

Welcome Baby! Welcomes Young Families

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Launched in 2009, Welcome Baby! is funded by Combined Jewish Philanthropies. The program is open to families who have at least one Jewish parent, and have had or adopted a baby in the last six months. Participants receive a free home visit from a trained Jewish Family & Children's Service volunteer, as well as a tote filled with baby toys, Jewish community resource guides, invitations to parenting and play groups, Shabbat observances, and holiday celebrations geared toward families with young children. The program assists with subscriptions to the PJ Library. In addition, families can sign up for an email list for meet-ups with other local Welcome Baby! families.

Welcome Baby! serves more than 100 Massachusetts cities and towns in Metro West, the South Shore, North Shore, as well as Boston and surrounding communities. Many families think they need to wait until their children are in preschool before they get involved in Jewish activities and programs, however the Welcome Baby! program aims to get families involved earlier.

Eligible families, including expectant parents, are invited to complete a quick, easy registration at jfcsboston.org/welcomebaby.

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