

Dear Members of the Danforth Jewish Circle,

It is with a combination of excitement and gratitude that I look forward to the year ahead. At this point in my rabbinic journey, I am thrilled to be partnering with the DJC. Your commitment to community, inclusiveness and continued spiritual and intellectual growth is evident and inspiring.

In the months to come, as we celebrate the High Holidays, gather for Shabbat or a lively discussion, and mark personal milestones through lifecycle events, I look forward to learning about you and the unique gifts and perspectives each one of you brings to enrich this community. I look forward to learning with you as we strive to find connection and meaning in Jewish life.

In Pirkei Avot we read:

Who is wise? One who learns from all people, as it is written in Psalm 119: "I have gained understanding from all my teachers."

In the year ahead may we all grow in wisdom as we serve as teachers to one another.

With Blessings,
Melissa