

Bio for Dorothy Rusoff

Dorothy has been a member of Shir Libeynu from the very beginning—from a class room at OISE beginning! She and a friend had “synagogue shopped” for a long time, each year, fussing about what they would do for the holidays and where they would go. Finally, they landed at Shir Libeynu, found a lot of single people like them, felt comfortable and decided to stay.

Dorothy’s involvement with Shir Libeynu includes co-chairing the Chesed or Bikkur Cholim Committee (visiting/helping members who are ill). She has also organized Shabbat kiddishes—purchasing food, directing volunteers to the kitchen to chop and arrange food, setting out the food and utensils, and ensuring that everything was ready for the kiddish.

This summer, when the world seemed to be falling apart, she knew she wanted to do something. She was all ready to help out with seniors, until she realized she was one of them! She heard Karen announce that the board was looking for more people. That was it. She got in touch with Karen and has been involved on the Board ever since.

Dorothy is no stranger to boards of directors. She has been involved with community organizations for many years. She’s been a board member with Nellie’s, Riverdale Socio-Legal Services, Common Thread Community Chorus and WoodGreen Community Services as a board member and president.

Dorothy is a retired Community College professor, teaching in the Community Services Department in the Recreation and Leisure Services Program and the Social Services Program. Her other interests include, photography, music, writing and gardening.