



CONGREGATION BETENU

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Dear Congregation Betenu Members,

We are delighted to inform you that Dena Glasgow has accepted our offer to serve as Rabbinic Intern at Congregation Betenu for the 2020/2021 school year. Dena will lead Betenu High Holy Day Services this fall. She will be at Betenu one weekend each month from September 2020 through May 2021. She will lead services on Friday evening, will work with the students at Betenu's Religious School on Sunday morning, and will lead Adult Education classes Sunday afternoon.



Betenu Board members who spoke with Dena were impressed with her warmth, intelligence, and energy. She is an accomplished Jewish educator with extensive experience in family education, adult Jewish learning, and service leading. Prior to entering rabbinic training at Hebrew College, she was a faculty member at Hebrew College and served as Director of Faculty and Curriculum for Adult Learning. She developed and continues to teach *Parenting through a Jewish Lens*, in which she facilitates conversations for interfaith parents, parents of young children, and parents of tweens and teens. She was previously Director of the Boston-area Jewish Education Program (BJEP) at Brandeis University. She has been a Book Selection Committee member for PJ Library, a cutting edge Jewish program which sends out free high-quality Jewish books to hundreds of thousands of children around the world. Her background as a teacher includes teaching 6th through 11th grade students at Prozdor, Hebrew College, a central hub for Judaic and Hebrew studies in the Greater Boston area

As some of you already know, Sam Blumberg will be moving on to a full time pulpit this summer. We congratulate Sam on his exciting new opportunity. We are very grateful to Sam for all that he has brought to the Betenu community for the past three years. We will miss him very much when he goes. Sam requested that we assure the Betenu community that right now he is still very much present and available.

We are currently exploring ways to introduce Dena to Betenu Community members soon. In this time of stress and uncertainty, Dena's acceptance of our offer brings a ray of hope to us all.

Le-Shalom,
The Betenu Executive Board