



# THE CENTERPIECE

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For Programming & Early Education news of the Jewish Cultural Center  
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## SUMMER 2014

Jewish Federation of Reading Day at the  
**READING**

# Fightin' Phils™

SUNDAY, JUNE 8TH

Tompkins VIST Bank Plaza opens at 11:30am (Kids Club)

Seating Bowl opens at 12:00pm

Game Time: 1:35pm

- EARLY FATHER'S DAY NECK TIE GIVEAWAY (FIRST 2,000 MEN)
- "BRING YOUR CAMERA" FIGHTINS PLAYER PHOTO DAY @ 11:30
- \* FREE TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE JEWISH CULTURAL CENTER OF READING



### JCC Membership Drive

Your membership dues help to support diverse cultural programs for adults, children, families and seniors. You may choose an art film or a stimulating lecture while your children enjoy rock climbing or a special holiday event.

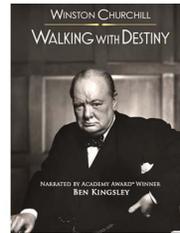
The cost of your JCC membership above \$20 is tax deductible and includes reduced prices on Center events plus a free community calendar with your name distinguished as a member. Thanks to a special arrangement with Body Zone Sports and Wellness Complex, you will be entitled to special fitness and aquatics membership rates. As a member, you will also enjoy the satisfaction of knowing that you have helped to ensure a viable, vibrant Jewish community in Berks County for all to enjoy.

JCC membership rates:

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| \$ 118+ Chai Membership   | \$ 1,200+ Platinum Membership |
| \$ 350+ Silver Membership | \$ 2,500+ Benefactor          |
| \$ 650+ Gold Membership   |                               |

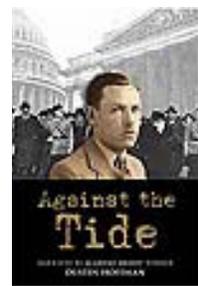
### Tuesday Summer Film Festival at the JCC 2:00 to 3:30pm

June 17:  
**Winston Churchill: Walking With Destiny**



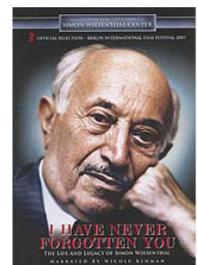
"Walking With Destiny" highlights Churchill's years in the political wilderness, his early opposition to Adolf Hitler and Nazism, and his support for Jews under threat by the Nazi regime. As historian John Lukacs explains, Churchill may not have won the War in 1940, but without him, the War most certainly would have been lost. The film examines why Winston Churchill's legacy continues to be relevant in the 21st century and explores why his leadership remains inspirational to current day political leaders and diplomats.

July 15:  
**Against the Tide**



The Story of America During the Holocaust - Narrated by Dustin Hoffman  
A compelling film that documents what happened in the United States during the Holocaust, highlighting how a young activist, Peter Bergson, challenged Washington and the establishment Jewish organizations to demand that the rescue of Europe's Jews become a top priority for American Jews.

August 12:  
**I Have Never Forgotten You:  
The Life and Legacy of Simon Wiesenthal**



Narrated by Nicole Kidman  
Simon Wiesenthal, a Holocaust survivor who lost 89 family members, helped track down over 1,100 Nazi war criminals and spent six decades fighting anti-Semitism and prejudice against all people. Watching the early efforts of the US government to prosecute Nazi war criminals he realized, "There is no freedom without justice," and initially decided to dedicate a few years to that quest. A few years turned into the rest of his life.

August 26:  
**Unlikely Heroes**



Unlikely Heroes documents unknown stories of resistance during WWII including:  
· a rabbi's son who disguised himself as a Major in the SS to save Jews;  
· a young woman involved in the plot to blow up the Crematorium at Birkenau;  
· a Jew who defied Eichmann, devising an extraordinary scheme for 40,000 Jews to get to Palestine.

Narrated by Sir Ben Kingsley.



#### How?

Signing up is easy!

Visit [www.pjlibrary.org](http://www.pjlibrary.org)

and click on

"Communities"

Or, contact

Jayne Kleinman

610-921-0624

[JayneK@JFReading.org](mailto:JayneK@JFReading.org)



**What does PJ stand for?** Pajamas! We know special times of reading together and dancing along with music happen when you're in your PJs!

**Why are you sending these books?** Fundamentally, we believe that when parents and children read together, it changes the world. There are some fantastic Jewish children's books out there -- books that are as wonderful as the classics you may be reading to your children already. We also know that high quality Jewish books can be expensive and difficult to find. We are sending these materials to you because these stories and songs will enrich your family life.

**What's the catch?** There is one catch - you need to READ the books and LISTEN to the music. Read, listen and sing along to your heart's content?

**What will we be receiving over the course of the year?** The PJ Library sends out twelve monthly mailings each year which will include children's books and music.

**How is it determined what books we will be receiving?** Books are chosen by a Book Selection Committee composed of expert Jewish educators and reading specialists. The initial book group category is determined at registration. During the second year of the program, participants move on to the selections for the next book group.

**EARLY EDUCATION**



**The Lakin Early Education Center will be offering**  
**SUMMER FUN!**  
 12 Sessions from 9am - 12:30pm  
 For children 2 to 3 years old and Prospective Little Stars

An outdoor and indoor structured play, crafts, music, socialization and story time for your child. Outdoor time will incorporate water play, sand play and bubble time on a frequent basis. Please pack a dairy lunch, we will provide a snack.

**Every Tuesday & Thursday**  
**July 1 through August 7**

\$35/daily session with advance registration and payment  
 \$40/daily session without advance registration and payment  
 Minimum enrollment of 5 children to run program  
 Contact Judy Synnamon 484-332-5981 or school@ohebsholom.org

**BikeTown** was a great success! The children had a blast. Check our website for photos. ...And, a big Thank You to all of the parents and grandparents who helped with set up and clean up.

*Thank you . . .*

A special heart-felt Thank You to all of our Preschool families who have donated their time, toys, snacks and supplies to help our school. Our Fall Festival, class trips, BikeTown, Giant A+ program, toy collection, Winter Dance, Scholastic book orders, Box Top collection and food collections were all activities that were managed and promoted by our Preschool families. Your dedication and support are a tribute not only to your children but to our Preschool as well. Thank You!

**SEPTEMBER**  
 Tuesday, September 2: Parent Orientation (9am or 6:30pm)  
 Wednesday, September 3: First Day of School

**Jewish High School of Gratz College**  
 begins on Sunday, September 7  
 at the Jewish Cultural Center.  
 If your child is entering grades 8 to 12 in September please contact Jayne Kleinman at JayneK@JFReading.org

**Save the Date**  
**Sunday, September 14**



**JCC Youth Event**  
 For kids entering 2nd to 7th grades in September

220 North Park Road, Wyomissing

**Thursday Film Festival** 

**June 26: "42 - The Jackie Robinson Story"**  
 This biopic focuses on the life story of Jackie Robinson and his history making signing with the Brooklyn Dodgers under the guidance of General Manager Branch Rickey. Have your taxi pick you up at 4:00.

**July 17: "Enough Said"**  
 Julia Louis-Dreyfus and James Gandolfini star in this charming comedy about a divorced woman venturing into a relationship with a sweet man. Have your taxi pick you up at 3:30.

**August 14: "Broadway Musicals: A Jewish Legacy"**  
 This engaging documentary examines the unique role of Jewish composers and lyricists in the creation of the modern American musical. This film mingles cultural history with perspectives on the origins of Broadway's most beloved songs and shows. Taxi pick up at 3:30.

*Film Free ... Optional lunch at 1 p.m., \$6. Movie begins at 1:45*  
 For lunch reservations contact Carole Robinson (610) 921-0624

**FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE**

1:00 pm -- Luncheon catered by Boscov's Ala Carte\*  
 1:45 pm -- Program/Speaker. Varied programs are informative, educational and fun.

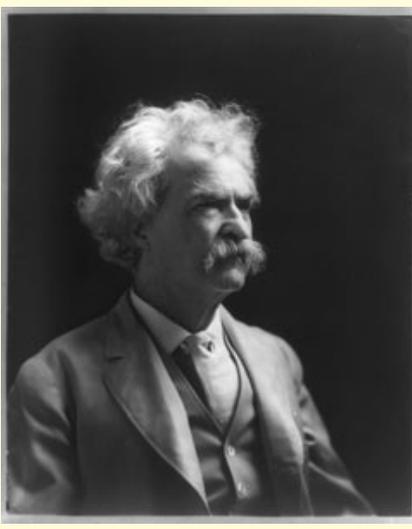
1st Thursday each month: Blood pressure screening at 1:00 pm  
 \*Optional luncheon (\$6). RSVP to Carole at the JCC by Monday.

**FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE SUMMER PROGRAMS**

**June:**  
 5 -- NO Friendship Circle. Closed for Shavuot  
 12 -- Cindy Kauffman, the Pagoda Manager, will talk about the Pagoda, a tourist attraction owned and operated by the City of Reading for over 100 years. Lunch sponsored by Country Meadows.  
 19 -- Carla Hickey Director of Community Partnerships for the Girl Scouts of Eastern Pennsylvania, will share its 102 year old history!  
 26 -- Thursday Film Festival "42 - The Jackie Robinson Story"

**July:**  
 3 -- Come to our Fourth of July picnic and enjoy Roger Mallon's show "Here's Mark Twain" See article this page.  
 10 -- Come play bingo and win exciting prizes! Lunch sponsored by Country Meadows  
 17 -- Thursday Film Festival "Enough Said"  
 24 -- Celebrate the invention of the ice cream cone with a Friendship Circle Ice Cream Party!  
 31 -- Our favorite doctor will present a fun and informative program "Your Skin Care with Dr. Harriet Comite." Bring your questions & concerns.

**August:**  
 7 -- TBA  
 14 -- Thursday Film Festival "Broadway Musicals: A Jewish Legacy"  
 21 -- You are invited to Everybody's Birthday Party" Bring a wrapped \$3-\$5 gift (surprise us with anything)...Games and Fun!  
 28 -- Joan Fisk from the First State Greyhound Rescue, a non-profit dedicated to the rescue of ex-racing Greyhound dogs, will discuss the fate of these dogs when they can no longer race.



**Here's Mark Twain**  
**July 3 -- 1:45pm**

An original one-man show created and performed by Mark Twain impersonator Roger Mallon. Mark Twain was an American author, humorist and performer, well-known for The Adventures of Tom Sawyer and The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn. "Mark Twain" will entertain us with theatrical flair and skilled storytelling!



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, jaynek@JFReading.org