

Temple Sha'arey Shalom is happy to welcome our new spiritual leader, Rabbi Renee Edelman. Born and raised in a suburb of Boston, Rabbi Renee was graduated from Brandeis University. She studied journalism at Harvard. She earned her M.A. in Hebrew Letters and was ordained by Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion in 1997. She has served as full time Rabbi of two congregations: Temple Emanu-El of Westfield, New Jersey and The Community Synagogue of Port Washington, New York. Rabbi also served at Congregation B'Nai Keshet, Montclair, New Jersey as Sabbatical Rabbi and Shabbat Educator. She has served as a Community Service Rabbi in Essex and Union counties and as a Rabbinic Resource at Congregation Ner Tamid, Bloomfield, New Jersey.



Rabbi Edelman has written a series of booklets on "When Death Comes", "How to be at a House of Mourning", "Walking through the Shabbat Morning Service", "Walking through the Shabbat Evening Service" and others. She has edited a book called "Sacred Calling: 40 Years of Women in the Rabbinate". Her rabbinic thesis was "Hasidic Women Rebbes". She has also teamed up with a renowned artist working on "The Holocaust Haggadah" to teach tolerance and respect for all people.

We look forward to Rabbi's presence on our bimah for Shabbat, holidays and Holy Days, her guidance at life cycle events. We anticipate the wisdom of her sermons, the excitement she will bring to her interactions with us from our tots to our teens, and to our scholars. Our committees, our boards, our Sisterhood, Brotherhood and Renaissance all say "brucha ha ba'ah Rabbi. Welcome!"