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Adoptive Parent Forum

Springfield – Jewish Family Service of Western Massachusetts (JFS) announces an Adoptive Parent Forum on Wednesday, January 13, 2009, 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the Springfield Jewish Community Center, 1160 Dickinson Street, Springfield, MA.

If you have an adopted child under 18 years old please join other parents to discuss parenting your adopted child. Facilitator Susan Lynn, Clinical Social Worker and expert in the field of adoption will facilitate the discussion. This forum will address relevant topics including:

- Does your child have questions about their birth parents?
- How and when do I answer their questions?
- Are my child's behaviors age related or adoption related?

Susan Lynn earned her MSW from Western Reserve University. She works with families coping with infertility at Baystate Reproductive Medicine and she has a private practice. She is a Clinical Instructor with the Tufts University School of Medicine's Department of Psychiatry.

Earlier this year, JFS established an Adoption Task Force, comprised of adoptive parents, with the goal of supporting adoptive families with responsive programming, such as the teen forum with Susan Lynn, held in the fall. The upcoming Adoptive Parent Forum is an ideal way to offer families a safe, confidential and welcoming opportunity to discuss common issues.

This FREE program is for parents only. Reservations are strongly recommended. Please call Jewish Family Service at (413) 737-2601 or email JewishLife@jfswm.org. For more information, please visit our website, www.jfswm.org.

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