

BJC NEWSLETTER



SEPTEMBER 2008

BJC PROGRESSIVE DINNER: ACT NOW!

When: Saturday, September 13th 7PM

Where: First Parish Unitarian Church, 75 Great Road, Bedford (registration and appetizers)

Cost: Free with the price of your Membership. \$15 per person for non-members

Dessert: at the home of the Babcock's

The BJC's Annual Progressive Dinner is the 1st event of the season and our most popular event. If you have never been to a Progressive dinner, everyone gathers in a single location for hors d'oeuvres and schmoozing. Then everyone is split into more intimate groups to go to people's homes for a main course. Later, everyone meets at a central location for dessert and coffee. It is a great way to catch up with people you haven't seen all summer and also to get to know new people. Finally, everyone comes together for dessert at the Babcock's. We thank them again for offering their home.

We need volunteers to host the main course portion of the evening at their homes. Even if you have already volunteered your home, please RSVP to confirm this and let us know how many people you can seat at your table. The hosts supply the salad for their house. Please RSVP ASAP to Donna if you can host.

We want YOU! That's right YOU! to come attend one of the most fun events of the year. We know sometimes getting a baby sitter for young children can stop you from coming... well the BJC has solved that and more. We are offering **FREE Babysitting** to a limited number of families on a 1st come 1st serve basis. We want to enable everyone to participate. We are making these baby sitters available to you at no cost, this might be too good to be true but it is the BJC - so do not wait. Please put in your evite RSVP that you need babysitting or contact Susan Inz directly at xxx to coordinate.

Since our change in menu was so popular last year we will do the same again this year. The main course will be chicken (non-kosher), however we will have a dairy meal available at several homes. Please indicate if you need a dairy meal.

Please RSVP to xxx or RSVP to the Evite. Let Donna know if you will host or bring a dessert or hors d'oeuvres. Because of travel plans and the holidays, there will be NO RSVPs accepted after Monday, September 1st. You can also call Donna Stieglitz at xxx between 6:00 and 9:00 p.m. if you are having trouble meeting this deadline.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

It is hard to believe that summer is almost coming to a close and soon September will be here and boom – school, sports and cool weather will be upon us. In addition, we have the Red Sox race heating up and the Patriots are just getting started. Every Jewish family knows that September also brings the start of the Jewish New Year and the High Holidays, which this year span into October.

The BJC also has its traditions in the fall and none better than the Progressive Dinner. This is a great event that is a no charge event for all paid up members. If you have not attended the Progressive dinner in the past, now is the time to check it out. Since we are trying to make it the biggest and best Progressive Dinner yet – for those of you needing a babysitter we have an ‘offer you truly cannot refuse’, for details see your Evite invitation. For the veterans, we are going to stick with last year’s menu change, which was well received. This year the dinner is on September 13th, 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.

We also need volunteers for the board. We are especially looking for someone to help with the Family committee. We have done so many family parties over the years that the board has the experience and can help anyone get started. We are looking for volunteers and even a commitment to host a single (not doubt amazing) party is enough to get started.

We are also finalizing the date for our Havdalah dinner in October which should be fun for all. This will be a pot luck dinner, with a Havdalah service and the BJC elections.

Have you been to the library lately? The BJC donated films are in! Please see the enclosed article. I have heard from many of you that you 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 and with any ideas for events or any comments about the BJC at all.

MESSAGES FROM A MESHUGGANAH:

From “real” Temple bulletins:

- For those of you who have children and don’t know it, we have a nursery downstairs
- If you are sinning, the choir is looking for you!
- The ladies of Hadassah have cast off clothing of every kind and they may be seen in the basement on Tuesdays

BEDFORD LIBRARY: JEWISH FILM COLLECTION

From the Bedford Minuteman (3-July-2008): The BJC and the Rubin/Caplan family have donated funds to the library to acquire a variety of DVDs with Jewish themes. The Jewish film collection is available in the DVD section of the library across from the circulation desk. They can be reserved through the library's automated catalog. Films include: The Chosen, Divine Intervention, Go for Zucker, Mighty Heart, Night and Fog, Only Human, Yana's Friends and many others.

The BJC would like to make more donations in the future so if you see or know of a good Jewish film, please send us the title (xxx)

MEMBERSHIP

Hi everyone! Summer is still going strong, so no need to panic; however, we are looking ahead to another BJC membership year and ask for everyone's support for this important community group. Please fill in and return your membership forms at your earliest convenience or at the registration table for the Progressive Dinner on September 13. For returning members, your enclosed membership form will contain the most recent information that we have. We ask you to check it over and update as needed; especially those email addresses that have a way of morphing over time. For new members, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about BJC or the different membership categories. We will use these forms to create the 2008/09 baby sitter list - some of our teens have left for college, others are old enough now to join the list!

If you come across someone who is new to town or considering a move to Bedford, I urge you to pass along our website information www.bedfordjewishcommunity.org. Over the summer I received two inquiries from out of state folks who were starting to house hunt in the Boston suburbs – they saw our website and decided to look into the Bedford real estate market. One man was looking at Newton and other better known towns (after all, who really has heard about Bedford?!) – the website works!

Patty Kopperl

MAZAL TOV

Mazal Tov to Melissa Landman, Mark, Phyllis and Andrew on Melissa becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

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 at xxx

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Please join us for the next board meeting:

Date: Sunday, September 21st at 7:30 at the Inz's

BJC BOARD - 2008

President	Mark Rubin			
Cultural VP	Phyllis Landman			
Adult	Susan Inz			
	Stephanie Kriesberg			
Family	Open			
Membership	Patty Kopperl			
Treasurer	Jennifer Hurwitz			
Newsletter	Howard Reubenstein			
Recording Secretary	Ellen Macklin			

SAVE THE DATE

CALENDAR FOR 2008

September 13 th	Adult	Progressive Dinner
October 25 th	Family	Havdallah, Dinner, and Elections
November	Adult	Boston Jewish Film Festival (TBD)
November 9 th	All	Kristallnacht Commemoration

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