2020-2021 is my second year as President of the congregation. Prior to becoming President, in 2018-2019, I served as Executive Vice President, and before that, for 2 years, I was Vice-President for Religion and Israel Action. I have also been chair of our Ritual Committee, and I have six years’ prior experience as a board member.

We at Temple Israel do so many great things, both for our own community and for the communities around us. I am proud to have been involved in a number of these projects. I helped as Temple Israel joined with Jewish Family Services and other congregations to support Syrian refugee families, whom we helped build new lives in our community. I worked on our project of commissioning today’s top Judaica artist to create new covers for our ten Torah scrolls. I chaired our Israel Engagement Task Force, which assessed congregants’ views regarding Israel and Israel programming and which began a community conversation about how we can best hear diverse perspectives while maintaining our unshakable commitment to Israel. Most recently, I have worked with our community to be certain that our needs—social, spiritual and physical—are met during the COVID pandemic. There are so many great things going on in our community, and being involved has in every instance been a personally rewarding experience.