

## **Rebecca (Becky) Starr**



### **What are your current roles at TI?**

I joined the Temple Israel Board of Directors at the end of 2017. I am excited to learn more about the shul in this role and to provide assistance where appropriate. I also help out each year at Purim, creating Mishloach Manot baskets for congregants which I find fun to do and really important. When I first joined Temple Israel, I remember how touched I was to receive Mishloach Manot, so I am happy to do my part in keeping this going. I also sing in the Temple Israel singing group.

### **How long have you been a member of TI?**

I am a very recent member, having joined just two years ago.

### **What do you do for work and in your free time?**

I am the program director of a grant that receives \$5.5 million per year to help Massachusetts residents who are experiencing substance use issues. The program provides many different types of recovery support services to help people with addiction create a new life by achieving and maintaining their recovery. Connecting people to resources to meet their basic needs for food, clothing, and shelter, and helping them increase hope, motivation, confidence, and skills to forge new paths, is the mission.

In my free time I love to read (I have been involved with different Book Clubs for over 20 years), kayak, bike, go to movies, watch TV, and I recently started learning how to play mah jongg.

### **What excites you most about the future of TI?**

I perceive the shul as very welcoming and warm. I enjoy getting to know more people and am feeling more a part of this community.