

## HAR HASHEM M'AMEINIM 2018-2019

**Shoshana Kraus** (Shoshi) has enjoyed being a part of the Har Hashem community since moving here from Michigan after college. She considers it an honor to teach and learn within this caring community and I have enjoyed working with students and families to find meaningful connections with Judaism. In addition to teaching at Har HaShem, she has worked in a variety of settings including traditional school classrooms, environmental education, youth groups and teen travel programs. She lives in Longmont and enjoys playing out in nature with my family, taking advantage of the joys of mountain living!

**Caroline Saliman** has taught/directed camp/told stories at Har HaShem for more than 20 years--specifically tutoring for 17 years. She appreciates the opportunity to be with students one on one as they are learning to read and chant Hebrew, finding personal meanings and making connections to prayers and Torah, and is grateful for growing relationships with students and families. After graduating from CU, Caroline lived in Israel on kibbutz before returning to Colorado to obtain her teaching certification. Caroline also loves teaching at the Boulder Jewish Community Center Preschool and for BJCC Shalom Baby/Shalom Family programs. Caroline has been the recipient of the Chidush Educator's Award, and Grinspoon Steinhart Award for Excellence in Jewish Education. Caroline also co-directs Har HaShem's day camp and teaches in Har HaShem's mini-mensch program.

**Marcia Seigal** holds a Master's Degree in Social Work from the University of Pennsylvania, as well as a Master's Degree in Jewish Communal Service and a Certificate in Jewish Music from Gratz College. She also received a Certificate in Hebrew Language and Jewish/Israel Studies from the WUJS Institute in Israel. Marcia has been working in the Jewish community for 25 years, and has extensive experience working with youth. She has worked in settings ranging from preschool to camp to youth group to social services. These days, Marcia is busy raising her three children Hannah, Jonah and Aylah. She also is a member of Or Zimrah (Har HaShem's house band), as well as Mishpacha Adventures Coordinator. Marcia has been a B'nai Mitzvah tutor for 15 years and has worked with nearly 200 students.

**Bon Singer** has been working with b'nai mitzvah kids for twenty years. She has taught general Jewish studies, served in a cantorial role for several synagogues in California, led meditation and chanting sessions and workshops, and developed her own ethics and leadership program. She greatly enjoys connecting with other people, teaching kids and adults. She especially loves working with kids and making it fun.

**Norm Traum** originally comes from New York City and has been living in Colorado since 1990. During that time, he has taught at a number of Boulder preschools and elementary schools. He has been associated with Congregation Har HaShem, on and off, since 1993 as a Sunday School Teacher, Hebrew School Teacher and B'nai Mitzvah tutor. Norm enjoys his work as the Hebrew Coordinator, which allows him to work with more of our students and faculty to infuse Hebrew into all aspects of youth education at Har HaShem.

**Lisa Velick** received her Master's in Biological Chemistry from UCLA and moved to Colorado with her family in 1999. Having grown up not Jewish, she began the conversion process at Har Hashem in 2005 and became a proud Reform Jew in 2007. In 2009, she had her own B'nai Mitzvah and began chanting Torah for the community. She now chants Torah once a month for two different congregations in the area. In 2012, Lisa became a 5th grade Hebrew Teacher and now teaches 6th and 7th graders at Temple Emanuel in Denver. She has also been a private Hebrew tutor for B'nai Mitzvah students since 2014. As a new M'amein at Har HaShem, she looks forward to continuing her influence on children's Jewish education, helping to make their experience meaningful and inspiring. When she is not studying Hebrew, she spends time shuffling schedules for her three girls, ages 20, 17 and 6.

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