



BOSTON-AREA JEWISH EDUCATION PROGRAM

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The BJEP Newsletter

May 7, 2010

Grade 7 Families

Havdalah Pre-Graduation Ice Cream Party

This Saturday, May 8 at 7:30 pm @ Temple Beth Israel in Waltham

Graduation this Sunday, May 9 at 10:45 am in Shiffman 219

(note new location for graduation)

THIS SUNDAY IS THE LAST BJEP FOR THIS ACADEMIC YEAR

ALL PARENTS

END OF YEAR PARENT MEETING

THIS SUNDAY, MAY 9, 9:45 AM

Golding Auditorium

Find out about plans for next year!

Coffee and Refreshments Will be Served

Thank you in advance for trying to make your mother's day plans work around BJEP. We really appreciate your efforts.

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Upcoming Dates at BJEP

As always, BJEP will be sponsoring Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur afternoon children's services at Brandeis University in September.

September 19 First Sunday at BJEP

THIS SUNDAY IS LAST DAY OF GUARANTEED REGISTRATION

Still Haven't Registered Your Child for BJEP?

If not, please visit our BJEP Office (Shiffman 218) this Sunday,

SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT BJEP

New enrollments at BJEP are almost 100% the result of word of mouth endorsements. Please consider letting your friends know about BJEP. Registration is now. Classes do get full (and some are already close to full), so please encourage your friends to register as soon as possible.

Upcoming Jewish Holidays

With Passover over, we count fifty days to the next big Jewish holiday-- Shavuot, or the Feast of Weeks. Shavuot celebrates when the Jews received the Torah at Mount Sinai. It also celebrates the summer harvest. It falls this year on May 19 and May 20. It is traditional to serve dairy food on Shavuot. Blintzes are perfect because two together look like a Torah scroll!

Click for more info!

[My Jewish Learning - Babaganewz](#)-for kids!
[Union of Reform Judaism](#)

Sunday Morning Adult Learning at BJEP

Adult Torah (Bible) Study
with Evan Hershenson
10:00-11:45 am
Golding 107
All are welcome!

BJEP CAFE

No food this Sunday.
Come to the End of Year Meeting in Golding Auditorium to get coffee and snack!

May 9, 2010 during BJEP hours. This is our last Sunday morning. After this Sunday, we will begin to close full classes and your child's spot will no longer be guaranteed. If you haven't let us know yet about next year, please save us a phone call by contacting Andrea at abaron.bjep@gmail.com.

[For registration forms, please click on http://www.bjep.com/registration/](#)

Update From Director

Dear BJEP families,

This past Sunday was magnificent at BJEP. The Mitzvah Fair and Lag Ba'Omer were both huge successes! Thank you to all the parents and children who helped out at these events. It was a wonderful morning of information, games, tzedakah (giving), and fire & smores. In short, the children mightily enjoyed while doing good and celebrating a Jewish holiday!

Thank you to Sandy Jaffe and Jay Blitzman for taking leadership role in the Lag B'omer picnic. I would also like to extend a special thank you to all the families who brought in items for donation at the mitzvah fair. Please read below a note from Hunter Spadafora who was collecting books for a non-profit.

In addition, thank you to Barb Cassidy and Noa Rensing for organizing the Grade 5 Shabbat dinner. It was a lot of work and they did a sensational job. Thank you also to the grade 5 students who did a wonderful job leading the service!

The last opportunity for your child to donate tzedakah money to their class tzedakah collection is this Sunday, when they will be counting up their collection and deciding where to donate it. Please make sure that your child brings in tzedakah money one last time!

I want to encourage families to attend the End-Of-Year Meeting at BJEP this Sunday, May 9 at 9:45 am. This is an opportunity to hear what has been going on at BJEP and what is planned in the future. It is also a great way to say thank you to our veteran board members and welcome our new ones.

Mazel Tov to our 7th graders who are graduating this Sunday from BJEP. I look forward to celebrating together with the seventh grade families this Saturday night at the havdalah party and this Sunday at BJEP. **Read below for details about graduation-related events.**

Shabbat Shalom,
Dena Glasgow

Grade 7 Family Havdalah Pre-Graduation Party and Graduation

Please join us for a celebration to honor our graduating 7th graders, and their families.

Saturday night, May 8
7:30-9:00 pm
Tempe Beth Israel
25 Harvard Street, Waltham

We look forward to a relaxing and celebratory evening together.

If you haven't already responded, please RSVP to Caroline Aluia at carry@aluia.com or Christine Wanke at christine.wanke@tufts.edu

We look forward to seeing all students, parent, special guests at graduation, the next day, Sunday, May 9 at 10:45 am in Shiffman 219 (**Note new location!!!**)

Note to Graduates: As the teachers already told you, please dress appropriately for graduation. We recommend no jeans or graphic T-shirts!

Student Thank You for Donating Books at Mitzvah Fair

Thank you to all the BJEP families who donated books at the 6th Grade Mitzvah Fair in support of my organization, ReadingTree.org. I collected 221 books!! Here is a link for a Donation Receipt for tax purposes. Families who donated books can print it & save it for their records.

<http://readingtree.org/readingtree/userfiles/file/DonationReceipt.pdf>

Write in the following information:

Date of Donation: May 2, 2010

Location of Donation Bin:
St. Camillus Church
1175 Concord Pike
Arlington, MA 02476

Thank you so much,
Hunter Spadafora

Community Event: CELEBRATE ISRAEL TURNING 62

Save the Date: New England Celebrates Israel

Sunday, June 6, 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Gann Academy, 333 Forest Street, Waltham
Free Admission

Activities include:

Camel and pony rides
JCC Mini Maccabi games
Kosher Mediterranean food
Masada rock wall climbing
Israeli training obstacle course
Mock Israeli supermarket
Balloon artists and jugglers
Interactive Israel activities

Park at Bentley College and enjoy a free, short shuttle to Gann Academy

For more information, contact Jessica at jessicad@cj.org or 617-457-8782.

[Click on http://www.cjp.org/page.aspx?id=20009 to find out more.](http://www.cjp.org/page.aspx?id=20009)

Community Event: Israel Movie Hit at West Newton Cinema

"A MATTER OF SIZE"

Winner of 3 Israeli Academy Awards

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Now playing at the West Newton Cinema

1296 Washington Street

West Newton, MA 02465

(617) 964-6060

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Ludicrously funny... recalls audience-pleasing fare such as "The Full Monty."
- Variety

"One Big Charmer" - The Boston Phoenix

"Hilarious" - MTV

"A Champion-- EDGE Boston

"Very Broad and Very Funny"- The Jewish Advocate

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