

CONGREGATION BETENU

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Dear Congregation Betenu Members,

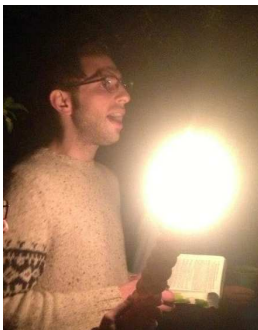
We are delighted to inform you that Nathan DeGroot has accepted our offer to serve as Rabbinic Intern at Congregation Betenu for the coming year. Nate will lead High Holy Day Services at Betenu in September, and will be at Betenu for two weekends a month from September through May. On these weekends he will lead services on Friday evening, and will work with the students in Betenu's religious school on Sunday morning. Nate will officiate at the three B'nei Mitzvot that are scheduled for Betenu for the 2013/2014 school year.



Nate DeGroot

Nate is a student at the Rabbinic School of Hebrew College in Newton, MA. This past year he served as Rabbinic Intern at the University of Rhode Island Hillel, where he led High Holy Day services and served as rabbinic presence and chaplain for students. Nate is also an experienced religious school teacher. His references said that he is "amazing" with both students and parents, and that the communities that he has served "really love him."

The board chose Nate from a field of eight candidates who applied for the position. We are very impressed with Nate's warmth and enthusiasm, and anticipate that he will ignite spirit in our congregation to celebrate our Judaism. We encourage you to take advantage of Nate's presence at Betenu by being visible, involved participants in our warm, friendly community. He is excited to meet you!



Havdalah

Nate will be working closely with the board over the summer, preparing for the High Holy Days, planning for the upcoming Religious School year, and planning for events that take advantage of Nate's presence at Betenu on Saturdays. We welcome your input about programs, events, and services that you would enjoy.

Please join us in welcoming Nate to the Betenu community. We look forward to an exciting year.

Le-Shalom,

The Betenu Executive Board