



CONGREGATION BETENU

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Dear Congregation Betenu Members,

We are delighted to inform you that Bryan Mann has accepted our offer to serve as Rabbinic Intern at Congregation Betenu for the coming year. You are invited to meet Bryan on Friday evening June 10, when he will lead our evening Shavuot service. Prior to the service, Bryan will join us for a pot-luck supper at 6:30 PM.



This fall, Bryan will be entering his fifth year in the six year program at the Rabbinic School of Hebrew College in Newton, MA. From August 2012 through May 2015 he taught Hebrew classes at Temple Sinai, a large Reform congregation in Brookline MA. During that time, Bryan also led Kabbalat Shabbat and Ma'ariv services at Moishe Kavod House in Brookline and Keshet Boston. As a gay Jewish man, Bryan sought out service leading experiences in communities that strive to be inclusive of all people. During the summer of 2015 he served as a Summer Chaplain Intern at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. Since August 2015, Bryan has been studying in Jerusalem, where he is an Israel Fellow of T'ruah: The Rabbinic Call for Human Rights.

Bryan grew up in Penacook, NH. His family were members of Temple Beth Jacob in Concord, where he attended Hebrew School, had his Bar Mitzvah, was confirmed, and was active in the youth group.

The Board is very impressed with Bryan's energy and enthusiasm. His references described him as "engaging and energetic" and also as "a very smart guy" who "does everything with thoroughness".

Bryan will be at Betenu for two weekends a month from September through May, and will lead High Holy Day Services in October. On his weekends at Betenu, Bryan will lead services on Friday evening, will work with the students in Betenu's religious school on Sunday morning, and will lead monthly Adult Ed classes. Bryan will officiate at the three B'Nei Mitzvot that are scheduled for Betenu for the 2016/2017 school year.

We encourage you to take advantage of the opportunity to meet Bryan on June 10. He is looking forward to meeting you.

Le-Shalom,
The Betenu Executive Board