

BJC NEWSLETTER



AUGUST 2007

BJC PROGRESSIVE DINNER

Saturday, September 8th

Evening begins at the First Parish Unitarian Church at 7:00 PM

The Progressive Dinner is our Fall kick-off event and is always one of our most popular. We'll start the evening off at the First Parish Unitarian Church at 7:00 PM with appetizers and drinks. We will then break up into smaller groups to have dinner at members' homes. We will end the evening by gathering together at one member's home for dessert and coffee (place TBD).

Each person is asked to bring either an appetizer or a dessert. We also need people to volunteer to host dinner in their homes. It's really quite easy. You need only set your table and make a salad – the BJC will provide you with wine, bread, and the entrée. This year there will be a chicken option for dinner hosts.

The event is free for all paid-up/introductory members, so fill out your membership form and send in your check today! If necessary, you may pay your dues at the Progressive Dinner appetizer hour.

You can respond to the "Evite" that you will receive by email or call Donna Stieglitz. Please let us know if you would like to bring an appetizer or dessert. Also, please let us know if you need a non-meat meal. Finally, please consider volunteering your home to host dinner.

IMPORTANT: Please RSVP by **Thursday 8/30**. This event requires a significant amount of coordination! If you must respond after 8/30, you need to call Donna directly.

BJC HAS A WEBSITE!

The BJC has a new website! Please check it out at www.bedfordjewishcommunity.org
You will now be able to access BJC news, upcoming events and membership info online!
Send your suggestions or comments to our webmaster, Andrew Landman.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

It is hard to believe that summer is 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. Sometimes it lingers into October.

The BJC also has its Fall traditions 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 been to one, now is the time to check it out. If you are a veteran, I hear some menu changes are planned that will sure to please you. This year's dinner is on September 8th, please make sure you respond on time to make it easier for the coordinators. They need to find homes and volunteers for the dinner portion.

And what would summer be like without the BJC summer pool party hosted by the Inz's? It was another great event that had sun, heat, rain, food, games and excitement for all. We thank the Inz's for hosting another successful summer bash.

The Board is busy becoming the next Jewish film critic as we make suggestions for our donation to the Bedford Library to build a collection of Jewish movies. We are hoping to have them in the library this Fall. Look for info via email and on our website: www.bedfordjewishcommunity.org

The Fall is also a time for our annual Sukkot party. It will be at the end of September; please see the enclosed information on dates and times.

The Adult committee is off to a great start this year and I am looking forward to a variety of events they are planning. Please help Susan out by providing the feedback requested later in the newsletter .

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. Email me.

MFA JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL

Adults, watch out for an Evite for an evening out: dinner and a film at the MFA's Jewish film festival in November. The film schedule does not come out until mid-October so we will be doing quick turn-around planning for this.

SUKKOT PARTY

Sunday September 30th the BJC will join the Lovys at their BJC built Sukkah. The party will be from 2-4PM and we will try to piggyback on Temple Emunah's "Sukkot in Your Neighborhood" event? Kim Lovy, our new family event coordinator is organizing the event. Please contact Kim if you can help out: perhaps with some ideas for children's craft activities. If you are interested in helping build the Sukkah at the Lovys please contact Howard. Look for an Evite coming your way.

KIDS PLAYGROUP

Kim (remember Kim from the Sukkot party) will also be trying to form a playgroup for young children. The plan is to meet at the "new" Bedford town playground once or twice a month -- once it's completed. The meeting time will most likely be Sunday or Monday. If you think you might be interested please e-mail Kim so that she contact you when the dates are set. (No Evite here ☺)

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

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 8. 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 2007/08 baby sitter list - some of our teens have left for college, others are old enough now to join the list!

I want to thank all the folks who have contacted me with names of young families in town who might want to join BJC. All of these people receive a newsletter, our membership form, and Evites for upcoming events. Additionally, I try to call and/or email all of them personally to welcome them to BJC. Don't forget to pass along our website information www.bedfordjewishcommunity.org and our new brochure is just about complete and will be hitting the real estate offices very soon.

Patty Kopperl

MAZAL TOV

To Lev son of Michael and Melinda Macht-Greenberg on becoming a Bar Mitzvah in June.

To Eileen Asarkof on the graduation of her granddaughters, Courtney Reece, from Lexington High School, and Daria Hafner from Langley High School (VA). Courtney is off to Hobart College and Daria to Bowdoin College.

To Joe and Elaine Siegel on the marriage of their daughter Karen to Barak Shechter on July 1st.

Lester Macklin on the publication of his book "Celebrate Around the Calendar." (Copies are available at Amazon or from Lester; Get one! Get it signed!)

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 or call Howard Reubenstein.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Please join us for the next board meeting

Date: Sunday, September 16th at 7:30
(Bey't Inz)

YOUR INPUT NEEDED: YES YOU!

Interested in a little fun or culture?

The BJC Adult Committee is gauging interest in some potential activities. Ideas include:

- Itzhak Perlman at Symphony Hall on Sunday 10/28 at 3:00 p.m.
- *The Pursuit of Happiness* or *The Missionary Position* (not what it sounds like!) at the Merrimack Repertory Theater (www.merrimackrep.org)
- Serious go-kart racing at F1 Boston (www.f1boston.com)
- Huntington Theatre's production of Wendy Wasserstein's *Third* (her final play) (www.huntingtontheatre.org)
- A group yoga/meditation workshop followed by a dessert & coffee gathering
- A combination salsa dance lesson and cocktail party
- A casual "billiards and beer" night out
- Arlington Friends of the Drama production of *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*

Please give us your feedback by emailing Susan Inz. Let us know what activities you would be most interested in! The 18th respondent will get a special prize (Emes! – The Editor)



- Volunteer to be a Progressive Dinner Host
- Bookmark the BJC website: www.bedfordjewishcommunity.org
- Return your membership form
- Email Susan with feedback for possible future adult events
- Have a Sweet and Happy New Year: Leshanah Tovah Tikatevu!

SAVE THE DATE

CALENDAR FOR 2007-8

September 8th	Adult	Progressive Dinner
September 16 th	Adult	BJC Board Meeting
September 30 th	Family	Sukkot Party
November	Adult	MFA Jewish Film Festival
November 10 th	All	Kristalnacht Community Vigil
December 2 nd	Family	Chanukah Party
MLK Day	All	Snowtubing