



THE CENTERPIECE

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For Programming of the Jewish Cultural Center & Lakin Preschool news
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SEPTEMBER 2015

Sunday, September 20 at 6:00 pm
Orientation at JCC for
Reading Jewish Community
High School

Register for classes, meet the teachers
and learn about plans for the
upcoming 2015 to 2016 school year.



From Underoos to Super Jews!

Wednesday, September 9
Klein Lecture Hall, Albright College
7:00pm

Rescheduled from an earlier date -- **Underoos to Super Jews** event with Alon Barzilay. Few people know that America's superheroes share the same Jewish cultural themes as the comic book artists who created them, such as immigration, Zionism and anti-semitism. Gain new perspective on how the true themes of superhero films are rooted in Jewish American culture.



Thursday, October 8 at 6 pm at Klein Lecture Hall at Albright College
Screening of "Nicky's Family"

Learn about Sir Nicholas Winton, a Gentile rescuer of Jewish children prior to WWII in Czechoslovakia. Winton's actions saved hundreds of lives and led to many new interfaith projects. After the screening we will be discussing Winton and the tie-in to our Interfaith Mitzvah Day on October 25. FREE and open to the public but seating is limited.

Interfaith Mitzvah Day

Alvernia University

Sunday, October 25

1:00 to 4:00pm

The Reading area Jewish, Christian and Muslim communities will be joining together for an interfaith day of service. Hosted at Alvernia University we will be working together to support the Berks Coalition to End Homelessness (BCEH). We will be wrapping donated items in preparation for the People First event being held at Queen City Diner on November 10. The People First event invites the homeless to QCD for a free meal and they also receive donated items. BCEH will also be on hand during our interfaith mitzvah day to share stories with the group. We will have music, snacks and a discussion on the act of a "mitzvah" and its importance to all religious groups. All high school age students and adults are welcome to join us.

RSVP to AmandaH@JFReading.org

"Constructed Identities"



Cathy Jones and Erica Kabbeko

Joint Art Show

August 24 through October 30
Opening Reception at the JCC Thursday, August 27
5:00 to 7:00 PM



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 Brian Snyder 484-838-0977. 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 Amanda Hornberger, AmandaH@JFReading.org

Bridge Schedule

Wednesdays at 12:30pm

- September 16: Club International Fund Game*
\$1 per player extra fee
- September 23: No game; JCC is closed for Yom Kippur
- October 14: Jan Johnson Club Appreciation Game*
No extra fee
- November 11: STaC game* (Sectional Tournament at Club)
\$2 per player extra fee
- December 9: Chanukah party (come early for lunch)

* These Special Games pay higher masterpoints.

Note: This game has a non-playing director. Please do not come without a partner in hopes of playing with the director. A full copy of the policy is available at the JCC.



THE JCC WILL BE CLOSED:

Labor Day: Monday, September 7
Rosh Hashanah: Monday & Tuesday, September 14 & 15
Yom Kippur: Wednesday, September 23
Sukkot: Monday & Tuesday, September 28 & 29



LAKIN PRESCHOOL



These Lakin Preschool programs are targeted specifically to babies and children under 2 years old. These classes are designed to stimulate young children while bonding with parents or caregivers. We are currently accepting enrollment.

Kindermusik Village: 0-18 months
Kindermusik Our Time: 18 months- 3 y
 While bonding with your baby in the Village class, enjoy multi-level activities including creative movement, object and instrument exploration, and vocal play. Your baby's growth and development are stimulated and all of his senses engaged! Parents and caregivers participate with their children.

Sprouts: 9 months – 24 months
 Toddlers are great companions! Join Sprouts and discover lots of activities to help you teach and stimulate your child while enhancing the parent-child bond. This class will be your child's earliest experience of Preschool.

Structured for the needs and abilities of 9 - 24 month old toddlers, these classes provide both creative playtime as well as small and large muscle activity. Yoga poses will also be incorporated. Parents or caregivers participate with their children.

Visit the Toy Library! Mondays 9-11 AM
 Come to Room 8 and have some coffee while you watch your child play with some toys. Structured and non-structured activities will be presented, and you may even borrow a toy to take home!

For the toddler, every day brings new discoveries and opportunities to explore the world. Kindermusik Our Time encourages children to be creative, to initiate their own ideas and to respond in their own ways, while the parents' active participation gives the toddlers the security they need. Playing instruments, singing, moving, and exploring uncover an engaging musical world while building the toddlers' confidence, self-control, and communications skills.

PARENT ORIENTATION FOR ALL CLASSES
 TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1
 9:00 am (Childcare provided)
 6:30 pm (No Childcare)
 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
 WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Parents, please join us for Coffee & Bagels



After you drop off your child on the first day of school (Wed., Sept. 2 or Thurs., Sept. 3 -- 9:00AM) come to the Stay & Play room to learn about the Preschool Committee, events throughout the school year & meet other parents.



Lakin Preschool is peanut & tree nut free. The full Food Allergy Policy is located in parent's information packets, along with many ideas for snacks and lunches.

LITTLE STARS
 For children who will be two by September 2015
 Little Stars provides your children with their own organized group experience in a warm, loving, fun-filled setting. Art, music, stories, imaginative play and physical activities are included.
 Any 2 to 5-day combination
 9:00 - 11:30am

DISCOVERY & ADVENTURERS
 For three & four year olds
 Our state-licensed preschool includes weekly yoga, art, music, literature, dramatics, free play and socialization skills under the loving guidance of our experienced staff.
 Monday thru Friday 9:00 - 11:30am

ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS 2015 to 2016

MONDAYS		
ABC Music & Me	1:00-1:30pm	All ages
TUESDAYS		
Soccer Shots	12:30-1:00pm	All ages
Torah Tots	1:00-1:45pm	
WEDNESDAYS		
I Love Stories	12:30-1:30pm	All ages
THURSDAYS		
Kaleidoscope	12:30-3:00pm	4 years
FRIDAYS		
Fun & Games	12:30-1:30pm	All ages
ALL SCHOOL DAYS		
Lunch Hour	11:30-12:30pm	All ages
Stay and Play	12:30-3:00pm	All ages

JCC YOUTH GROUP 1st to 6th Grades Gaga Ball at Body Zone



Sunday, September 27, 2015

**12:15 pm Pizza Lunch
 Followed by Gaga Ball games
 \$10 per child**

Please RSVP to Brenda by Friday, September 25
 brendas@jfreeding.org or 610-921-0624

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

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION EASY AS 1 * 2 * 3 !!



- 1 All families are encouraged to collect Box Tops for Education logos from qualifying products. For a complete list of products log on to boxtops4education.com
 - 2 Bring your 'box tops' to the LakinPreschool & place them in the yellow & red mini trash can in the lobby.
 - 3 We receive a check to benefit our Early Education programs.
- Earn cash for our school every time you shop. Clip Box Tops from hundreds of products you already buy. Each Box Tops logo is worth 10¢ to our school--and that adds up fast!

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 SEPTEMBER PROGRAMS

- Sept. 3 – Join Stef Brok, Facilitator of Herd by a Horse, and her horse Frankie for some Equine Therapy!
 - Sept. 10 – No Friendship Circle.
 - Friday, Sept. 11, 10:45 am – Rosh Hashanah service and holiday lunch at Manor at Market Square. Sponsored by Jewish Family Service and Manor at Market Square. Reservations required!
 - Sept. 17 – Thursday Film Festival. "Brighton Beach Memoirs." Have your taxi pick you up at 3:45.
 - Sept. 24 – Enjoy country and folk music with Bob Hassler.
- *(Please note changes in location, day, and time.)

Friday, Sept. 11 at 10:45am
 Jewish Family Service and Manor at Market Square invite you to a Rosh Hashanah Service and holiday lunch at Manor at Market Square.
 RSVP by Sept. 2 to 610-921-0624.



Thursday Film Festival September 17, 1:45 pm

"Brighton Beach Memories"

Film adaptation of Neil Simon's hit play starring Jonathan Silverman as Eugene, a Jewish teenager sharing cramped quarters with his loud, nosy, and loving family in Depression-era Brooklyn. (110 min.)