



# THE CENTERPIECE

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MARCH 2013

## Join the Philadelphia Jewish Community for **Israel 65 Celebration 2013** Parade and Convention Center Event



### Sunday, May 19

Leave the JCC at 8:00am  
Arrive back in Reading at 6:00 pm

**Celebrate Israel's 65th year and show pride in our Jewish homeland. We will take a bus from the JCC to Philadelphia. The celebration will start with a parade as we walk from Eakins Oval to the spacious, climate-controlled Pennsylvania Convention Center for part two of this amazing event. From noon to 4pm enjoy fabulous Israeli food, entertainment, arts & crafts, dancing and shopping. Visit an authentic Bedouin tent; learn Krav Maga; celebrate Israel's achievements in science and technology; create a huge Israel flag out of K'NEX. And this is just for starters...**

No Charge for this event.  
Bus seats are limited, please reserve. Jayne Kleinman (610) 921-0624 or jayneK@JFReading.org

The following programs are underwritten by the  
**Rubin Family Educational Fund**  
of the Jewish Federation of Reading. These events are free of charge,  
reservations are required. Please RSVP to JayneK@JFReading.org or 610-921-0624.

**THE SONG YOU THOUGHT YOU KNEW,  
THE STORY YOU WON'T BELIEVE.**

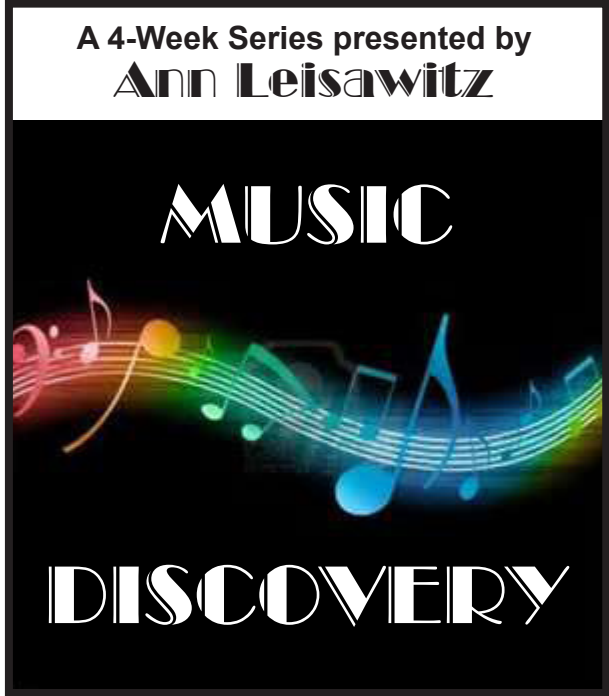


**Sunday, April 21 -- 4:00pm  
Fox Berkshire Theater**

It's to music what the bagel is to food – a Jewish staple that has transcended its origins and become a worldwide hit. Bob Dylan sang it. Elvis, too. And that's only the beginning when it comes to Hava Nagila. Follow the infectious party song on its fascinating journey from the shtetls of Eastern Europe to the cul-de-sacs of America in this hilarious and surprisingly deep film. Featuring interviews with Harry Belafonte, Connie Francis, Glen Campbell, Leonard Nimoy, Regina Spektor and more. Hava Nagila (The Movie) takes viewers from Ukraine and Israel to the Catskills, Greenwich Village, Hollywood—and even Bollywood—using the song as a springboard to explore Jewish history and identity and to spotlight the cross-cultural connections that can only be achieved through music.

*"A toe-tapping, entertaining celebration of the song..."  
--San Francisco Chronicle*

The use of Fox Theater has been generously donated for this showing by Donald Fox.



**Fridays: April 19, 26, May 10, 17  
10:30am to noon  
Followed by lunch at the JCC**

Featuring:  
Itzhak Perlman and Beethoven's Violin Concerto  
Dvorak in Prague: The "New World" Symphony  
Gustav Mahler: His Life in his Symphonic Music  
Celebrating Debussy: Experiencing Nature in "La Mer"

Each week you will view a musical DVD followed by a lively discussion.

**The JCC will be closed for Passover: Tuesday & Wednesday, March 26 & 27 and Monday & Tuesday, April 1 & 2**

**EARLY EDUCATION**



Weather related closings & delays will be posted on [www.readingjewishcommunity.org](http://www.readingjewishcommunity.org) (click on Reading Jewish Cultural Center Preschool) or [www.wfmz.com](http://www.wfmz.com). Please check one of these sites BEFORE bringing your child to school.



The Lakin Early Education Center celebrates the letter P week by having a Pajama Day!!

**March Highlights at School**

- March 4 - 8:** Dr. Seuss Week! We will be celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday all week doing crafts and enjoying Dr. Seuss stories.
- March 11 - 15:** What I Want to Be!
- March 22:** Daffodils will be delivered by the American Cancer Society for Daffodil Day. Thank you to all who ordered daffodils!
- March 25:** Snow make-up day for Discovery & Adventurers



**Spring Vacation:** Tuesday, March 26 through Tuesday, April 2. Welcome back Wednesday, April 3!



**Mondays: 1:00 to 1:30pm**  
**April 8 to June 3**

ABC Music & Me program is offered in consecutive 30-minute lessons. Each lesson emphasizes a different area of your child's development: confidence, coordination, vocal expressiveness, careful listening and early exposure to reading skills. Teacher: Tama McConnell

8-week session includes:

- \*Full-color Family Guide
- \*Home CD
- \*Personalized report after each class
- \*New musical instrument

Registration forms are available at preschool. Cost \$162

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**American Cancer Society Daffodil Day**  
**Daffodils will be delivered on**  
**Friday, March 22nd**



Thank You for your support with our Giant A+ School Rewards program. Our preschool has earned almost \$500 this year! The school year ends for this program on March 31. We will be re-registering Fall 2013 with hopes to earn more and look forward to your continued support.

**PROGRAMS**

You are invited to an exhibition of **TABLESCAPES IN WATERCOLOR**



**ARTIST**  
**SUZANNE CRUMP**

March 19 to May 21  
at the JCC

**OPENING RECEPTION**  
**TUESDAY, MARCH 19**  
**6:00 TO 7:30PM**

Judith C. Kaneff Art Exhibit  
Featuring works in photography and calligraphy  
will be on display through March 13

**FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE . . . Every Thursday**

- 1:00 pm -- Luncheon catered by Boscov's Ala Carte\*
- 1:30 pm -- Program/Speaker. Varied programs are informative, educational and fun.

1st Thursday each month: Blood pressure screening at 1:00 pm  
\*Optional luncheon (\$6). RSVP to Carole at the JCC by Monday.

**FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE MARCH**

- 7: Thursday Film Festival "A Matter of Size" have your taxi pick you up at 3:30pm
- 14: Learn about Habitat for Humanity of Berks County with Executive Director Timothy Daley. Lunch sponsored by Country Meadows.
- 21: Kelly Butsack, Berks Co. Branch Coordinator for Alzheimer's Association, will discuss enhancing care for those living with Alzheimer's Disease and reducing the risk of dementia through promoting brain health.
- 28: NO Friendship Circle program...see Friday, March 29
- Friday, March 29, 10:45am -- Passover Seder at Manor at Market Square**  
Sponsored by JFS and Manor at Market Square. Reservations required.  
(Note date, time and location change)

**YOUTH GROUP**  
**ICE SKATING**

2nd to 8th Grades  
**Sunday, March 17**  
12:15 to 3:30pm  
at Body Zone  
**\$12 includes ice skating,**  
**games & pizza**



Every child in the Jewish community is encouraged to participate in all youth events. Need-based scholarship funding is available. Call Sari Inledon at Jewish Family Service if your child would benefit from confidential assistance  
610-921-0624

**Great Decisions 2013**

March 5 through May 7

Tuesday mornings 10:00 to 11:30 am at the JCC  
\$35 one person, one book or \$40 two persons, one book  
Discussion Topics: Future of the Euro, Egypt, NATO, Myanmar & Southeast Asia, Humanitarian Intervention, Iran, China in Africa, Threat Assessment

For more information call Jayne Kleinman 610-921-0624 or email [jayne@JFReading.org](mailto:jayne@JFReading.org)

**Thursday Film Festival**

**March 7**

**"A Matter of Size"**



Herzl and his three heavysset friends from the Israeli city of Ramle are fed up with dieting and their weight loss club. When Herzl starts washing dishes in a Japanese restaurant he discovers the world of Sumo, where large people are honored and appreciated.

Through Kitano, a former Japanese Sumo coach, Herzl and his buddies fall in love with a sport involving "two fatsos in diapers with girly hairdos."  
(90 mins.)

*Film Free ... Optional lunch at 1 p.m., \$6. Movie begins at 1:45*  
*For lunch reservations*  
*Contact Carole Robinson at [caroler@JFReading.org](mailto:caroler@JFReading.org)*



Join us for **Bridge** at the JCC Duplicate Bridge Club Wednesdays at 12:30pm. All players are welcome. If you need a partner call Sue Wesner 610-972-5327 or Greg Kiddy 484-332-6871. Sanctioned by the American Contract Bridge League  
\$3 JCC members \$6 Nonmembers



**Mah Jongg** is played at the JCC every Monday at noon. Everyone is welcome to join the games. Contact Jayne Kleinman, [jayne@JFReading.org](mailto:jayne@JFReading.org)