

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
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Sunday, March 21, 2010

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Co-sponsored by
SARA AXEL,
Peer Support Group Leader

THIS WORKSHOP IS FOR PARENTS AND PARENTS-TO-BE who are seeking the tools to talk with children about family origins. Hear from professionals, parents and children who will bring to life the disclosure process and provide guidance on how to create meaningful family stories.

Participants will learn how to:

- Develop comfortable, age-appropriate language for the disclosure process
- Identify the different ages and stages children go through in understanding their genetics and family origins
- Answer children's questions with confidence
- Decide when and how to share with friends and family

When + Where

Date Sunday, March 21, 2010

Time 12:30-5:00 pm

Included: Handouts, Babysitting and Refreshments

Place Ansche 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)

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For further information or to register call 718-230-9383/212-819-1778.

Return registration form and payment to: Patricia Mendell, LCSW, 902 Broadway 13th Floor, New York, New York 10010

Registration Form

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THIS WORKSHOP? _____

JOIN CONVERSATIONS FOR PARENTS

Workshop Schedule

12:30-12:45

Workshop Registration

12:45 – 1:00

Introduction

1:00 – 1:30

Talking to “the others” in your life

1:30 – 3:15

Creating the Family Story

3:15 – 3:30

Break

3:30 – 4:30

Panel: donor/surrogate parents, and donor children

4:30 – 5:15

Wrap-up, questions, interaction with participants

_____ \$80 Individual

_____ \$140 Couple

Childcare

_____ \$30 one child/\$50 two children

\$ _____ Total enclosed

Make check payable to Patricia Mendell, LCSW

