

# CENTERPIECE

## Jewish Community Calendar – February 2025

Upcoming events at the JCC (Jewish Cultural Center), JFS (Jewish Family Serice), and JFR (Jewish Federation of Reading). To learn more about any event below, read articles throughout the Shalom or see our online calendar at [readingjewishcommunity.org/calendar](http://readingjewishcommunity.org/calendar) for details, RSVPs, and events from the whole Jewish community.

Questions? Contact Amanda at 610-921-0624 or [info@jfreading.org](mailto:info@jfreading.org).

### JCC Anne Frank Bus Trip

*Monday, Feb. 3, 7:15am–5pm*

**Anne Frank House** presents a pioneering experience outside of Amsterdam to immerse visitors in a full-scale recreation of the rooms where Anne Frank and her family spent two years hiding to evade Nazi capture. Bus trip includes tickets to the exhibit and time in NYC.

### JCC Romeo Club

*Tuesday, Feb. 4, 12pm–2pm*

**Retired Old Men Eating Out** will meet at **Paolo's** (2480 Lancaster Pike, Reading) for conversation and camaraderie. New members always welcome. Meets the first Tuesday of every month.

### JFS Friendship Circle

*Thursday, Feb. 6, 1pm–3pm*

Celebrate the birthday of the trees with a **Tu B'Shevat Seder** together with friends. Friendship Circle is held twice a month on Thursday afternoons at the JCC. Optional lunch is \$7 at 1pm, free program at 2pm.

### JCC Arts, Culture, Ideas

*Monday, Feb. 10, 1:30pm–3pm*

*Cultural Center at The Highlands*  
Watch **Dr. Clarence B. Jones and Robert Kraft in conversation with Gayle King** on the bonds between Black and Jewish communities. A monthly series hosted by the JCC at The Highlands in Wyomissing.

### JCC Noontime Knowledge

*Wednesday, Feb. 12, 12pm–1pm*

Literatour Berks author talk with **Steven Ujifusa**, who will discuss his book, **The Last Ships From Hamburg**. Book sale and signing will follow. Literatour Berks is a program of this Jewish Federation, Exeter Community Library, and the Jewish Book Council.

### JCC Great Decisions

*Monday, Feb. 17, 10:30am–12pm*

Kick off date for **Great Decisions**, a national, grassroots foreign policy discussion program. Meets Monday mornings from February 17 to April 7 at the JCC. Different facilitators each week.

### JFS Friendship Circle

*Thursday, Feb. 20, 1 pm–3pm*

Oy vey! Play **Yiddish Lotto** and enjoy a bissel of Yiddishekeit with friends. Friendship Circle is held twice a month on Thursday afternoons at the JCC. Optional lunch is \$7 at 1pm, free program at 2pm.

### JCC Movie Monday

*Monday, Feb. 24, 1pm – 3pm*

Come watch "**Marshall**" at the JCC. Young Thurgood Marshall, a lawyer for the NAACP, teams up with Jewish lawyer Sam Friedman to build their defense while contending with racism and anti-Semitism.

### JCC Noontime Knowledge

*Tuesday, Feb. 25, 12 pm–1pm*

**A midday concert by the Just Friends Duo.** Best friends since meeting at band camp in 7th grade, Robin Lilarose and Julie Beth Drey perform a variety of genres of music on a variety of woodwind instruments.

### JFR Community Shabbat

*Friday, Feb. 28, 6pm– 9pm at*

*Reform Congregation Oheb Sholom*  
**Welcome Shabbat together** with the whole Jewish community at this annual service, followed by a catered, kosher dinner. Hosted this year at Reform Congregation Oheb Sholom.

For more event information visit  
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