# LOREN SHEVITZ

## **OBJECTIVE**

To share my love of Jewish music and bring my energy to a new congregation.

#### JEWISH MUSIC EXPERIENCE

Temple Sholom

Chicago, IL

Hebrew Teacher

■ Stepped into a 4<sup>th</sup> grade class mid-year and renewed the students' interest in Hebrew.

2005-06 Congregation Solel Highland Park, IL Music Teacher,  $8^{th}$  grade Comparative Religion teacher, Choir Director

- Taught the entire school music
- Directed Adult Choir for Shabbat, holiday, and Days of Awe services

2005 Temple Judea Mizpah Skokie, IL Music Teacher

- Restarted a music program that was on hiatus for 1-1/2 years
- Taught the entire school music
- Played organ for students' final service of the year where they sang several songs

1996-2002 Newberger Hillel Center Chicago, IL Coffeehouse series

- Created a series of variety shows
- Emceed & performed in shows

#### Reform Chavurah

Periodic music leader in Shabbat services

1996-present

Shircago (www.shircago.com)

Chicago, IL

Founder, Director

Research, select, and arrange music to perform in a cappella

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- Teach music and run rehearsals
- Produced three albums
- Selected for first-ever Best of Jewish A Cappella (BOJAC) album (www.bojac.org)

## OTHER JEWISH EXPERIENCE

1994-95 Project Otzma (www.projectotzma.org)All across Israel

Volunteer: Kibbutz, Immigrant Absorption Ctrs., Livnot U'lehibanot, Gadna, educational seminars

- Taught English to native Israeli and immigrant children and teenagers
- Spoke Hebrew extensively, especially during 2-3 month stays each in Ashdod and Nazareth Illit

1993-94 Hillel

University of Michigan

Reform Chavurah

Led services; coordinated music

#### OTHER MUSIC EXPERIENCE

1998-present Gilbert & Sullivan Opera Company, Savoyaires Chicago & Evanston

Various Musical Theater roles

Performed on stage in a variety of roles

2003-present

Various Retirment Homes

Chicagoland

Entertainer

Sing and play piano for Chicagoland's elderly

#### **EDUCATION**

1996-2002 University of Chicago

Chicago, IL

- M.S., Computer Science.
- Also studied Social Sciences & Music

1990-94 University of Michigan

Ann Arbor, MI

- B.A., Psychology
- Sophomore Honors Award
- Founding member of Kol HaKavod, U-M's Jewish a cappella FAX (773) 829-4459 E-MAIL LOREN@SHEVITZ.ORG

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## ensemble

1982-90 Temple Kol Ami West Bloomfield, MI

- Graduated from Religious High School
- Affirmation
- Religious Vice President of KATY
- Bar Mitzvah

## **INSTRUMENTS**

Voice, keyboards, and percussion