



IMPACT STATEMENT

Shir Tikvah, “Song of Hope”, can trace its beginnings to a meeting of six people at a St. Paul restaurant in February 1988. This small group shared a common vision: a new synagogue in the spirit of liberal Judaism that would welcome and encourage the participation of individuals and families of varying Jewish lifestyles. They envisioned a synagogue that was personal, welcoming and active in Torah study and social action.

Today, Shir Tikvah is a *k'hilah k'doshah* (holy community); joyfully revealing the intersections of *talmud torah* (lifelong Torah study), *t'filah* (prayer), *tzedakah* (justice), and *hachnasat orchim* (radical hospitality). We creatively wrestle with tradition and innovation as we invigorate Jewish spiritual life and transform the world.

In the words of three new members:

- “What Shir Tikvah does in its social justice work is important to the world, and I want to be a part of that.” (80 year old who had never joined any synagogue)
- , “. . . by the gracious welcome I felt as a guest, I entered Shir Tikvah through that lovely portal and shortly thereafter, decided to go further”. (70 old woman after experiencing a Bar Mitzvah)
- “I found home when I walked into Shir Tikvah – I wasn’t followed or questioned, I was hugged!” (20 year old African American)

This is the spirit of Shir Tikvah we will bring into the future. The congregation was founded on the values of inclusion and open discussion – by radicals who questioned authority and still do. We are compelled to bring many who have been on the fringe of Jewish communal life into the center. Our unique congregational style isn’t for everyone, but we remain open to everyone.

Shir Tikvah is your community for study, observance, communal activities, and social justice. The synagogue reaches out and provides a point of engagement for the breadth of diversity that is Am Israel (the Jewish people).

Your legacy commitment assures that Shir Tikvah will continue to reach out and offer meaningful Jewish community for those who seek it.

Please join us in building Shir Tikvah’s future.

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