

We are grateful to God and blessed to announce the official certification of Dr. Diane Tenenbaum of Delmar, NY as a fully trained *mohelet*. (Officiant for *brit milah*, Jewish ritual circumcision.)

Dr. Tenenbaum, an experienced and board certified pediatrician for nearly 25 years with Duke Children's Primary Care, St. Peter's Health Partners, and most recently, Schoolhouse Road Pediatrics, received her education in the Jewish law, lore and liturgy of *brit milah* in the Brit Kodesh program. It trains physicians and rabbis in the Conservative movement as *mohalim* and *mohalot*. The program is co-sponsored by the Rabbinical Assembly and the Jewish Theological Seminary, the rabbinical and academic arms of Conservative Judaism.

Dr. Tenenbaum also received extensive surgical training for the performance of *brit milah* under the supervision of Dr. Noel Varghese, a specialist at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany, NY.

Dr. Tenenbaum moved to the Albany area with her husband and three sons in August of 2003. She grew up in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and attended Johns Hopkins University and Tulane University School of Medicine. She remained at Tulane for her pediatric residency and she also served as chief resident. She has been an active member at Temple Israel, as well as in the medical community.

Dr. Tenenbaum writes the following about her commitment to performing ritual circumcisions for the Jewish community:

"It has been a dream of mine to be able to serve as a mohelet ever since my pediatric residency. I am both honored and humbled at the completion of my training, and I hope to serve in this role for many years to come."

Regardless of your synagogue or movement affiliation, if you live in the greater Capital District, and you wish to speak with Dr. Tenenbaum about officiating at the *brit milah* of your newborn, please email her at dctenenbaum@outlook.com or call her at [518-225-2068](tel:518-225-2068). You are also welcome to be in touch with one of the rabbis listed below or with your own rabbi, for more information about Dr. Tenenbaum and other *mohel* options for our area.

Mazal tov to Dr. Tenenbaum!

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