



Seeking Part-Time Rabbi for our Inclusive Congregation,
Starting Spring 2020

Overview

Innovative, compassionate rabbi to provide leadership and enrich our Jewish spiritual practice. An opportunity awaits the successful candidate to enhance our 23-year-old diverse, progressive community in downtown Toronto.

Qualifications

- Ordained rabbi (or experienced lay leader) with pulpit, educational and organizational expertise
- Adept at exploring the relevance of traditional Jewish texts to contemporary life
- Ability to engage with a wide range of congregants, including LGBTQ+, interfaith and non-traditional individuals and families, as well as those from secular, liberal and Orthodox backgrounds
- Pastoral ability to support, celebrate and comfort our members through myriad Jewish life cycles and milestones
- Skill at developing children's, youth and adult educational programming
- Experience at outreach to broader Jewish community as well as other religious, spiritual and cultural groups
- Experience with governance and strategic planning

Duties

- Conduct services for Shabbat mornings, Kabbalat Shabbat and Havdalah, and holiday/festival events
- Collaborate with the cantor, singers and musicians to incorporate music into services
- Officiate lifecycle events at these services, including baby namings, aufrufs, other milestones and memorials
- Plan and lead all High Holy Day services
- Guide our children's and youth educational initiatives by working with staff teachers and volunteers on vision, curriculum and occasionally participating in the classrooms
- Plan simchas (bar/bat mitzvahs) by working with children and their families in preparation, and leading those services
- Lead adult education workshops as determined in collaboration with education committee

- Counsel ill community members
- Comfort and advise congregants on death and dying
- Attend board meetings as required
- Write the occasional essay for our newsletter and/or website
- Liaise with a range of other shuls, NGOs and community groups on religious, cultural, political and social matters

Salary: \$30,000 - \$35,000 Cdn.

Additional fees will be negotiated for conducting bnei mitzvah and other life cycle events.

About Congregation Shir Libeynu

We are dedicated to a meaningful Jewish life. We come from a variety of backgrounds – Reform, Reconstructionist, Conservative, Orthodox and secular, with varying degrees of Jewish education and experience. Our new rabbi will find a community open to ideas and opportunity to make a difference in the lives of CSL congregants.

As the longest-standing LGBTQ+-inclusive shul in the city, our rites and rituals reflect the diversity within our community. Our congregation is made up of couples, individuals and families of many different backgrounds, ages and combinations. We are open to all members of interfaith families celebrating on the bimah including for aliyot at their children's bar/bat mitzvahs. We strive to accommodate people with disabilities.

In 1997, five committed women founded Shir Libeynu. Seventy people came to our first High Holy Days services. Since then we have grown to a community of 300 people that pray, celebrate, mourn, learn, sing and dance together. We currently hold monthly Shabbat services that draw 70-80 people. We have a bnei mitzvah program, a supplementary weekly school for younger children, a speakers' series and other programs for adults. We are focussed on deepening our ritual life and enhancing Torah study, maintaining a strong intergenerational presence and engaging membership in synagogue activities.

More at: <https://shirlibeynu.ca>

Please send your resume and cover letter to rabbisearch@shirlibeynu.ca before November 20, 2019.