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Dear Friends,

We have successfully completed our search for a prayer leader who can lift our spirits in worship through the gift of music. As Meryl Weiner prepares to retire as our cantor in June, we are pleased to announce that Debra Winter has accepted the position of worship music artist. Debra, who currently lives in Denver, will join our Micah staff this summer and participate in Shabbat services beginning in late August.

Debra was selected following a national search by a committee of Micah members who were impressed by the warmth and soulfulness of her voice, by her ability to create an uplifting worship experience and by her engaging presence on the bima and off. Debra plays the guitar beautifully and enjoys singing a wide variety of music. She also has a sharp sense of humor and an eagerness to try new things. In short, we think she will fit in well at Temple Micah.

Debra comes to us with an impressive background. She currently serves as associate music director for the Biennial Convention of the Union for Reform Judaism. She has worked as a Jewish music educator, music director and prayer leader in a variety of settings, including the North American Federation of Temple Youth, United Synagogue Youth, B'nai B'rith Youth Organization International, and various Jewish summer camps. She also served as youth engagement coordinator for two years at Temple Emanuel in Kensington, MD.

Our search committee met for nearly a year and diligently considered a wide variety of applicants. We wish to thank Martha Adler, Josh Berman, Jarrett Ferrier, Jamie Gardner, Marc Levy, Ben Moss, Bill Page, Sonia White and Shira Zemel, each of whom served on the committee with generosity and dedication. We know that you look forward to joining us as we welcome Debra to our Micah community.

Shalom,

Rabbi Daniel G. Zemel

Marcia Silcox, President

Jodi Enda, Search Committee Chair