



THE CENTERPIECE

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For Programming of the Jewish Cultural Center & Lakin Preschool news
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Thursday, October 8 at 6 pm at Klein Lecture Hall at Albright College
Screening of "Nicky's Family"

Learn about Sir Nicholas Winton, a Gentile rescuer of Jewish children prior to WWII in Czechoslovakia. Winton's actions saved hundreds of lives and led to many new interfaith projects. After the screening we will be discussing Winton and the tie-in to our Interfaith Mitzvah Day on October 25. FREE and open to the public but seating is limited.

Interfaith Mitzvah Day Alvernia University Sunday, October 25 1:00 to 4:00pm

The Reading area Jewish, Christian and Muslim communities will be joining together for an interfaith day of service. Hosted at Alvernia University we will be working together to support the Berks Coalition to End Homelessness (BCEH). We will be wrapping donated items in preparation for the People First event being held at Queen City Diner on November 10. The People First event invites the homeless to QCD for a free meal and they also receive donated items. BCEH will also be on hand during our interfaith mitzvah day to share stories with the group. We will have music, snacks and a discussion on the act of a "mitzvah" and its importance to all religious groups. All high school age students and adults are welcome to join us.

RSVP to AmandaH@JFReading.org



The 2016 Reading Jewish Film Series is co-sponsored by the Rubin Educational Fund of the Jewish Federation of Reading and Fox Theatres. Admission is \$5 per film or \$20 for the series of five films. All films will be shown on Wednesday evenings at 7 pm at Fox Berkshire. Tickets can be purchased at the theater beginning at 6:30 pm the day of the screening or series tickets can be bought at the JCC. Cash and checks are accepted.

The first film of the **2016 Reading Jewish Film Series** will be
November 4, 2015 at 7pm at Fox Berkshire Theatre



Dough

In this British comedy, curmudgeonly widow Nat Dayan obstinately clings to his way of life and his livelihood as a Kosher bakery shop owner in London's East End. With a dwindling clientele and the pressures of encroaching big box stores, Nat reluctantly enlists the help of teenager Ayyash who has a secret side gig selling marijuana to help his struggling immigrant mother make ends meet. When Ayyash accidentally drops his stash into the mixing dough, the challah starts flying off the shelves and an unlikely friendship forms between the old Jewish baker and his young Muslim apprentice.

SAVE the DATES

- Monday, November 9** at Christ Episcopal Church (5th & Court Streets Reading, PA) **Annual Community Kristallnacht** commemoration events. Circle of light at 6:30 pm. Interfaith service at 7 pm.
- Tuesday, November 10** at 7:30 pm in the Campus Center South Lounge at Albright College. **36th Annual Leo Camp Memorial Lecture.** Dr. Adam Garfinkle, of The American Interest presents "Israel and a Destabilized Middle East: What's the connection?"
- Saturday, November 14** at 6 pm at JCC **Music Trivia** \$10
- Tuesday, November 17** at 7 pm in the McGlinn Conference Center at Alvernia University. **Holocaust survivor Esther Bauer** tells her remarkable story of survival at this Federation co-sponsored event.
- Saturday, November 21** at 10 am, PJ Library Tot Shabbat at RCOS

Saturday, October 17 at 7 pm
Sunday, October 18 at 1 pm
At the JCC

Genesius No Thrills Theatre presents a dramatic reading of *The Diary of Anne Frank*. Did you know that *The Diary of Anne Frank* is one of the most banned books in the United States? Come out for this unique event and see *The Diary of Anne Frank* as you never have before!



Wednesday, October 14 at 7 pm at JCC

Harold Kushner, the author of *When Bad Things Happen to Good People* and his new book *Nine Essential Things I've Learned About Life* is joined by Rachel Cowan, author of *Wise Aging*, for what is sure to be an inspiring and uplifting discussion about what it means to live a good life. Join these great thinkers as they discuss faith, life lessons, wise aging and other significant issues we should all be thinking about. Drinks and light snacks will be provided.

JCC Book Club

Wednesday, October 21 at 7pm at JCC

The newly formed JCC Book Club will be meeting to discuss
Ally: My Journey Across the American-Israeli Divide



by Dr. Michael Oren.

Please RSVP to Brenda at brendas@jfreading.org
or 610-921-0624 by October 19.

"Constructed Identities"



Cathy Jones and Erica Kabbeko
Joint Art Show

August 24 through October 30
Opening Reception at the JCC Thursday, August 27
5:00 to 7:00 PM

LAKIN PRESCHOOL

These Lakin Preschool programs are targeted specifically to babies and children under 2 years old. These classes are designed to stimulate young children while bonding with parents or caregivers. We are currently accepting enrollment.

Kindermusik Village: 0-18 months

Kindermusik Our Time: 18 months- 3 y
While bonding with your baby in the Village class, enjoy multi-level activities including creative movement, object and instrument exploration, and vocal play. Your baby's growth and development are stimulated and all of his senses engaged! Parents and caregivers participate with their children.

For the toddler, every day brings new discoveries and opportunities to explore the world. Kindermusik Our Time encourages children to be creative, to initiate their own ideas and to respond in their own ways, while the parents' active participation gives the toddlers the security they need. Playing instruments, singing, moving, and exploring uncover an engaging musical world while building the toddlers' confidence, self-control, and communications skills.

Sprouts: 9 months – 24 months

Toddlers are great companions! Join Sprouts and discover lots of activities to help you teach and stimulate your child while enhancing the parent-child bond. This class will be your child's earliest experience of Preschool.

Structured for the needs and abilities of 9 - 24 month old toddlers, these classes provide both creative playtime as well as small and large muscle activity. Yoga poses will also be incorporated. Parents or caregivers participate with their children.

Visit the Toy Library! Mondays 9-11 AM

Come to Room 8 and have some coffee while you watch your child play with some toys. Structured and non-structured activities will be presented, and you may even borrow a toy to take home!

ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS 2015 to 2016

MONDAYS		
ABC Music & Me	1:00-1:30pm	All ages
Torah Tots	1:00-1:30pm	All ages
TUESDAYS		
Soccer Shots	12:30-1:00pm	All ages
Torah Tots	1:00-1:45pm	
WEDNESDAYS		
I Love Stories	12:30-1:30pm	All ages
THURSDAYS		
Kaleidoscope	12:30-3:00pm	4 years
FRIDAYS		
Fun & Games	12:30-1:30pm	All ages
ALL SCHOOL DAYS		
Lunch Hour	11:30-12:30pm	All ages
Stay and Play	12:30-3:00pm	All ages

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION EASY AS 1 * 2 * 3 !!



- 1 All families are encouraged to collect Box Tops for Education logos from qualifying products. For a complete list of products log on to boxtops4education.com
- 2 Bring your 'box tops' to the Lakin Preschool & place them in the yellow & red mini trash can in the lobby.
- 3 We receive a check to benefit our Early Education programs.

Earn cash for our school every time you shop. Clip Box Tops from hundreds of products you already buy. Each Box Tops logo is worth 10¢ to our school--and that adds up fast!



The Lakin Preschool is participating in the Giant A+ School Rewards, a great fundraising program that runs through March 2016. LAKIN Preschool # 25824 can earn CASH through this exciting program. If you registered last year you do not need to re-register.

You can help. Log on to www.giantfoodstores.com/aplus and choose "Designate Your School" from the Customer Zone to register your card online. Then, each time you shop at Giant using your BONUSCARD, you will earn CASH for our school. You can track the amount of points you earn for our school by checking your grocery receipt. Each month, the amount of CASH awarded will be updated on the Giant website. Our school will receive a check at the end of the program. The money can be used for any of our school's educational needs.

Taking just a minute of your time to register your Card can make a huge difference to our school. We need your support. Please be sure to register Lakin Preschool using ID #05824 at www.giantfoodstores.com/aplus. Also, don't forget to encourage your friends and neighbors to do the same. It could mean the world to our children. Thank You!!



Sunday, October 18 at 9:30 am at JCC

Join us for a belated Sukkot celebration with PJ Library! We'll be reading books about Sukkot, making fall crafts and edible treats.

RSVP to Amanda by October 16 (amandah@jfreeding.org or 610-921-0624).

Prevention Resources and Education for Parents by Caron



**Sunday, October 11
9:15 to 11:15am at the JCC
Bagels & Coffee will be served**

Terrie Taylor, Student Assistance Program Specialist from Caron Treatment Centers will be here to discuss drug and alcohol addiction among youth and teens. Social media issues and keeping kids safe online will also be discussed. Come to the JCC for this 90 minute presentation followed by Q&A. Bagels and coffee will be served.

Program is free, please register with Amanda Hornberger, amandah@jfreeding.org or 610-921-0624.

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 OCTOBER PROGRAMS

- 1 – Learn about the art of Henri Matisse with slide show, designed and hosted by Beth Krumholz.
- 8 – Thursday Film Festival: "Moonstruck." Have your taxi pick you up at 3:45.
- 15 – Join Rabbi Lipsker for "Being Happy Despite All Odds."
- 22 – Candy making presentation by Maria Harvey
- 29 – Enjoy "Old Time Stories and Songs with String Instruments" with Keith Brintzenhoff of Toad Creek Music.



Thursday Film Festival October 8, 1:45 pm "Moonstruck"

In this slice-of-life comedy about the Italian American residents of a Brooklyn neighborhood, an independent-minded widow falls in love with a one-handed misfit baker, the brother of the man she agreed to marry. Starring Cher and Nicolas Cage. (102 minutes)



October 22 at 1:45 pm Candy Making Demonstration Maria Harvey of Lorah's Homemade Chocolates

will demonstrate part of the process of making her handmade chocolate candy, the recipes for which have been passed down through her family for three generations. There will be samples for tasting and chocolates available for purchase, ranging in price from \$5 to \$17.



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@JFreeding.org