BJBE celebrates Jewish Disabilities Awareness & Inclusion Month

"FOR MY HOUSE SHALL BE CALLED A HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR ALL PEOPLES"
-Isaiah 56:7

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Join us for Shabbat!

Join us for Shabbat services with our t'fillah band on Friday, February 3rd, as our clergy speaks about inclusion from the bimah.

Inclusion Workshop for Teens

All 8th-12th grade students are invited as Keshet presents to our Chai School on Sunday, February 12, from 12:30 – 1:30pm. Dr. Jennifer Gendel, Danielle Goldman, and a Keshet participant will lead an interactive and engaging program about how we can include people of all abilities in our community.

Building a Stronger Synagogue Through Inclusion

Moderated by Dr. Jennifer Gendel, Director of the Pritzker Pucker Keshet Inspire Center
Sunday, February 19 at 9:45 – 10:45 am at Congregation BJBE

Inclusion is more than merely having a Jewish experience. Inclusion means belonging, participating, contributing, and making choices about one's own Jewish life. Learn about the successes and challenges that individuals with disabilities face in the Jewish community. Question our panel of individuals with disabilities and their parents about their experiences with education, worship and B'nei Mitzvah. Join us in a discussion as to how we can improve our practices to ensure that synagogues are creating welcoming and accessible community for people with disabilities and their families.

BJBE hosts HUGS Purim

Monday, February 27, from 6:30-7:30pm.

BJBE is proud to host the Purim Hamantashen making event for adults with disabilities. There will be a special musical presentation and telling of the story of Queen Esther, a craft project, and of course, hamantashen making and eating. This event is FREE and open to the community, and family members and caregivers are welcome. BJBE is fully accessible.
To RSVP, contact Leslie Block, lblock@bjbe.org

BJBE is proud to be a member of HUGS, a collaborative effort of Chicago north suburban synagogues, representing the Conservative and Reform Movements. HUGS values welcoming people of all abilities and strives to offer meaningful holiday celebrations for children and adults of all ages with special needs. Programs take place in synagogues around the Chicago north suburban area and are always held in spaces that are accessible to all. For more info on HUGS, visit http://www.hugschicago.org/

Beit Café

We are pleased to continue partnering with Glenkirk to run the Beit Cafe on Sunday mornings. Glenkirk provides job training to empower individuals with intellectual disabilities to participate fully in community life. Any day that the JLC is open, stop by the Beit Cafe for a cup of coffee, pastry or some tasty home-baked items. You will enjoy getting to know the Glenkirk individuals and will be supporting this outstanding organization.

If you are interested in learning more about inclusion at BJBE or joining our Inclusion committee, please contact Jen Gendel, gendeljennifer@gmail.com