



## 2023-2024 Leadership Development Committee Nominees



**Mandy Rinzel** started attending services at First U in September 2019, and officially joined as a member in January 2021. She has taken advantage of many performance opportunities at First U, including directing most of the Exodus Stories during the 2021-22 multi-generational services, serving as co-emcee for the 2022 auction, and participating in the choir. A graduate of Wesleyan University, Mandy spent more than a decade working as an actor, teaching artist, producer, and dramaturg before deciding to become a New York City Teaching Fellow in 2017. She received her Masters in Education from the City College of New York and teaches 8th grade English Language Arts and middle & high school English as a New Language at a public secondary school in the south Bronx. In her free time, Mandy enjoys cooking, reading, hiking, and spending time with her husband, Mark, and kids, Julius and Stanley.



**Yuri Weber** is a long-time Brooklyn resident and employee at the Park Slope Food Coop, where he is responsible for training members in all things cheese while trying to be a social catalyst for connection and cooperation. He is also father to two rambunctious boys, who have taught him more about being human than seems possible. Yuri was honored to serve the congregation as a lay worship leader this year. Last summer he led a worship service with our office manager, Wendy Russell, and First U member Stefan Bauer. Yuri loves singing in the First Unitarian choir and cooking delicious meals for his family.