



THE CENTERPIECE

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2016 READING JEWISH FILM SERIES 2016

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10 — 7 PM

24 DAYS

France | 2014 | Narrative | 110 min | French w/
English subtitles | Director: Alexander Arcady



Alexandre Arcady's thriller *24 Days* is based on the real-life kidnapping of Ilan Halimi, a French Jew, from the harrowing perspective of his mother, Ruth Halimi. Ilan was a Jewish salesman living in Paris when he was kidnapped by African immigrants who were known as the "Gang of Barbarians." They held him captive for more than three weeks,

during which time they attempted to ransom him back to family. This event shocked the nation and forced a national conversation about anti-Semitism.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16 — 7 PM

ABOVE & BEYOND

USA | 2014 | Documentary | 87 min | English/
Hebrew w/ subtitles | Director: Roberta Grossman



Above and Beyond is the first feature-length documentary about the Jewish-American pilots who fought for Israel in the 1948 Arab-Israeli War. In secret and at great personal risk, they smuggled planes out of the U.S., trained behind the Iron Curtain in Czechoslovakia and flew for Israel in its War of Independence. As members of Machal – "volunteers from abroad" –

this ragtag band of brothers not only turned the tide of the war, they also embarked on personal journeys of discovery and renewed Jewish pride.

The Reading Jewish Film Series is co-sponsored by the Rubin Educational Fund of the Jewish Federation of Reading and Fox Theatres. Admission is \$5 per film. All films will be shown on Wednesday evenings at 7 pm at Fox Berkshire, 800 Berkshire Blvd., Wyomissing.

Tickets can be purchased at the theater beginning at 6:30pm on the day of the screening. Cash & checks are accepted. www.readingjewishcommunity.org



PLEASE NOTE: Immediately following the screening of *24 Days*, on February 10, Trooper David C. Boehm, Public Information Officer from the Reading Headquarters of the Pennsylvania State Police will lead a discussion.

GREAT DECISIONS

Meeting at the JCC
Monday mornings 10:30am until Noon
March 7 through April 25

PREPARE TO DISCUSS THE WORLD

Great Decisions is America's largest discussion program on world affairs. The program model involves reading the Great Decisions Briefing Book, watching the DVD and meeting in a Discussion Group to discuss the eight most critical global issues facing America today.

2016 Topics:

Middle East
The Rise of ISIS
The Future of Kurdistan
Migration

The Koreas
The United Nations
Climate change
Cuba and the U.S.

\$35 one person, one book or \$40 two persons, one book

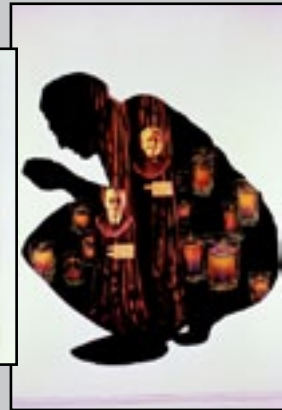
To register for Great Decisions and to order a copy of the Great Decisions Briefing Book contact Amanda Hornberger
AmandaH@JFReading.org

Foreign Policy Association



Art Exhibit

"The Eye of The Collector: The Jewish Vision of Sigmund R. Balka"



Art Exhibit Schedule

Penn State Berks Freyberger Gallery --

Art exhibit opening Thursday, January 21 from 5-8 pm

Exhibit will be hosted by Penn State Berks from January 21 to March 3

JCC --

Art exhibit opening Wednesday, January 27 from 5-7 pm

Exhibit will be hosted at JCC from January 25 to March 25.

Albright College Freedman Gallery --

Art exhibit opening Thursday, January 28 from 5-7 pm

Exhibit will be hosted at Albright College from January 26 to March 11.

Reading Public Museum Auditorium --

Art exhibit opening and lecture Sunday, January 31 from 3-5 pm

Speaker: Laura Kruger, Curator from Hebrew Union College Museum who manages Balka's collection.

Reading Public Museum will host the exhibit January 30 to March 27.

March 30

12th Annual

Richard J. Yashek Memorial Lecture

7:30 pm Wachovia Theatre at Albright College

Featuring Dr. Paul Jaskot

A Plan, A Testimony, and a Digital Map:

Architecture and the Spaces of the Holocaust

CHEVRA MAHJONG



TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

7 P.M.

AT THE JCC



JOIN OLD AND NEW FRIENDS FOR A FUN EVENING
PLAYING THE ANCIENT GAME OF MAHJONG.
NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!

QUESTIONS ABOUT MAHJONG?
PLEASE TALK TO MICHELE LEISAWITZ,
WHO IS ORGANIZING THE GAME.

TO RSVP PLEASE CONTACT BRENDA AT
BRENDAS@JFREADING.ORG OR
CALL 610-921-0624

LAKIN PRESCHOOL

Weather related closings & delays will be announced on local radio stations by 7:30am and the following
 Websites: www.readingeagle.com or www.wfmz.com -- Lakin Preschool.
 Please be sure to check one of these sources BEFORE bringing your child to school.



Torah Tots

For ages 2, 3, and 4 year olds
 Sundays, 9:30 – 10:30 am
 February 7, March 6, April 3, and May 1

"Torah Tots" is a class complementing the Lakin Preschool Jewish curriculum utilizing crafts, songs, stories and games for you and your young child once a month during Religious School. Learn prayers, traditions and songs with your little one to reinforce at home. Torah Tots is designed to foster your child's love for, and identification with Judaism with your reinforcement.

Fee: \$18 for all 4 sessions

Please register my child and me for "Torah Tots".

Child's Name _____ Phone _____
 Fee enclosed \$ _____ Parent's Name _____
 email _____

Credit cards accepted or checks payable to Lakin Preschool of RCOS

**Community Shabbat
 Service and Dinner**
 Friday, March 4
 At Reform Congregation Oheb Shalom
 Details to follow

Hold this date:
Thursday, March 24
JCC Community Purim Carnival
 Chabad
 5:00 pm

**DANCE
 EVERYTHING IS
 AWESOME
 PARTY**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9
 (SNOWDATE MARCH 10)**

5:30 - 7:30PM AT RCOS SOCIAL HALL

\$5 PER CHILD (CHILDREN UNDER 2 FREE)
\$10 PER ADULT WITH PIZZA (OPTIONAL)

**DANCING * DINNER * GAMES
 * LOTS OF FUN!!**

Children ages newborn to 12 (with their parents) are invited to join in the fun of a "just for kids" dance party. Locally renowned DJ Mike Kindlich from Jam on Sound will have the kids hopping with his energetic mix of kid's music & interactive games (prizes, too!)
 Pizza, beverages and dessert will be provided.
 Parents are requested to stay with their children.

Return registration form with payment by February 26th

We will attend Lakin Preschool LEGO Dance Party

Name _____

adults _____ # children _____ \$ _____ enclosed (170MAR)

Check payable to RCOS Lakin Preschool or credit card payment

Card # _____ Exp Date _____

Security Code _____ (3 digit # on back of card)

Name on Card _____



PJ Library Event

Sunday, February 28
 1 pm at the JCC



"The Mitten String"

An original Jewish folktale about a girl who knits, a deaf woman and a piece of blue yarn.

February is Jewish Disability Awareness & Inclusion Month



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 FEBRUARY PROGRAMS

- 4 – Samira Mehta, Assistant Professor of Religious Studies at Albright College, will speak about her current project on the cultural history of the Christian/Jewish blended family.
- 11 – Thursday Film Festival. "My Big Fat Greek Wedding." Have your taxi pick you up at 3:30.
- 18 – Learn about "The American Presidency" with Tim Blessing, Professor of History and Political Science at Alvernia University. Lunch sponsored by the Manor @ Market Square.
- 25 – Join Friendship Circle for a fun game of Yiddish lotto. Oy Vay!

Thursday Film Festival
 February 11, 1:45 pm



"My Big Fat Greek Wedding"

In this romantic comedy, a single Greek woman falls in love with a non-Greek man. This poses a problem for members of her strict family, especially her traditional father, whose Greek pride knows no bounds. Starring Nia Vardalos, John Corbett and Michael Constantine. (95 min)



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@JFRReading.org