

January 2026

Tevet 5786 to Shevat 5786

Upcoming events offered by Jewish Federation of Reading/Berks (listed as JCC, JFS, JFR), Kesher Zion Synagogue (KZ), Reform Congregation Oheb Shalom (RCOS), and Chabad-Lubavitch of Berks (Chabad). To learn more about any event listed here, read articles throughout the Shalom or see our online calendar at readingjewishcommunity.org/calendar. Contact 610.921.0624 or info@jfreing.org with questions.

<p>01.01 7:00 pm</p> <p>KZ Community Minyan <i>Thursday, January 1, 7:00 pm</i> Start the new year with the Jewish community minyan. KZ hosts two weeknight minyans each month. The second is on January 15, 7pm.</p> <p>Location: KZ, 555 Warwick Dr., Wyomissing</p>	<p>01.06 12:00 pm</p> <p>JCC ROMEO <i>Tuesday, January 6, 12:00 pm</i> "Retired old men eating out" meets monthly. Join in for camaraderie and conversation. Newcomers are welcome to attend.</p> <p>Location: Paolo's, 2480 Lancaster Pike, Reading</p>	<p>01.08 1:00 pm</p> <p>JFS Friendship Circle <i>Thursday, January 8, 1:00 pm</i> Fact or Crap - join Friendship Circle for a fun trivia game where participants decide whether a statement is a fact or "crap." Lunch is \$7 at 1pm, free program at 2pm.</p> <p>Location: JCC, 1100 Berkshire Blvd., Wyomissing</p>	<p>01.10 10:00 am</p> <p>RCOS Tot Shabbat <i>Saturday, January 10, 10:00 am</i> Rabbi Michelson leads a musical shabbat for children ages 0-7 and their caregivers. Open to all families. Stay after for the tasty oneg!</p> <p>Location: RCOS, 555 Warwick Drive, Wyo.</p>
<p>01.12 1:30 pm</p> <p>JCC Arts, Culture, and Ideas <i>Monday, January 12, 1:30 pm</i> Pre-recorded video program: Noam Weissman with Dan Senor: Unpacking Israeli History podcast that's redefining how people engage with Israel's story, past and present.</p> <p>Location: The Highlands, 2000 Cambridge Ave., Wyo</p>	<p>01.13 7:00 pm</p> <p>Reading Jewish Film Series: Among Neighbors <i>Tuesday, January 13, 7:00 pm</i> Next up in the Reading Jewish Film Series: Among Neighbors, a documentary, follows the only living survivor from a Polish town where all of the Jews were murdered... after the Nazi defeat.</p> <p>Location: GoggleWorks, 201 Washington St., Rdg.</p>	<p>01.14 12:00 pm</p> <p>JCC Noontime Knowledge <i>Wednesday, January 14, 12:00 pm</i> Presentation by Michael Stanislaw, local author of The Unseen Illness. He will share his health journey and offer insights on how to navigate our complicated health care system.</p> <p>Location: JCC, 1100 Berkshire Blvd., Wyomissing</p>	<p>01.14 7:00 pm</p> <p>Chabad Tu B'Shevat Social <i>Wednesday, January 14, 7:00pm</i> Enjoy wine and cheese with friends to celebrate the birthday of the trees. RSVP requested.</p> <p>Location: Chabad, 2320 Hampden Blvd., Rdg.</p>
<p>01.15 2:30 pm</p> <p>JCC Tech Thursday Workshop <i>Thursday, January 15, 2:30pm</i> Mike Farrara, former tech ed teacher and Apple employee, shares tips and tricks for iPhone users!</p> <p>Location: JCC, 1100 Berkshire Blvd., Wyomissing</p>	<p>01.19 10:00 am</p> <p>JFR MLK Day of Service <i>Monday, January 19, 10:00 am</i> Practice Tikkun Olam with volunteers of all ages and our interfaith partners to remember the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.</p> <p>Location: Immanuel UCC, 99 S. Waverty St., Shillington</p>	<p>01.21 6:00 pm</p> <p>RCOS Happy Hour <i>Wednesday, January 21, 6:00 pm</i> Come relax, mingle, and toast to another wonderful year with RCOS! Cash bar and appetizers provided.</p> <p>Location: Mimmo's 290 Morgantown Rd., Reading</p>	<p>01.22 1:00 pm</p> <p>JFS Friendship Circle <i>Thursday, January 22, 1:00 pm</i> Musician Vince Rollins will have you singing along while he entertains with a classic and modern rock songs. Sponsored by the Jacob Krumholz fund. Lunch is \$7 at 1pm, free program at 2pm.</p> <p>Location: JCC, 1100 Berkshire Blvd., Reading</p>
<p>01.23 4:45 pm</p> <p>Chabad Tu B'Shevat Shabbat <i>Friday, January 23, 4:45pm</i> Come celebrate the new year for trees and Israel's seven species with a special Shabbat program for families.</p> <p>Location: Chabad, 2320 Hampden Blvd., Reading</p>	<p>01.26 1:00 pm</p> <p>JCC Movie Monday <i>Monday, January 26, 1:00 pm</i> Documentary "The Last Days" focuses on the plight of five Hungarian Jews who survived Auschwitz. Their individual triumphs are a testament to hope and humanity.</p> <p>Location: JCC, 1100 Berkshire Blvd., Wyomissing</p>	<p>01.27 12:00 pm</p> <p>JCC Noontime Knowledge and Literatour Berks <i>Tuesday, January 27, 12:00 pm</i> Literatour Berks author Rabbi Nina Beth Cardin, presents her book, To Forever Inhabit this Earth, and makes the case that environmental sustainability is a Jewish value.</p> <p>Location: JCC, 1100 Berkshire Blvd., Wyomissing</p>	<p>01.29 7:00 pm</p> <p>JCC Lecture: Auschwitz Immersion <i>Thursday, January 29, 7:00 pm</i> Dr. Charles Barbera, President and CEO of Tower Health, will talk about his recent visit to Auschwitz, the notorious concentration camp in Poland.</p> <p>Location: JCC, 1100 Berkshire Blvd., Wyomissing</p>