many Shir Libeynu members come from backgrounds rich in faith, I have never felt out of place as someone whose childhood religious education was limited to the Maxwell House Haggadah.

Professionally, I became a lawyer in 2015 after graduating from the University of Toronto and spending a year working at the Ontario Human Rights Commission. I have additional professional experience as a practicing litigator and, prior to becoming a lawyer, as a program manager and outreach coordinator at a non-profit in Minnesota. I intend to use my skills and experiences to help Shir Libeynu maintain its current successful course.