

February 2018

The Centerpiece
is your Programming Guide
for the Jewish Cultural Center
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Jewish Cultural Center
92nd St. Y Programs
Game Nights
Community Shabbat
Reading Jewish Film Series
Great Decisions
Interfaith Mitzvah Day
Yom Ha'atzmaut
PJ Library
PJ Our Way
Leo Camp Lecture

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 1pm—Friendship Circle	2	3 10am—Haftarah
4 10 am—PJ Library Celebrates Tu B'Shevat at the Nature Place JCHS	5	6	7	8 1pm—Friendship Circle	9 6 pm—Community Shabbat at RCOS 7 pm—Shabbat dinner	10
11 JCHS/BETTER TOGETHER	12 2 pm at JCC—Movie Monday: "Race"	13	14	15 1pm—Friendship Circle 7 pm—JFR Board Meeting	16	17
18 JCHS	19 President's Day 2pm 92Y at Highlands	20	21 7pm McGlenn Conf Ctr Alvernia, Common Heart Lecture "Why Bother With Religion?"	22 1pm—Friendship Circle	23	24 10 am—Tot Shabbat
25 JCHS	26	27	28 Erev Purim			

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Tech Tuesday
Yom Hazikaron
Art Exhibits
Yom Hashoah
Annual Meeting and Picnic
Purim Carnival
Richard J. Yashek
Memorial Lecture
Kristallnacht Remembrance
Youth Events
Purim Masquerade Party
Bridge
Chevra
Mahjong
Trips to NYC/Philadelphia
Lakin Holocaust Library
& Resource Center
Shabbat B'yachad
Community Calendar



ENRICHING LIVES
מעשירים חיים

GREAT DECISIONS

Meeting at the JCC
Monday mornings 10:30am until Noon
March 5 through April 23

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.

2018 Topics:

- * South Africa's Fragile Democracy
- * Turkey: A Partner in Crisis
- * China & America: The New Geopolitical Equation
- * Media and Foreign Policy
- * Russia's Foreign Policy
- * Global Health: Progress & Challenges
- * US Global Engagement & the Military
- * The Waning of Pax Americana

\$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



March 1—Purim



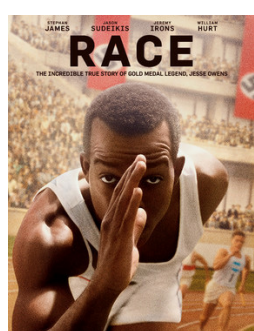
March 7—Reading Jewish Film Series "Body & Soul"

March 10—JCC Purim Masquerade Party at Stokesay Castle



March 21—Yashek Memorial Holocaust Lecture featuring Michael Berenbaum of USC on "Not Your Father's Antisemitism"

April 22—Community wide celebration of Israel's 70th



Movie Monday
At the JCC
February 12 at 2:00pm
"Race"

In honor of the Olympics and Black History Month join us for a screening of "Race", a film about Jesse Owens and the 1936 Olympics in Berlin.

Community Shabbat Service and Dinner
Friday, February 9

Hosted by Keshet Zion
Held at Reform Congregation Oheb Shalom

6:00pm Service
7:00pm Dinner

Jewish families with young children, please come join us!

Torah Tots

For ages 2, 3, and 4 year olds
Sundays, 9:30 – 10:30 am
Session 2: Feb. 11, March 11,
April 15
Fee: \$36



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 hours. 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.

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

Lakin Dance Party

Wednesday, March 14
5:30 - 7:30pm at the RCOS Social Hall

\$5 per child -- Children under age 2 are FREE -- \$10 per adult with pizza (optional)
Advance registration is required ; Speak with Judy or your child's teacher to register

Parents and children (newborn to 12 years) are invited to join in the celebration at 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 and interactive games (prizes, too!)

Pizza, beverages and desserts are included in price.
We request that parents please stay with their children.

PJ Library celebrates Tu B'Shevat at the Nature Place

Sunday, February 4
10 am

575 St. Bernadine St., Reading 19607

Join us at Berks Nature's The Nature Place to learn about trees. We'll be planting our own plants too! FREE and open to all kids through age 8.



92Y

DVD Program
Monday, February 19, 2pm
at the Highlands

ABC News' Dan Harris with CNN's Anderson Cooper: Meditation for Fidgety Skeptics



ABC News anchor Dan Harris used to think that meditation was for people who drank kombucha, listened to Enya and used the word "Namaste" without irony.

Then he had a full-blown panic attack on live television and, on his way to sanity, discovered meditation for himself. In Meditation for Fidgety Skeptics, Harris (10% Happier) uses his signature mix of humor, candor and practical advice to debunk all the misconceptions and self-deceptions that keep you from meditating. Hear from him and enjoy the chance to become 10% happier, for real.

Thursday, February 22 at 2:00 pm "Maggie Sings! Cabaret of Favorites"

Peggy Gerner and Tom Montgomery combine singing, guitar, ukulele and percussion to provide an entertaining and original performance experience. Program sponsored by the Jacob Krumholz Fund.

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 February Programs

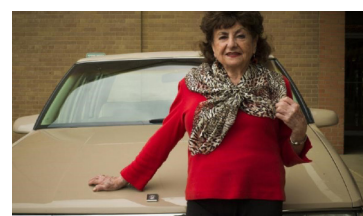
- Feb. 1 – Celebrate Tu B'Shevat, the New Year of the Trees, with a Tu B'Shevat seder.
- Feb. 8 – "Be Winter Wise" with Kathy Roberts, Health and Wellness Educator for Berks Encore.
- Feb. 15 – President's Day program with Dr. Michelle Mart
- Feb. 22 – Join Peggy Gerner and Tom Montgomery for a musical program "Maggie Sings!"

"Woodrow Wilson: Architect of the United States as a World Power"



Presented by Dr. Michelle Mart, Associate Professor of History at Penn State Berks.
Thursday, February 15 at 2:00pm

Miller Center for the Arts at RACC presents: "Big Sonia" a documentary about Holocaust survivor and Overland Park tailor Sonia Warshawski.



Thursday, March 22nd, 6:30pm
With Q&A to follow
Tickets \$5 General Admission
Miller Center Box Office
4 N 2nd St., Reading
610-607-6270; millercenter.racc.edu



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