wilderness and the land promised to them, toward which they have been travelling for so long. This student finds herself on a border of her own, as her family prepares to relocate. In a very real sense, we are all on borders of one kind or another, as we search out meaningful destinations and navigate change along the way.

I want to express my appreciation to Rabbi Asher, Cantor Chabon, Phil Hankin, Judy Blum, Harry Wittenberg and B'nai Tikvah's Board, and the Search Committee for bringing me here, and for all you have done and continue to do to welcome me and my husband, Michael. Thanks to you, we are already feeling very much at home, both at Tikvah and here on the left coast!

And now, I am very much looking forward to meeting those of you I haven't met yet, and continuing to getting to know those of you I have met. There will be various opportunities in the fall and throughout this first year to do just that, in smaller and larger group settings. In the meantime, join us for Shabbat services, or make an appointment to come by during the week and introduce

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## Reflections...

By Cantor Jennie Chabon



This is a very exciting time in the life of B'nai Tikvah, a time of transition and hope and vision for the future of our community. Rabbi Gutterman started as our rabbi on July 1<sup>st</sup>, and so begins the next chapter in the story of our synagogue.

One of the most famous quotes in the Mishnah comes from Pirkei Avot 1:6: