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Rabbi Elana Zelony

candidate for permanent part-time Rabbi, will be visiting Congregation Beth Ami the weekend of February 10-12, 2012.

There are many opportunities to meet Rabbi Zelony. Please take part in one of these activities during the weekend.

Rabbi Elana Zelony was ordained at the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies at American Jewish University (AJU) in 2009. She also holds a Masters in Education from the Fingerhut School of AJU and is currently enrolled in the Rabbinic Management Institute--a certificate program in non-profit management for Conservative rabbis. Prior to entering rabbinical school she studied for two years at the Pardes Institute in Jerusalem. She earned her BA in Geology at Occidental College.

During rabbinical school, Rabbi Zelony augmented her training by working as a chaplain in the emergency department of Harbor Medical Center in Seattle and the cancer ward of Childrens Hospital Los Angeles. She deepened her understanding of liturgy by serving as a kol bo during the High Holidays at Congregation Beth Shalom in Modesto and grew her administrative abilities by working as an assistant director at Camp Keshet of Temple Beth Am in Los Angeles. Currently, she is the Assistant Rabbi at Congregation Shearith Israel in Atlanta.

Outside of the synagogue she sits on the board of Shalom Bayit and advocates with The Faith Advisory Team, an interfaith group, for the prevention of domestic abuse.

Rabbi Zelony was born and raised in the San Francisco Bay Area. She makes her home with her husband Adiv and their two children Nesya and Magen. She is an avid reader of poetry and enjoys keeping healthy by running and doing yoga.

12 noon Friday: Nursery School Shabbat Service for those with young children or young at heart.

7:30 p.m. Friday: this is a later time for Friday night services, followed by a special oneg in the social hall.

9:30 a.m. Saturday morning: services with Rabbi Zelony. Our teens will be participating in part of morning services and Junior Congregation will be held in room 12/13 at 11:00. A potluck lunch for everyone follows. At 1:00 p.m., Rabbi Zelony will have a teaching.

6:35 p.m. Saturday night: come for Havdalah in the sanctuary, followed by a wine and cheese informal gathering in the social hall until 8:00.

8:30 a.m. Sunday morning: we will have bagels and coffee until 10 a.m. This is your time to ask questions and hear Rabbi Zelony answer your questions directly.

Come join in making the change for our future!

We will have a short survey after the weekend visit. A link to the survey will be sent out to those on our e-mail list on Monday, February 13th. The Beth Ami office will also have paper copies available during normal business hours. Please submit only one per person. We need everyone's survey in by Friday February 17th. The survey will be used to help the Rabbinic Search Committee make a recommendation to the board. WE NEED YOUR INPUT!