

The NYC Gathering Presents

Families Created through Donor and Surrogacy Conversations for Parents

Professionally-led workshop created by PATRICIA MENDELL, LCSW & JEAN BENWARD, LCSW



A
workshop for parents
and parents-to-be who are
seeking the tools to talk with
children about family origins.

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Conversations for Parents

Sunday, June 6, 2010

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Co-sponsored by
SARA AXEL,
Peer Support Group Leader

THIS WORKSHOP IS FOR PARENTS AND PARENTS-TO-BE searching for help and guidance with their disclosure questions including: whether to tell; what to tell; how to tell; when to tell and how to begin.

Join us to learn about:

- How privacy and secrecy are different
- How does age and maturity in children change the disclosure conversation
- How to develop a comfort level with conception language
- How to talk to your child when information is limited
- How to create a family story: What's Important
- How to listen and not lecture when your child asks questions about their origins
- How to answer the unanticipated questions from your child and others

When + Where

Date Sunday, June 6, 2010

Time 12:30-5:00 pm

Included: Handouts, Babysitting and Refreshments

Place Anshe Chesed Synagogue

251 West 100th Street between Broadway and West End New York, NY 10025
(#1 Train to 103rd or #2 or #3 to 96th)

Who Speakers

Patricia Mendell, LCSW (www.patriciamendell.com)

Jean Benward, LCSW (officejeanbenward@sbcglobal.net)

Workshop Fees

- _____ \$75 Individual
- _____ \$140 Couple
- _____ Childcare available
- _____ \$30 one child/\$50 two children

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Workshop Schedule

12:30-12:45

Workshop Registration

12:45-1:00

Introduction – Understanding the Difference Between Privacy and Secrecy

1:00 – 1:30

Talking to “The Others” in Your Life

1:30 – 3:15

Creating the Family Story: What's Important

3:15 – 3:30

Break

3:30 – 4:30

Panel: Donor/Surrogate Parents, Donor Children and Donors & Their Children

4:30 – 5:15

Wrap-Up, Questions, Interaction with Participants

For further information or to register please
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