

BJC NEWSLETTER



SEPTEMBER 2010

BJC PROGRESSIVE DINNER: SATURDAY OCTOBER 2ND

TIME: 7:00PM Hors D'oeuvres

LOCATION: St. Paul's Church, 100 Pine Hill Road, Bedford

COST: BJC DUES, plus hors d'oeuvre, salad, or dessert.

After hors d'oeuvres we will separate into small dinner groups at multiple homes.

Please consider volunteering your home for 10 to 12 people. You would be asked to make the salad for your group. Everything else for the dinner will be supplied by BJC. If you have not volunteered your home in a few years, please consider doing so.

Thank you to the Jaffers who will be hosting dessert at their home:
Roberta and Aubrey Jaffer

Please RSVP to: Donna Stieglitz at XXX and be SURE to let me know if you are volunteering your home or what you are bringing.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Summer is officially over and school is beginning. It is a time for change, some of you are having children move into different schools this Fall, and some of you are sending your sons or daughters to college for the 1st time. A sense of community can always help us get through these changes. The BJC is a community and has been a great support system here in Bedford for over 40 years.

This summer my family and I went on a diving vacation to Curacao. Curacao is one of the ABC Islands (Aruba, Bonaire, Curacao) of the Dutch Antilles. It is in the Caribbean about 90 miles north of the coast of Venezuela. While there we visited the Synagogue which dates back to 1730, but their community dates back to the 1650's having one of the first Synagogues (1674) in the Northern Hemisphere. 350 years of community. Now that's tradition. It was founded by Sephardic Jews who were Dutch but had roots from Spain and Portugal, as the Inquisitions drove

them out. It is a fascinating story of a Jewish Community that has survived over the past 350 years. If you want to learn more the website is <http://www.snoa.com/>

At the BJC we have been making our own traditions, and this summer we once again had our Annual Family BBQ and Pool Party at the Inz's. As usual we had a tremendous turnout and great weather (and a quick summer shower). We had a mixture of both new and old members, everyone was kibitzing over their summer plans.

What a year of Simchas! Many of our members celebrated their son's or daughter's B'nai Mitzvah. The BJC Board itself had 5 B'nai Mitzvot this past year so we were all very busy. It was a wonderful time of sharing and celebration. It is amazing to watch these kids grow and the transformation that takes place as they prepare and finally are called up to read from the Torah. Oh did I mention my family will have another one this year? We will continue to be busy here.

Speaking of busy - With school starting and the Jewish holidays being early in the month, I am sure many of you are busy. The BJC also has it's traditions in the Fall and none better than the Progressive Dinner. This is a great no cost event for all paid up members. If you have not attended, now is the time to check it out. For the veterans we are going to stick with last year's menu, which was again well received. This year it is on Saturday October 2nd, so please do make sure you respond on time to make it easier for the coordinators so they can find homes and volunteers for the dinner portion. Please do consider being a host, it is simple and lots of fun!

The BJC has a great Fall program lined up. We will once again head over to the Boston Jewish Film Festival for Dinner and a movie on Saturday, November 13th. We are also going to have a BJC Chanukah Party on December 4th in the Town Center. Please consider volunteering to help make it a success. In addition we will be sponsoring (cooking) a meal for the Bedford Food Pantry and there is an upcoming live Theater night in February.

Kristallnacht Remembrance will be on November 9th. An Evite will go out as a reminder in late October.

We need volunteers for the board. We are especially looking for someone to help with the Family committee planning and Membership. We have done so many family parties over the years that the board has the experience and can help anyone get started even with just a party or two.

We continue to donate 10-20 Jewish themed films per year to the Bedford Public Library. It seems each year I hear more and more from folks that they are enjoying the new films. If you see a film that we should be donating in the future please let us know and we can add it to our list.

Want to get involved? We have several upcoming events and would welcome additional volunteers to help. Volunteering is a great way to get involved and meet other members of your community.

I look forward to seeing each of you at future events and please do not hesitate to drop me a note with any ideas for events or any comments about the BJC at all. My email is: XXX

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THOSE LAZY DAYS OF SUMMER

On the afternoon of Sunday, June 27th, about 70 members of the BJC gathered at the Inz home for the annual Family BBQ and Pool Party. Redbones was also in attendance, serving up delicious brisket, beef ribs, cole slaw, garlic mashed potatoes, corn bread, and the ever-popular homemade mac-n-cheese! There was plenty of splashing in the pool, bouncing on the trampoline, and some well-deserved relaxing in the hot tub. If you didn't get a chance to join the fun, we hope you can make it next year! (Thank you Susan, Jonathan, Zach, Becca and all our other helpers!)

Also in June we had the BJC Adult BBQ. Donna Stieglitz reports a very successful and fun evening. Thanks to Bobby Galani for assisting with shopping and set-up. Thanks to all who attended for clean-up.

BJC GOES TO THE THEATER/THEATRE

Get a little culture with the BJC!

The annual Boston Jewish Film Festival will be held once again this fall from 11/3 - 11/14, and the BJC is planning a dinner and movie night for **Saturday, November 13th**. The film festival schedule is not yet released, so we don't have any details in place. But mark your calendar for an evening out, and we'll send out an evite as the date approaches.

The Lyric Stage Company of Boston is staging "My Name is Asher Lev" from February 11 - March 12, 2011. Adapted from the novel by Chaim Potok, the play follows the journey of a controversial young Jewish painter torn between his Hassidic upbringing and his desire to paint. We'll send out more information after we select a date, but we hope you'll consider joining us.

MORE THEATER

Saturday, November 6, 2010 @ 8PM, Paramount Theater, Boston

"A Fine Romance" with American music by Jewish Songwriters
(Irving Berline, Gershwin Brothers, Harold Arlen, Jerome Kern, etc.)

Seats are \$65 or \$45.

Please RSVP to Phyllis Udell

MITZVAH TIME: LET'S GET COOKING

This winter the BJC will again be sponsoring one of the weekly dinners at the Bedford Community Food Pantry. In previous years the dinner has been a great success thanks to so many people who shopped, cooked, and served at the dinner. We look forward to working with those of you have helped in the past, and welcoming people new to this project.

The date for the dinner will be announced in the next BJC bulletin. We look forward to working with you!

Stephanie Kriesberg

DREIDLE TIME

We are planning a Chanukah/Havdallah party for December 4th in the Town Center. Volunteers to help coordinate this party would be wonderful and one of our board members will help make sure everything runs smoothly.

B'NEI MITZVOT

Mazal Tov to this past year's B'nei Mitzvot and their families: Rebecca Inz, Rebecca Reubenstein, Jessica Rubin, Dottie Arsenault, Henri Levenson, Josh Berenson, Addie Hurwitz, Lea Kriesberg, Lauren Banister, Nate Macht-Greenberg, Emily Moss, Hannah Ellen, Josh Garber, Adam Gilman, Eric Spector and Taylor Fronk.

But who is counting? Apologies for any omissions – but let me know for the next bulletin.

MAZAL TOV

Off to college: Zach Inz, Ben Berenson, Andrew Landman, and Sara Stimson.

Samantha and Jason Baron on the birth of their son (February 12th).

Phyllis and Bernie Udell on the birth of their granddaughter, Claire Anne Udell (May 7th). Claire's parents are Jeffrey and Suzanne Udell.

Marc and Marina Canner on the birth of their daughter Sara.

GOT NEWS?

We will announce your simcha or acknowledge a death in the newsletter but **you must contact us to request that we print your news.** We cannot rely on word of mouth from others. If you want something printed, please notify me, by e-mail at XXX or call Howard

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Please join us for the next board meeting.
Date: TBD – contact Howard

BJC BOARD – 2010

President	Mark Rubin			
Cultural VP	Phyllis Landman			
Adult	Susan Inz			
	Stephanie Kriesberg			
Family	Open			
Membership	Open			
Treasurer	Jennifer Hurwitz			
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Find us on the web at: <http://www.bedfordjewishcommunity.org/>



BEDFORD JEWISH COMMUNITY

We are looking for a new Webmaster. If you have a High School age child who might be interested in maintaining our website please let one of the board members know. Basic computer skills required, but no rocket science. (Adults welcome too.)

SAVE THE DATE

CALENDAR FOR 2010

October 2 nd	Adult	Progressive Dinner
November 6 th	Adult	“A Fine Romance”
November 9 th	All	Kristallnacht Observance
November 13 th	Adult	Boston Jewish Film Festival
December 4 th	Family	Chanukah Party
February 2011	Adult	“My Name is Asher Lev”

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