



# THE CENTERPIECE

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MAY 2017

## Community Yom Hazikaron and Yom Ha'atzmaut

Monday, May 1  
7:00pm at JCC



We'll remember the fallen IDF soldiers who fought for Israel during our Yom Hazikaron commemoration and then celebrate Israel through song for Yom Ha'atzmaut (Israel Independence Day). Come experience Israeli food, music and culture at this free community event.

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DVD presentation of an earlier live satellite broadcast

Monday, May 15 at 2 pm  
at Highlands Cultural Center Side B

## Unforgettable Night of Jewish Humor with Calvin Trillin, Patricia Marx, Adam Gopnik, Michael Krasny and Jeffrey Toobin

Yiddish novelist Isaac Bashevis Singer once told San Francisco-based NPR talk host Michael Krasny that "Jews suffer from every disease except amnesia."

Featuring 4 of The New Yorker's leading writers, Calvin Trillin, Patricia Marx, Adam Gopnik and Jeffrey Toobin, in conversation with Krasny, author of the bestselling book, *Let There Be Laughter: A Treasury of Great Jewish Humor and What It All Means*, about which Andy Borowitz said, "what's not to love?" There will be a joyous feast of jokes and commentary on the historical and cultural implications. You will enjoy and learn, even if you aren't Jewish.

## Left vs Right: The Battle for Israel's Soul

Thursday, May 4, 2017

7:00 pm  
at the JCC

Is Israel locked in a tragic dispute between two peoples claiming the same land — or a global conflict between Western democracy and Islamist terrorism? Is partition into two states the only way to ensure Israel's survival — or is it the surest path to ever-increasing bloodshed and possibly even endangering Israel's survival? Special guests Jonathan S. Tobin and J. J. Goldberg, will debate these and other critical issues concerning the State of Israel.

**Jonathan S. Tobin** (senior online editor and chief political blogger of *Commentary* magazine and a frequent commentator on domestic politics, Israel and Jewish affairs) argues that Israel stands on the front line of a global conflict between Islamist terrorism and Western democracy.

**J.J. Goldberg** (editor-at-large of *The Forward Jewish American* newspaper and former U.S. bureau chief of the Israeli news magazine *The Jerusalem Report*. He is the author of *Jewish Power: Inside the American Jewish Establishment*) contends that Israel could enter a regional alliance with moderate Sunni states, if it accepted the Saudi-led Arab Peace Initiative leading to a Palestinian state.

After a moderated discussion there will be time for questions from the audience.

Free program but RSVP is requested to  
BrendaS@jfreeding.org or 610-921-0624.

### Save the Date:

Sunday, June 11 at Noon

Jewish Federation of Reading's Annual Meeting.  
Wyomissing Hills Playground. FREE picnic lunch,  
Israeli dancing and swimming to follow meeting.

Sunday, June 25

## "The Roses in June"

Bus Trip to Plays & Players Theater, Philadelphia  
Leave JCC at 11:30am -- 2:00 pm Matinee



The desecration of Jewish gravestones which has just occurred in America also happened with frequency in Nazi Germany.  
(LEFT - Desecration of a Jewish Cemetery in Philadelphia, February 27, 2017.)  
(RIGHT - Desecration of the Playwright's great grandparents' gravestone by Nazis, Seigburg, Germany, 1938.)

Ingrid and George Rose have successfully rebuilt their lives in Britain after fleeing Nazi Germany but, when their 15-year-old son Paul is a victim of bullying and anti-Semitism at school, the trauma of their own persecution reemerges with almost deadly consequences. "The Roses in June," set in swinging London on the eve of Israel's 1967 Six-Day War, explores the struggle of love, fear, regret and forgiveness on the eve of a possible second Holocaust and against the burdens of prejudice, traumatic memory and the complex attitude of the English towards the Jews as the school attempts, at all costs, to avoid any scandal.

\$40 for JCC members and \$45 for non-members. Price includes orchestra seat, chartered Bieber bus and driver gratuity. Seating is limited, first come, first serve. We'll be leaving the JCC at 11:30am for 2pm matinee of "The Roses in June". Show includes talkback. There will be free time afterwards for dinner on your own in Rittenhouse Square and return to the JCC by 9pm. RSVP with payment by June 12.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17 — 7:00 PM

APPLES FROM THE DESERT

Israel | 2014 | Narrative Drama | 87 minutes

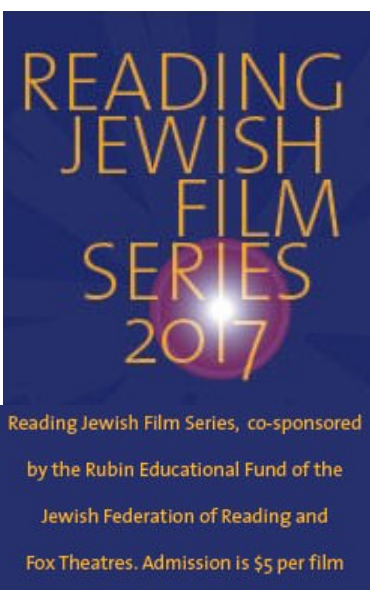
Hebrew with English subtitles

Directors: Arik Lubetsky and Matti Harari



Rebecca Abravanel is an only child, living a cloistered existence with her strictly religious Sephardic parents in Jerusalem. Unhappy with the restrictive traditions of home and community, she secretly breaks taboos, attending dance classes where she forms a relationship with secular

kibbutznik Dooby. Suspicious and angry in the face of Rebecca's growing acts of rebellion, her strict father reacts by setting in motion a prearranged marriage to an older widower with children of his own. After Rebecca runs away from home, the family conflict culminates in a moment of truth, forcing them to confront their beliefs and one another.



Reading Jewish Film Series, co-sponsored  
by the Rubin Educational Fund of the  
Jewish Federation of Reading and  
Fox Theatres. Admission is \$5 per film

At Fox East,  
4350 Perkiomen Ave.,  
Final film of season

### JCC Closed:

Memorial Day, Monday, May 29  
Shavuot: Wednesday, May 31  
Thursday, June 1



**LAKIN PRESCHOOL**

**BIKETOWN**

**Wednesday, May 17, 9:30 to 11:30am**



Biketown is a popular annual event hosted by the Lakin Preschool Committee in conjunction with the teachers and staff. The children bring their parents, grandparents or caregivers as well as their bikes or riding toys to school for a hands-on, fun-filled morning. One half of the parking lot will become a safe environment where the children can explore roads and shops on their riding toys. A mock town will be set up in the Social Hall to mimic services in the community. There will be a Grocery, Bake Shop, Salon, Book Store, Medical Office, and others. We will be offering 7:30 am drop off, regular afternoon programming and Stay and Play until 2 pm. Here are a few things to remember for the day of Biketown:

- \* Every child must come with an adult helper. This adult is expected to supervise and help your child during all of the Biketown activities.
- \* If you bring a bike, you need a helmet also.
- \* Bring along an address of someone special for your child to send a post card from our Post Office.
- \* If you desire, apply sunscreen to your child.
- \* EcoFriendly Event: Please bring a refillable water bottle and a backpack to take home items you receive.
- \* Water and a snack will be available
- \* Please bring a non-perishable item for the food bank at Biketown.

Please pack a bag lunch for your child. At 11:30am the children will be dismissed to their classrooms to eat lunch under teacher supervision. Parents are asked to clean up until 12:30.

**LAKIN PRESCHOOL CLOSED**

Memorial Day, Monday, May 29

Shavuot: Wednesday, May 31

**END OF SCHOOL YEAR**

Wed., June 7 is make-up for March 15 snow day.

Thurs., June 8 is make-up for March 14 snow day.

**LAST DAY: Thursday, June 8**

**FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE**

1:00 pm -- Luncheon catered by Boscov's Ala Carte\*

1:45 pm -- Program/Speaker. Varied programs are informative, educational and fun.

\*Optional luncheon (\$7). RSVP to Carole at the JCC by Monday.

**FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE MAY PROGRAMS**

- 4: Learn about Yom HaZikaron (Israel Memorial Day) with Andi Franklin. Andi will talk about her special bond with soldiers in the IDF, Israel Defense Forces.
- 11: Come play "Tradition" a game of Jewish trivia, Yiddishkeit and humor.
- 18: Rescheduled from an earlier snow day: "The King and I" Have your taxi pick you up at 4:00pm
- 25: Jennifer Koosed, Associate Professor of Religious Studies at Albright College, will discuss the festival holiday of Shavuot.



**Thursday Film Festival  
May 18, 1:45 pm  
"The King and I"**

This visual and musical masterpiece features Academy Award winner Yul Brynner and a Rodgers and Hammerstein score. It tells the true story of Englishwoman Anna Leonowens (Deborah Kerr) who comes to Siam as schoolteacher to the royal court in the 1860's. Over time, Anna and the King (Brynner) stop trying to change each other and begin to understand one another. (133 min).

**Summer Fun!!!**

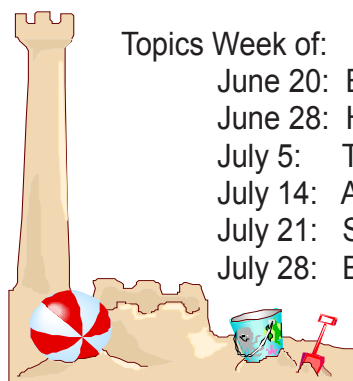


The Lakin Preschool will be holding our annual Summer Fun program for children who are 2, 3, 4 and Prospective Little Stars. We will be conducting the program in Rooms 8/9 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from June 20 through July 27 (closed July 4th). Miss Sylvia, Miss Adrienne, Miss Alicia, Miss Jess, Miss Sue and Miss Judy will be the staff.

Daily Schedule:

*Early Drop-Off available for extra \$4.00 daily fee at 8:30am*

- 9:15 am: Outside water fun and playground time. Please dress your child in their bathing suits and swim shoes for fun with a sprinkler, water table and our playground equipment.
- 10:15 am: Inside to change into dry clothes, have a snack and hear a story. Summer Fun topics will be explored thru singing, dancing, gross and fine motor play.
- 10:45 am: Craft time: Summer themes will be highlighted during our craft.
- 11:15 am: Clean up and wash hands for lunch.
- 11:30 am: Lunch time: Please pack a dairy lunch and beverage for your child. Remember—we are a peanut free facility.
- 12:00 pm: Inside playtime in Room 8/9, the mat room or the Social Hall.
- 12:30 pm: Dismissal



Topics Week of:

- June 20: Building Fun!!
- June 28: Happy Birthday America
- July 5: Teddy Bears and other Furry Friends
- July 14: Animals
- July 21: Sand and Water Fun
- July 28: Bubbles! Bubbles!

Please send a packed lunch, diapers (if needed) and a change of clothing every day. Snacks will be provided daily.

**Cost: \$30/daily with advance registration or \$35 at the door.  
We will need minimum registration of 5 children.**

**2017 to 2018 REGISTRATION**

Registration forms are available. Call Judy Synnamon, 484-332-5981, to schedule an interview or a tour of our preschool. Please keep in mind that class sizes are limited and fill up quickly.



**Are you looking for a warm and nurturing Preschool or Kindergarten for your child?**

**LAKIN PRESCHOOL**

**For over 50 years, Lakin Preschool has been an ideal setting for children to learn, play and grow in a safe, happy and nurturing environment. We offer:**

✓ Flexible drop-off and pick-up times	✓ Afternoon programs in art, acting, storytime, music, and Stay & Play
✓ Classes and programs for infants through age 5	✓ NEW! Toy Library
✓ Small class sizes	✓ Children of all religious backgrounds are welcome!
✓ State-licensed preschool	✓ Kindermusik, Mommy & Me for 0-24 months
✓ Kindergarten	

**Contact Judy Synnamon today for a tour of our facilities or for more information**

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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



**Mah Jongg** is played at the JCC every Monday at noon. Everyone is welcome to join the games. Contact Amanda Hornberger, AmandaH@JFRReading.