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Dear Colleagues:

It is a pleasure to recommend Rabbi Amy Scheinerman to any synagogues or organizations looking for a wonderful scholar-in-residence experience.

Rabbi Scheinerman provided a wonderful weekend experience at our congregation in which she offered four outstanding presentations, each geared to a different audience. At our Kabbalat Shabbat service, Rabbi Scheinerman offered a wonderful Drash and then at our Shabbat dinner following fielded questions on a wide array of subjects that congregants wished to ask.

Our Shabbat morning Torah study participants were blessed with an outstanding presentation on the Mitzvah of work and its vital importance that supplies real meaning to our Shabbatot, Holy Days and Festivals.

On Sunday morning, playing off a comedy routine on “stuff” by George Carlin, she shared interesting texts (and her observations on them) that speak to our acquisitive, materialistic urges in contemporary Jewish and secular life.

On Monday, Rabbi Scheinerman was the presenter at our Congregation’s Annual Clergy Institute, one of the oldest ongoing interfaith programs in the country. Her overall title was “The Vital Lessons of Exodus’ Opening Chapters. The diverse audience of Christian ministers listened with rapt attention and asked probing questions (which Rabbi Scheinerman handled with great skill and sensitivity) as she offered two exciting lectures: “The Underground Movement in Egypt for Redemption” and “Redemption: A Merger of Heavenly and Human Energies.” The appreciation and good feelings with which those in attendance expressed were most heartwarming.

I know that if Rabbi Scheinerman visits your community you will be as enthusiastic about her visit as I am about the time she spent and the learning she shared with us in West Hartford.

Sincerely,

Rabbi Stephen Fuchs