

# April 2020

## The Centerpiece

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PJ Library  
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Leo Camp Lecture

| Sun            | Mon            | Tue            | Wed                          | Thu                          | Fri                          | Sat            |
|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|
|                |                |                | 1                            | 2                            | 3                            | 4              |
| 5              | 6              | 7              | 8<br>Erev Passover           | 9<br>Passover<br>JCC Closed  | 10<br>Passover<br>JCC Closed | 11<br>Passover |
| 12<br>Passover | 13<br>Passover | 14<br>Passover | 15<br>Passover<br>JCC Closed | 16<br>Passover<br>JCC Closed | 17                           | 18             |
| 19             | 20             | 21             | 22                           | 23                           | 24                           | 25             |
| 26             | 27             | 29             | 29                           | 30                           |                              |                |

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## Programming during a pandemic

### By Amanda J. Hornberger

As I write this from my dining room table, my 4-year-old is coloring cards to send to home-bound seniors while my 2-year-old dances to rock music. It is not my typical workday. However, due to coronavirus it will be my new reality (and probably yours) for the next few weeks. Since in-person gatherings of more than 10 individuals are not recommended (per President Trump on March 16) JCC programming is finding new ways to gather in community without in-person gatherings.

What does this mean? Events for April have been cancelled through April 16 (perhaps longer). Instead we are trying to move programming online, if possible.

PJ Library story time and kids' activities will be available via Facebook Live on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 11

a.m. Friday's video will include Shabbat songs and activities that many children will find familiar from Lakin Preschool. I will also be posting links to other virtual story times offered by our partner organizations Exeter Community Library, Sinking Spring Public Library and PJ Library.

We are looking into ways to do Facebook Live or Zoom calls to discuss our Literatour Berks books that were postponed. On Thursday, March 26, we'll discuss "The Unwanted" by Michael Dobbs and on Monday, April 20, we'll discuss "Witness: Lessons from Elie Wiesel's Classroom" by Ariel Burger.

In addition, we will be posting links to Jewish films that are available for streaming online.

Our community Shlichah, Adi, will continue her Israeli programming, but remotely. Adi plans to continue the

following programs online:

- Hebrew high
- Israeli cooking
- Hebrew class
- Israeli movies
- Online & Interactive games
- Zoom lectures

In "A Rabbi's Cure for Coronavirus Anxiety," Rabbi Emily Cohen lists gathering virtually as vitally important during this time. Rabbi Cohen states: "We need group connection. For communities only meeting virtually right now, you'll be an important part of the gathering, not an afterthought..." We truly value you and our connection as a community and welcome our interaction in this new virtual setting.

Please contact me if you have suggestions for other programs we can put together — amandah@jfreeding.org  
Thank you.

## JFS Movie Monday

April 27 – "Tel Aviv on Fire"

Don't be fooled by the title. This 2019 comedy highlights the absurdity of war and proves it's possible to find humor amid cultural conflict.

May 11 – "The People Vs. Fritz Bauer"

In this 2015 German film. Attorney General Fritz Bauer in 1957 Germany receives crucial evidence on the whereabouts of Adolf Eichmann. Not trusting the German justice system, Bauer contacts the Israeli Mossad and by doing so, commits treason.

*Schedules subject to change based on public health recommendations.  
Please contact the Federation office to make sure movies are still on.*



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## Summer Fun!!!

Inviting children who are 2, 3 and Prospective Little Stars  
 The Lakin Preschool will be holding our annual Summer Fun program on June 30, July 1,2,7, 8, 9,10,14,15,16,17,21,22,23,24,28, 29,30,31, August 4,5, 6 and 7. We will be conducting the program in Rooms 8/9. Daily Schedule:

- 9 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 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 30: Let's Go Camping
  - July 7: Happy Birthday America
  - July 14: Ocean Life
  - July 21: Incredible Insects
  - July 23: Down on the Farm
  - August 4: Luau

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

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

| Name       | Email   | Phone   |
|------------|---------|---------|
| June 30    | July 7  | July 14 |
| July 1     | July 8  | July 15 |
| July 2     | July 9  | July 16 |
| July 3 OFF | July 10 | July 17 |
|            | July 21 | July 22 |
|            | July 23 | July 24 |
|            | July 28 | July 29 |
|            | July 30 | July 31 |
|            | Aug. 4  | Aug. 5  |
|            | Aug. 6  | Aug. 7  |

Total Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ 10% discount for 12 or more days paid in advance

## Kaleidoscope Summer Fun 2020!!!

Inviting children who are 4, 5 and 6 years old. Kaleidoscope Summer fun will offer children the opportunity to investigate and learn about a wide variety of topics through investigative learning, art, drama, music and song. Each topic will be explored for the entire week.

The Lakin Preschool will be holding our Kaleidoscope Summer Fun program on The Lakin Preschool will be holding our annual Summer Fun program on June 30, July 1,2,7, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15, 16, 17, 21, 22, 23, 24, 28, 29, 30 and 31, and Aug, 4,5, 6 and 7. Miss Jess and Miss Sylvia will be the teachers.

- 9 am:** Summer fun topics will be introduced. Art, stories, games, songs, gross and fine motor activities will be incorporated to reinforce these topics.
- 10:15 am:** Wash hands and snack.
- 10:30 am:** Outside or Social Hall play time.
- 11:15 am:** Change clothes, Story time and wash hands for lunch
- 11:30 am:** Lunch time: Please pack a kosher-style lunch and beverage for your child. Remember—we are a peanut free facility.
- 12:00 pm:** Inside playtime in Room 9, the mat room or the Social Hall.
- 12:30 pm:** Dismissal

- Topics Week of:
- June 30: Summer Camping: The Great Outdoors!!
  - July 7: Happy Birthday America
  - July 14: Ocean Life
  - July 21: Incredible Insects
  - July 23: Down on the Farm
  - August 4: Hawaiian Luau

Water play will be offered everyday. Please dress you children in their bathing suits if the weather is appropriate for water play. Please send in a packed lunch and a change of clothing everyday. Snacks will be provided daily.

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### Friendship Circle

Thursdays – Optional luncheon at 1 p.m.: \$7 catered by Boscov's Ala Carte. RSVP to Carole at the JCC by Monday. Programs at 1:45 unless otherwise noted. Varied programs are informative, educational and fun

## APRIL FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE PROGRAMS

- April 2** – No Friendship Circle
- April 9** – No Friendship Circle (Passover)
- April 16** – No Friendship Circle (Passover)
- April 23** – Get moving with Christine Loos and BE2U Exercise program.
- April 30** – “I have a hearing loss. Now what?” Annette Peppard will discuss signs of hearing loss and communication disorders and consequences of not treating this common medical condition. Learn about new over-the-counter hearing aids and some new products available through audiologists.

**Schedules subject to change. Please contact Federation office as events approach.**