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I was looking for liberal synagogues at an early age where women and men are not separated during prayer. The first place I found in West Hollywood, California in Kol Ami Congregation. I really enjoyed services there with my friend. The second place was Shir Libeynu. For the first time in my life I really felt safe and welcome during the High Holydays. I am looking forward to serving the Shir Libeynu Community.

I grew up surrounded by the mixture of different cultures: Jewish, German, and Russian. At age 17, I moved to Moscow to study Chemistry at the Moscow State University and graduated in 2014 with Master's degree in Chemistry. Later, I worked as a Researcher at the Department of Medicine, Ruhr University Bochum, Germany where I performed research and testing of blood, drinking water and other fluids. In the summer 2013, I worked on a project "Redox properties of Green Fluorescent Proteins" at the Chemistry Department, University of Southern California, USA. The summer of 2014, I spent at the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot on a project in Computational Chemistry. In August of 2014, I returned to Los Angeles where I started my PhD program in Chemistry and worked as a Teaching Assistant. In summer of 2015, due to health circumstances, I moved to Toronto, Ontario, where I am currently working as a Private Tutor in Math, Chemistry and Science.