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Jewish Community Calendar – March 2025

Upcoming events offered by the Jewish Federation of Reading (listed as JCC, JFS, JFR), Keshet Zion Synagogue (KZ), Reform Congregation Oheb Shalom (RCOS), and Chabad-Lubavitch of Berks (Chabad). To learn more about any event below, read articles throughout the Shalom or see our online calendar at readingjewishcommunity.org/calendar.
Questions? Contact Amanda at 610-921-0624 or info@jfreading.org.

Chabad Eli Lipsker Musical

Monday, Mar. 3, 7pm–9pm

Join Chabad of Reading/Berks for **The Eli Lipsker Musical Tu B'Shvat Evening** with special arrangements presented by Dan Pardo.

JCC Romeo Club

Tuesday Mar. 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.

Lakin Preschool Open House

Wednesday, Mar. 5, 5:30pm–7pm

Join us for our **spring open house** to tour and become familiar with Lakin Preschool. Plus, you will have a chance to have your questions answered by the co-directors. Lakin Preschool is located at RCOS, 555 Warwick Drive, Wyomissing.

JFS Friendship Circle

Thursday, Mar. 6, 1pm–3pm

Enjoy some **hamentaschen and celebrate Purim** with Vicki Graff, writer of "Spiel on the Roof", a "Fiddler on The Roof" inspired Purim Spiel. Optional lunch is \$7 at 1pm, free program at 2pm.

Chabad Pre-Purim Celebration

Sunday, Mar. 9, 7pm–9pm

A women's event to Discover The Queen In You in time for Purim. Come enjoy a delicious **Starbucks style buffet, an inspirational program and makeup & beauty tips** from Amy Garrison.

RCOS Purim Carnival

Sunday, Mar. 9, 11:30am – 1pm

Come celebrate the festive holiday of Purim at the **Purim Carnival** with a costume contest, carnival games, face painting, and more. A hot dog lunch is included with your ticket purchase.

JCC Arts, Culture, Ideas

Monday, Mar. 10, 1:30pm–3pm

Watch **Neil deGrasse Tyson in conversation with 60 Minutes' Lesley Stahl** as they delve into the mysteries of our planet and space. A monthly series hosted by the JCC at The Highlands in Wyomissing.

JCC Noontime Knowledge

Wednesday, Mar. 12, 12pm–1pm

David Richie, President of Berks Opera presents **Unleashing Your Inner Opera Fan**, a multimedia presentation on how to watch opera and the history and plot of Mozart's Don Giovanni.



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KZ Megillah Reading

Thursday, Mar. 13, Time TBD

Celebrate Purim and come hear the **gantse megilla (the whole megilla)** read in the shortest amount of time.

RCOS Purim Spiel

Thursday, Mar. 13, 7pm–8pm

The **annual musical Purim Spiel** tradition continues with A Spiel on the Roof, inspired by “Fiddler on the Roof.” the spiel is performed by congregants in the sanctuary.

Chabad Purim Party

Friday, Mar. 14, 5:30pm–8pm

Join us for a fun filled night that will include a **Megillah reading**, a delicious meal and some family fun. RSVP required. Sponsored by Dr. Jerry Marcus.

JFS Friendship Circle

Thursday, Mar. 20, 1pm–3pm

Cultivate kindness with your Friendship Circle “neighbors” on “**Won’t You Be My Neighbor Day**” by **painting Kindness Rocks**. Optional lunch is \$7 at 1pm, free program at 2pm.

JCC Noontime Knowledge

Tuesday, Mar. 25, 12pm–1pm

Rachel Canar, the Executive Director of Nature Israel presents **Connecting to Israel Through Nature**, a visually stunning presentation of why Israel is so important ecologically and its relevance globally.

JFR Richard J. Yashek Lecture

Thursday, Mar. 27, 7pm–9pm

Boaz Dvir, the director of Penn State’s Hammel Family Human Rights Initiative will lecture on **Fulfilling Holocaust Education’s Great Promise**. The annual lecture is open to the public and will take place at the Freedman Gallery at Albright College.

JCC PJ Library Book Swap

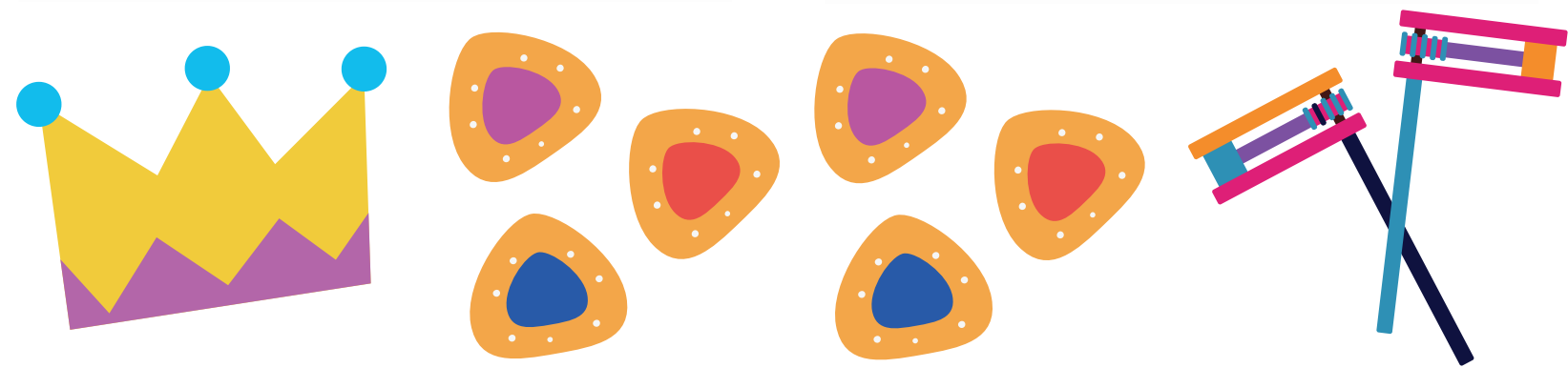
Sunday, Mar. 30, 3pm – 4:30pm

Families with children ages 0 to 8 are invited to **come play, read, and nosh together**. Bring your PJ library books to trade with friends for new-to-you books!

JCC Movie Monday

Monday, Mar. 31, 1pm–3pm

Come watch “**Between the Temples**” at the JCC. A cantor in a crisis of faith finds his world turned upside down when his grade school music teacher re-enters his life as his new adult Bat Mitzvah student.



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