



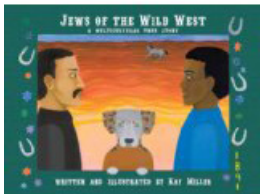
THE CENTERPIECE

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25th Annual Hanna Goldsmith Jewish Book Fair November 11 to November 18....Books will be available for sale at the JCC



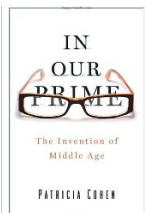
Kay Miller
Joint Religious School Program
Sunday, November 11; 10:30am
Reform Congregation Oheb Sholom

Kay Miller is a decendent of the Staab and Ilfeld families of 1800s New Mexico. Her grandmother Ruth Ilfeld grew up in Albuquerque. Kay moved to New York City in the late 1970s. She was a public school teacher on the Lower East Side of Manhattan until retirement in 2009. She recently presented her book at the Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage in Cleveland, Ohio.

Jews of the Wild West: A Multicultural True Story

Teenage Jews, members of the Staab and Ilfeld families left Germany in the mid 1800s and settled in the Wild West. Julia Staab had a scary encounter with Billy the Kid. Hebrew was written in stone above a cathedral entrance. Ludwig Ilfeld landed a role in the movie, *The Rattlesnake*.

There were rumors of a ghost at the Palace Avenue mansion. Hopi snake dancers, a horse named Maude, a President, a freed slave and a Supreme Court Justice appear in this true story of family, friendship and adventure in New Mexico.

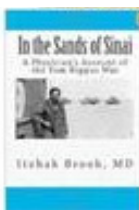


Patricia Cohen
Community Luncheon
Tuesday, November 13; 12:00noon
Keshet Zion; Lunch \$12.00

Patricia Cohen has been a New York Times reporter for thirteen years. She has also worked at The Washington Post, New York Newsday and Rolling Stone. Her stories have led to numerous television and radio appearances. She has a BA from Cornell University and a graduate degree from the Woodrow Wilson School at Princeton University.

In Our Prime: The Invention of Middle Age

For the first time in history, boomers, or the middle-aged, make up the largest, richest and most influential segment of the country. A trillion-dollar economy has grown up feeding and fueling their needs, whims and desires. Millions of federal dollars have been spent on scientific research into their habits, health, marriages, divorces, fears and passions. *In Our Prime* is an illuminating biography of the idea of middle age from its invention to its current place at the center of American society.



Itzhak Brook, MD,
Book & Brunch
Sunday, November 18; 9:30am
At the JCC, Free event

Itzhak Brook, MD, was born and raised in Haifa, Israel and earned his medical degree from Hadassah School of Medicine, in Jerusalem. He served in the Israeli army as a battalion physician during the Yom Kippur War in 1973. Subsequently, he completed a fellowship in infectious diseases at UCLA. He served in the medical corps of the US Navy for 27 years. Dr. Brook has authored numerous medical publications and ten textbooks.

In the Sands of Sinai: A Physician's Account of the Yom Kippur War

This book chronicles the author's transformation from a civilian to a wartime doctor. In vivid personal details, Itzhak Brook, a verteran of both the Israeli Defense Forces and the United States Navy, recounts his first experience in war. Far from a heroic ideal, he describes his own doubt and misgivings of being a physician facing the daily struggle of survival in the Sinai battle zone. Expecting to heal his soldiers' physical combat wounds, Brook unexpectedly must address his soldiers' psychological battlefield trauma. In unvarnished details from the mundane to the catastrophic, he describes his perspective of a war that shaped his own life, and his nation's fragile identity.



Doni Zasloff Thomas
Concert & Book Presentation/Signing
Sunday, November 18; 11:00am
Reform Congregation Oheb Sholom

This program is underwritten by funds from the Strategic Planning Initiative.

Doni Zasloff Thomas won a 2011 Parent Choice award for her CD 'Shabbat Shaboom' and the Simcha Award for "Inspiring Joy Through Music" at the International Jewish Music Festival in Amsterdam. She celebrates Jewish culture and irrepressible zest in high energy family rock concerts that break the mold of traditional Jewish music.

Get Cooking!

A Jewish American Family Cookbook and Rockin' Mama Doni Celebration

Packed with holiday activities, jokes and rocking tunes on a free CD from popular children's musician Mama Doni. *Get Cooking!* celebrates Jewish American culture and holidays plus makes a Jewish connection to secular American holidays in an exuberant guide that works for Jewish families of all levels of religious observance. Co-author Rachel Harkham showcases modern reinterpretations of classic recipes, sure-fire kid pleasers and new Jewish cuisine with a worldly spin to please a wide variety of tastes.



"New Works"

Lisa Gauker Art Exhibit
November 15 thru January 14
Opening Reception:
Thursday, Nov. 15
6:00 to 8:00pm



Bowl Making Workshops

for the 11th Annual Souper Bowl benefitting Opportunity House
JCC Private Workshops, 6:30pm, Dec 3rd & 5th, 2012
\$20 (make one & take one) / \$35 for two
Registration deadline: November 26th.
Call Sirin at Goggleworks to register 610.374.4600 x105



EARLY EDUCATION



Lakin Early Education at the JCC is participating in the Giant A+ School Rewards Program. Through March 31, 2013, our school can earn CASH through this exciting program. **You can help!**
 Follow this link: <http://www.giantfoodstores.com/aplus/SchoolDesignationLogin.html> to register your BonusCard online. You will need our school ID # 05824. It takes just a minute. Then, each time you shop at Giant using your BONUSCARD, you will earn CASH for our school! Our school will receive a check at the end of the program. The money can be used for any of our school's educational needs! If you are not able to register online, we will also have sign-up sheets in each classroom.

***Please note that participation in this program is in addition to and NOT instead of any personal incentives through Giant (i.e. Gas Points). You will still get your own rebates!!!**

Taking just a minute of your time to register your Card can make a huge difference to our school. We need your support! As soon as you register, you begin earning points. Also, please encourage your family and friends to do the same. We are hoping for excellent participation!

THANKSGIVING PROGRAM
Wednesday, November 21
9:30 am
 Join us for an entertaining observance of Thanksgiving. Our preschool will fill your hearts with joy and thanksgiving as they celebrate this special holiday. Parents and children are invited to stay after the show to participate in activities at the Fall Festival.
 This will be held in Reform Congregation Oheb Sholom's sanctuary and social hall.

PROGRAMS

YOUTH GROUP FUN!



Grades 2 thru 8
Saturday, December 1
6:00 to 8:00 pm
Yogi Dance & Dinner

Contact Jayne Kleinman (610) 921-0624 or jayne@JFReading.org
 YogiDance is a fun yoga-based exercise program for kids of all ages & abilities. YogiDance improves balance, flexibility and focus while developing children's gross motor skills. It is a non-competitive class that encourages teamwork, creates compassion and fosters creativity.

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

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 NOVEMBER PROGRAMS

- 1: Thursday Film Festival "Divan" Have your taxi pick up at 3:15 PM
- 8: Move and stretch with Alicia LaGrassa as she leads us in "chair" yoga. Lunch sponsored by Country Meadows.
- 15: Celebrate Thanksgiving with your Friendship Circle friends! Join us for Thanksgiving fun and a traditional Thanksgiving meal. Lunch sponsored by Manor at Market Square.
- 22: JCC Closed -- Thanksgiving Day
- 29: Souper Bowl workshop. Create your own hand decorated bowl for the 11th annual Souper Bowl to benefit Opportunity House. Opportunity House is a multi-service organization helping children, families and adults who are living below the poverty level. Bring a canned good donation to help fight hunger!



Is your child registered for PJ Library?
 Each month families raising Jewish children ages six months to eight years will receive free, high-quality Jewish books and music. An award-winning family engagement program strengthens the identities of Jewish families and their relationship to the Jewish community.
 Contact Jayne Kleinman
jayne@JFReading.org to register your child.

AAA Driving Course for Seniors

- Increase your confidence and awareness behind the wheel with AAA's Driver Improvement Course
- Explore your medications & their impact on driving
- Determine which of your skills need a tune-up

Monday & Tuesday, December 17 & 18
 9:00am to 1:00pm at the JCC
 AAA members \$15 ... Non-AAA members \$25
 Husband & Wife both AAA members \$25



"Divan"

Filmmaker Pearl Gluck returns to her Hungarian roots to find a couch that has been in her family for years. Through her quest to find the precious heirloom on which a famous Hasidic rabbi slept, Gluck undergoes a search for her true identity.

Film Free ... Optional lunch at 1 p.m., \$6. Movie begins at 1:45
 For lunch reservations

Contact Carole Robinson at caroler@readingjewishcommunity.org

The JCC will be closed:
Thanksgiving -- Thursday, November 22