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*You are cordially invited to join us
for the installation of our new Abbot
Shinge Sherry Chayat*

Dear Sangha Members and Dharma Friends,

On January 1, 2011, at 1 p.m., at Dai Bosatsu Zendo Kongo-ji in the Catskill Mountains, Shinge-shitsu Roko Sherry Chayat Roshi will be installed as the monastery's second Abbot. The Board of Directors of the Zen Studies Society requests the honor of your presence at this historic ceremony.

After fifty years of unparalleled dedication to the transmission of Rinzai Zen Buddhism to America, Muishitsu Eido Sotai Shimano Roshi will retire on the last day of Rohatsu Sesshin, December 8, 2010, becoming the Founding Abbot of the Zen Studies Society's temples, Dai Bosatsu Zendo Kongo-ji and New York Zendo Shobo-ji.

Eido Roshi's unsparing efforts to root in American soil the legacy of our rich Dharma lineage from Hakuin Ekaku Zenji to Gempo Yamamoto Roshi and Soen Nakagawa Roshi, from Soyen Shaku Roshi to D.T. Suzuki and Nyogen Senzaki, have brought us to this momentous time of growth and flowering.

You are also invited to attend the New Year's Eve ceremony at Dai Bosatsu Zendo. Since space will be limited, especially for those wishing to stay over night, R.S.V.P. to Dai Bosatsu Zendo, office@daibosatsu.org, by December 10, 2010. The cost of New Year's Eve, which includes the chanting service, a Dharma Talk by Shinge Roshi, festive informal meals and an overnight stay, is \$250. Donations in honor of the installation ceremony on January 1, during which Shinge Roshi will offer her first teisho as Abbot, are welcome. Sangha members from both Hoen-ji and Shobo-ji are encouraged to come several days before the event to work together in joyous preparation. Please let us know when you can arrive; work-exchange scholarships are available.

Gassho,
Soun Joe Dowling,
President, Zen Studies Society Board of Directors

To read Shinge Roshi's Biography and Vision [click here](#)