

BJC NEWSLETTER



OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2007

KRISTALLNACHT

The Night of Broken Glass was November 9, 1938. In one night of terror, German mobs destroyed what they could of the Jewish presence. In one night, 1,350 synagogues were burnt to the ground or destroyed; over 91 Jews were killed; 30,000 Jews were thrown into concentration camps; 7,000 Jewish businesses were destroyed.

For many years Rev. John Gibbons has lead the Bedford community in a candlelight vigil on the steps of the First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church (town common) on the anniversary of this horrific night. Rev. Maud Robinson (the new acting assistant minister at the First Parish in Bedford) will lead us in this year's vigil.

Please join us Saturday, November 10 at 7:30 PM

MFA JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL

The BJC is making a trip to the Boston Jewish Film Festival. The group will meet at the parking lot behind Friendly's at 5:45 p.m. on Sat 11/3/07. At that point people can "car pool" and then head down to the Coolidge Corner Theatre for a screening at 7:00 p.m. of "**My Mexican Shiva**" (in Spanish, Yiddish, and Hebrew with subtitles). From the website, it looks as if the director and author will be in attendance. Following the film, the group will wander over for a nosh at **Zaftig's** - the Jewish deli. (Details about the film are available at bjff.org)

If interested, you hopefully have responded to the Evite and sent a check for **\$10.00 per ticket** to Susan Inz. Make the check out to Susan and she will order tickets - you may get a refund of a few dollars if we get enough people to qualify for a group rate.

You must RSVP and get your check to Susan by Friday 10/19/07 so that the tix can be mailed to us in time - otherwise we have to pay ridiculous "convenience fees."

When the evening of the event comes, please bring cash for the noshing to help us keep things simple! (Editor's note – Hope you didn't miss your chance, but contact Susan if you are still interested.)

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

The High Holiday's have passed, school is in full swing and once again our beloved Red Sox are playing October ball! Did I mention the Patriots? Even the Celtics could look good this year. We in the Boston Area and especially here in Bedford have much to be thankful for. As the leaves turn and New England becomes this colorful landscape, we know that summer is now long over and we are just around the corner from another New England winter.

We at the BJC have many traditions and this year the Progressive Dinner was one of the best ever. Our turnout was tremendous and again we want to thank Donna Steiglitz & Bobby Galani for organizing, and all of you that donated your homes for hosting and the Babcock's for hosting dessert again. During the evening I was reminded how so many of you have played an integral part of keeping the BJC alive over the years.

Being an all volunteer organization I wanted to thank not only those that have helped recently but all those that have played a part in the BJC for the past 30+ years. Some of you have been more or less involved recently and we want to welcome everyone back. We are a community that has come together as Jews and we strive to make sure we all feel comfortable with our Jewish identity in Bedford.

Please look at the upcoming events we are having and think about attending. Whether family or adult events we are promoting a fun time for all. I personally am looking forward to the upcoming Jewish Film Festival in November. Caren and I love to go to the movies and have always enjoyed a film festival. If you catch the opening night of a movie very often the director and/or producer will speak about their films. We have done all the work for you to attend, all you need to do is sign up and go.

We also had a great Sukkot party that was hosted by Kim Lovy and family. The kids once again had a great time decorating the Sukkah and building edible Sukkahs out of graham crackers and fluff.

We will have our annual Kristalnacht observance on Saturday, November 10th at 7:30 pm. This year since John Gibbons is on Sabbatical we will have the Rev. Maud Robinson officiate.

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.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

The BJC fall membership period is still in full swing. Many thanks to those of you who have already completed the membership forms for 2007/08. If you haven't yet had a chance to do so, you should find a membership form in this newsletter. We ask that you verify the information in the form, make any necessary corrections, and return the form at your earliest convenience. Please make sure that we have your current email address. Feel free to contact me by phone or email to update your information if you haven't used the membership form.

KIDSITTER LIST: The babysitter list currently includes 15 teens who want jobs. This list will be updated and emailed to all full and sustaining members by the end of November. If you are a full member and don't receive the updated list by Thanksgiving, please let me know.

BJC BROCHURE: Our new brochure has just been printed and will be a valuable addition to real estate office information kits about Bedford. Please contact me if you know of any new Jewish or interfaith families in town - the brochure provides a little background about BJC and leads people to our website.

Patty Kopperl

PROGRESSIVE DINNER THANK YOU

Progressive Dinner this year had an almost record number of attendees. We had 9 dinner houses to accommodate 83 attendees. Thank you to the dinner host families:

Mitchell, Miller, Miller/Hendry, Berenson, Friedman, Reubenstein, Steinberg, Kriesberg and Udell (who provided a Kosher experience for their guests).

Thank you to the Babcocks who are always so generous about hosting dessert. And a special thank you to Bobby Galani, my "partner in crime" without whom I could not carry this off.

Donna Steiglitz

SUKKOT PARTY



I'll skip the thousand words and just thank the organizers for providing a fun family event for the children (and adults) of the BJC. The next family event is the Chanukah party on December 2nd. Hope to see you all there.

BEDFORD JEWISH CEMETERY

The Shawsheen Jewish Cemetery Corporation is pleased to announce that it has obtained 72 additional burial plots in the Shawsheen Municipal Cemetery, Bedford, MA. The SJCC obtained an initial 64 burial plots which were consecrated as the Shawsheen Jewish Cemetery in 1984. The additional burial plots will be consecrated on Sunday, November 4, 2007 at 12:15 PM at the Shawsheen Jewish Cemetery. Rabbi Jaffee of Temple Isaiah and Rabbi Lerner of Temple Emunah will officiate. All Jewish residents of Bedford are invited to attend.

In order to be buried in the Shawsheen Jewish Cemetery, a person must be Jewish and must be a resident of Bedford, MA as defined in the Town of Bedford residency regulations applicable to the Shawsheen Municipal Cemetery as a whole. Persons interested in becoming members of the SJCC and/or purchasing burial plots in the Shawsheen Jewish Cemetery should contact Robyn Samuels, President of SJCC or Stuart F. Liss, President-elect. Information regarding the Town of Bedford residency regulations may be obtained from the Bedford Department of Public Works.

MAZAL TOV

To Phyllis and Bernie UDell on the the marriage of their son Adam to Erica Rogow

To Lois and Steve Rohtstein on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Marci

CONDOLENCES

To Al and Fran Glickman on the passing of their daughter Barbara Katz

To the Inz family upon the passing of Jonathan's mother Jessie. Donations in Jessie's memory may be made to Temple Shir Tikvah Winchester.

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 hbr@alum.mit.edu

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Please join us for the next board meeting

Date: Sunday, November 4th at 7:30 at the Macklin's

BJC BOARD - 2007-8

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



- Return your membership form
- Mark your calendar for the Chanukah Party on December 2nd



SAVE THE DATE

CALENDAR FOR 2007-8

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| November 3rd | Adult | MFA Jewish Film Festival |
| November 4 th | All | Shawsheen Cemetery Dedication |
| November 10 th | All | Kristalnacht Community Vigil |
| December 2 nd | Family | Chanukah Party |
| January 12 th | Adult | Yoga/Dessert and Coffee |
| MLK Weekend | All | Snowtubing (Sunday January 20 th) |

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