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Jewish Community Calendar – May 2025

Upcoming events offered by the Jewish Federation of Reading (listed as JCC, JFS, JFR), Keshar Zion Synagogue (KZ), Reform Congregation Oheb Sholom (RCOS), and Chabad-Lubavitch of Berks (Chabad). To learn more about any event below, read articles throughout the Shalom or see our online calendar at readingjewishcommunity.org/calendar.
Questions? Contact Amanda at 610-921-0624 or info@jfreading.org.

Yom Ha'Atzmaut Celebration

Thursday, May 1, 4:30pm – 6pm

Celebrate **Yom Ha Atz'maut, Israeli Independence Day!** Meet our honored guests, sample Israeli food, dance to Israeli music, play Israeli games, and more! KZ/JFR sponsored. RSVP required.
Location: Keshar Zion Social Hall

JFR Teens' Discussion and Pizza

Thursday, May 1, 7pm – 8:30pm

Youth in our community in **grades 8 – 12** are invited to **meet our guests and learn about October 7 and life in Israel** over pizza. RSVP required.
Location: JCC

Chabad Taco 'Bout Shabbat

Friday, May 2, 6:30pm – 9pm

Join Chabad for an **evening shabbat** featuring delicious Mexican cuisine. No charge kindly sponsored by Dr. Jerry Marcus. RSVP required.
Location: Chabad

KZ Book of Psalms Class

Monday, May 5, 2pm – 3pm

Join Cantor Prosnitz for his new class **How Many Ways Can You Read The Book of Psalms** at Wyomissing Public Library. Mondays at 2pm. Last session May 12.
Location: Wyomissing Public Library

JCC ROMEO Club

Tuesday, May 6, 12pm – 2pm

Retired Old Men Eating Out will meet for conversation and camaraderie. New members always welcome; meets the first Tuesday of each month.
Location: Paolo's (2480 Lancaster Pike, Reading)

JCC Noontime Knowledge

Wednesday, May 7, 12pm – 1pm

Come to hear **Amy Zitelman, CEO and co-founder of Soom Foods**, share her entrepreneurial experiences building Soom Foods and a demonstration (and tasting) of simple tahini recipes.
Location: JCC

JCC Cooking and Conversation

Wednesday, May 7, 5pm – 8pm

Join Amy Zitelman from Soom for an **intimate evening of cooking and conversation over dinner** in a private Wyomissing home. Space is limited and cost is \$36.
Location: shared after registration.

JFS Friendship Circle

Thursday, May 8, 1pm – 3pm

Linda Donofrio from Griswold Home Care will lead a **lively session of Armchair Zumba**. Optional lunch is \$7 at 1pm, free program at 2pm.
Location: JCC



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Chabad Challah Bake

Sunday, May 11, 5pm – 7pm

Unite, socialize and be inspired at Chabad’s **Recovery Challah Bake** featuring a delicious selection of refreshments.
Location: Chabad

JCC Arts, Culture, Ideas

Monday, May 12, 1:30pm – 3pm

Take control of your health and well-being in the second half of life, featuring **Dr. Rosanne Leipzig**. A prerecorded program. A monthly series hosted by the JCC.
Location: The Highlands in Wyomissing

Chabad Lag B’Omer BBQ

Thursday, May 15, 5:30 pm – 7pm

Join Chabad for a fun Jewish family **Lag B’Omer festival**. Free and open to the community.
Location: Chabad

Chabad Colorful Profiles Course

Sunday, May 18, 10am – 11am

Join Chabad for this four-week journey starting May 18 to encounter the incredible lives of **Jewish history’s most fascinating men and women**. \$60 per person. Register online at chabadofberks.org.

JCC Movie Monday

Monday, May 19, 1pm – 3pm

Watch “**Bad Shabbos**”: An engaged interfaith couple are about to have their parents meet for the first time over a Shabbat dinner when an accidental death gets in the way.
Location: JCC

JCC Noontime Knowledge

Tuesday, May 20, 12pm – 1pm

Enjoy a mid-day concert by the **FYVE Woodwind Quintet**, comprised of five classically trained professional musicians. They play a varied repertoire from classical to contemporary.
Location: JCC

JFS Friendship Circle

Thursday, May 24, 1pm – 3pm

Come to Friendship Circle and schmooze with **Rabbi Brian Michelson from RCOS**. It’s an opportunity to have your questions about Judaism answered! Optional lunch is \$7 at 1pm, free program at 2pm.
Location: JCC

Chabad Pre-Shavuot Event

Tuesday, May 27, 7pm – 8:30pm

Come discover the **secrets of Shavuot** while baking delicious cheesecake at Chabad’s Pre-Shavuot celebration.
Location: Chabad



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