



# THE CENTERPIECE

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For Programming of the Jewish Cultural Center & Lakin Preschool news  
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**MAY 2015**



All showings at 7:00 pm

Fox East Theatre

(next to Boscov's East)

The Series is co-sponsored by the Rubin Educational Fund of the Jewish Federation of Reading & Fox Theatres.  
\$5 admission per film.

## LITTLE WHITE LIE

Monday, May 4

Since childhood, Lacey Schwartz knew she was different: her dark complexion set her apart from the rest of her family, as did her boisterous, black curls. But it wasn't until her freshman year at Georgetown University that she began to understand why. Growing up, her parents never spoke about her origins, and Schwartz had no reason to think of herself as anything but white. In *Little White Lie*, the filmmaker bravely pulls back the curtain on her family secrets, raising larger questions through the frank and sometimes raw conversations with family and friends. In this deeply personal and riveting exploration of bi-racial identity, Schwartz asks: *What makes us who we are? And how do we rebuild our identities after learning that the assumptions underlying them are false?*

Filmmaker and star of *Little White Lie*, Lacey Schwartz, will be joining us after the film for a discussion and Q&A. Pastries from Sweet Street Desserts will be available for purchase after the film and all proceeds will be donated to the Central Pennsylvania African American Museum here in Reading. Join us for this great evening and fundraiser with CPAAM!



## HUNTING ELEPHANTS

Monday, June 1

A huge box-office smash in Israel, Reshef Levi's *Hunting Elephants* unites some of Israel's most treasured stars of the stage and screen along-

side Sir Patrick Stewart (*Star Trek*, *X-Men*) in this modern-day heist film. Jonathan is a bright 12-year-old—perhaps too bright, since everyone picks on him at school, including his teachers. His closest friend in the world is his father, Daniel. The two of them meet up every day after school when Jonathan visits Daniel at his job at the bank. One day, Daniel is involved in an accident at work and the bank refuses to take responsibility for it. With the help of his cranky grandfather Eliyahu, Eliyahu's wily friend Nick, and a disgraced, eccentric British Lord (Sir Patrick Stewart), Jonathan comes up with a crazy plan that will help save his family, while getting even with his father's sleazy former boss: the four of them are going to rob the bank!

## Special Screening



**BENEATH THE HELMET**  
From High School to the Home Front

An inspiring coming-of-age story  
about five Israeli soldiers

**7 PM, THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2015**

Fox Berkshire Theatre  
800 Berkshire Boulevard  
Wyomissing PA 19610

Remarks following the film by  
**Mika Fox**,  
former resident of Reading,  
who served in the  
Israel Defense Forces  
from 2012 to 2014

Advance reservations required: 610-921-0624

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## DINNER AND A PROGRAM

### Just Kids From the Bronx

Arlene Alda in Conversation with Regis Philbin and Alan Alda

**92Y**  
DVD presentation of an earlier  
live satellite broadcast



**SATURDAY, MAY 16**

**7:00 pm at Chef Alan's American Bistro,**  
525 Penn Avenue, West Reading  
**Buffet dinner \$15 per person**

Join your friends for drinks, dinner and conversation at Chef Alan's for this special presentation of the 92nd Street Y. After socializing and dinner watch *Just Kids from the Bronx* before finishing up with dessert!

What was it like to grow up in the place that has bred influencers in just about every field of endeavor today? The Bronx is where Al Pacino, Carl Reiner, General Colin Powell and so many other leading artists, athletes, scientists and entrepreneurs spent their formative years. Three of Bronx's favorite sons and daughters get together to reflect on stories from Arlene Alda's new book, *Just Kids from the Bronx*, and to share memories of where it all began. Join them for an indelible portrait of the Bronx—and of America—from back in the day to modern times.



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**Tuesday, May 12**  
**At the Preschool**  
**9:00am - 12:30pm**

Dates to Remember

Tuesday, May 12 ..... Open House  
Monday, May 25.....NO School, Memorial Day  
Wednesday, May 27.....Bike Town  
Friday, May 29 ..... Last Day of school  
Monday, June 1 ..... Make up for Monday students

**2015 to 2016 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.



**Getting Ready to Read**

Wednesdays, 12:30 to 1:30pm  
April 15, 22, 29, May 6, 13, 20  
Instructor: Alicia LaGrassa  
Fee: \$50

Getting Ready to Read uses the whole language method to encourage pre-reading skills. Enrollment is limited to children who have indicated an interest in reading and writing, and already recognize most letters of the alphabet.

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Lakin Preschool will be offering SUMMER FUN!  
18 sessions for 2 - 5 years old and Prospective Little Stars

Summer Fun will be an outdoors and indoors structured play, crafts, music, story & socialization time for your child. Outdoor time will also incorporate water play, sand play and bubble time on a frequent basis. Please pack a dairy lunch and we will provide a snack.

In the preschool wing 9:00 am to 12:30 pm  
Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays  
\$35 / daily session with advance registration & payment  
\$40 / daily session without advance registration and payment  
Minimum enrollment of 5 children to run program



Any questions please feel free to call Judy Synnamon at 484.332.5981 or email her at [judy@lakinpreschool.com](mailto:judy@lakinpreschool.com)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ will be attending Summer Fun.  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Select any [ or all ] of the daily sessions your child will be attending

June 23	July 02	July 15	July 28
June 24	July 07	July 16	July 29
June 25	July 08	July 21	July 30
June 30	July 09	July 22	
July 01	July 14	July 23	

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed \$35 per session in advance (\$40 at the door)  
Please make checks payable to Lakin Preschool/RCOS.

**BIKE TOWN IS COMING!!**  
Always one of our most popular events!



Bring your bikes & scooters to ride at BikeTown!

**Wednesday, May 27**  
**9:30 am - 12:30 pm**

Bike Town booths include:

Beauty Salon	Bakery	Post Office
Bike Wash	Book Store	Craft Shop
Grocery Store		


Volunteers are needed to help run the booths.  
Contact Judy (484) 332-5981

Save the Date  
Sunday, June 14

**Annual Meeting**  
**Family Fun Day**


12-5 pm  
Wyomissing Hills Playground  
FREE swimming at Wyomissing Hills Pool

Food, fun, games and activities for the whole family!  
Please join us for this fun family day!



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](mailto:AmandaH@JFReading.org)

**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 MAY PROGRAMS**

7: Welcome baseball season with Thursday Film Festival "The Natural"  
Have your taxi pick you up at 4:15. Lunch sponsored by The Manor at Market Square

14: Meet the artist, Amy Schade, and come "Under The Influence" of her Abstract Works

21: "Understanding Cholesterol Numbers," presented by Charon Snyder, former Director of Nursing at Berks Heim.

28: Barb Dietrich from Berks County Seeing Eye Puppy Trainers will present "Meet a future Guide Dog." She will explain how a puppy is trained and then placed with a blind person. She will be joined by Gilda, a guide-dog-in-training.



**Thursday Film Festival**  
**May 7, 1:45pm**  
**"The Natural"**

This sports drama is a film adaptation of Bernard Malamud's baseball novel. Roy Hobbs, a middle-aged batter with a mysterious past, becomes a rookie sensation who helps a losing team get back in the game. Starring Robert Redford, Robert Duvall and Glenn Close. 138 min.

Saturday, May 16 -- 10am  
At Reform Congregation Oheb Sholom



SAVE THE DATE for this upcoming PJ Library Event:  
Sunday, June 28 from 2:00 – 3:30 pm  
The Highlands, Berkshire Room. Reading fun with our seniors!