

Shalom Chaverim,

Although the temperature has dipped below 40 degrees just now, with Passover behind us, we know Spring must really be here! I hope you enjoyed a meaningful telling of the Pesach story, and are preparing for the literal and metaphorical renewal of the season we are entering now.

We have several congregational opportunities coming up where we will work together on our communal renewing, rebuilding, and “becoming”! I invite you to join with us in these upcoming opportunities:

- Sunday, May 7, we’ll hold our 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting at 9:30 am in the sanctuary at Shir Tikvah. This is an opportunity to elect our next Board of Trustees, approve our annual budget, and explore together the ways we can continue to grow together.
- Shabbaton, May 12- 14, join other Shir Tikvah families for a special Shabbat together at Camp Herzl. A unique opportunity to spend a full Shabbat with other Shir Tikvah-ites, learning, praying, and playing together! Appropriate for – and more fun with – all ages and stages of life! Registration is required – so get on it [here!](#)
- Shabbat, June 2-3, join us as we welcome special guests Rabbis Nadya and Victor Gross as our annual Lou Weiner Scholars in Residence. Both passionate teachers and deeply engaged community leaders, we’ll explore the theme of “Saging: To Grow in Wisdom” through Shabbat services. This is a wonderful opportunity, brought to us by Barbra & Phyllis Weiner and their families, in honor of their father Lou Weiner.

Finally, I want to be sure that you have your calendar marked for the evening of **Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup>**. We’ll celebrate Shabbat together and honor Wendy Goldberg for her many contributions to Shir Tikvah. After a robust seven years, Wendy’s staff role will come to a close at the end of June so she can spend more time with her family. Join us as we offer her our love, deep gratitude, and good wishes on Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup>. I know you won’t want to miss this opportunity to honor Wendy and enjoy this special evening.

Look for more communication in the coming months about how we’re continuing to move forward our priority work on racial justice, integrating our youth experiences into other elements of congregational life; and, examining our facilities needs for the future. We are growing – and that growth is because of your engagement, support, and commitment. Thank you so much.

L’Shalom,

~ Luke