

# September 2020

## The Centerpiece

is your Programming Guide  
for the Jewish Cultural Center  
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Jewish Cultural Center  
92nd St. Y Programs  
Game Nights  
Community Shabbat  
Reading Jewish Film Series  
Great Decisions  
Interfaith Mitzvah Day  
Yom Ha'atzmaut  
PJ Library  
PJ Our Way  
Leo Camp Lecture

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 12pm ROMEO lunch 12pm RCOS Lunch and Learn	2	3	4	5 10 :00 am RCOS Haftorah Study
6	7 JCC Closed	8 9:00 am Lakin Parents Meeting 1:00 pm Juliet Meeting 6:30 pm Lakin Parents Meeting 7 pm Torah & Tequila	9 Lakin First Day of School 8:00 pm Youth Group Meeting	10 7:30 pm Chabad Event.	11	12 Selichot
13 10:00 am PJ Library Rosh Hashanah Story walk 1:00 pm YRG	14 12:00 pm RCOS Torah Study 7:00 pm RCOS Executive meeting 7:00 pm. Literatour presents Rachel Beanland	15 11:00 am JFS distribution mask 4:00 pm Tech Tuesday Zoom 8:00 pm Israeli Cooking with Adi	16	17	18 Erev Rosh Hashanah	19 Rosh Hashanah
20 Rosh Hashanah	21 12:00 pm RCOS Torah Study 7:00 pm RCOS Board meeting	22 7 pm Antisemitism Class with Dr. Jennifer Koosed	23	24	25	26 10:00 am Tot Shabbat
27 Erev Yom Kippur 10:30 am Cemetery Cleanup Grades 4-7	28 Yom Kippur JCC Closed LPS Closed	29	30 7:00 pm Literatour presents Panel on Addiction			

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Tech Tuesday  
Yom Hazikaron  
Art Exhibits  
Yom Hashoah  
Annual Meeting and Picnic  
Purim Carnival  
Richard J. Yashek  
Memorial Lecture  
Kristallnacht Remembrance  
Youth Events  
Purim Masquerade Party  
Bridge  
Chevra  
Mahjong  
Trips to NYC/Philadelphia  
Lakin Holocaust Library  
& Resource Center  
Shabbat B'yachad  
Community Calendar



ENRICHING LIVES  
מעשירים חיים

## Literatour Berks schedule for 2020-21

*Programs to be offered virtually until further notice*

Author Name	Date	Book Title
Rachel Beanland	9/14/20	"Florence Adler Swims Forever"
Dan Peres	9/30/20	"As Needed for Pain"
Eilene Zimmerman	9/30/20	"Smacked"
Abigail Gewirtz	10/5/20	"When the World Feels Like a Scary Place"
Thane Rosenbaum	10/21/20	"Saving Free Speech...From Itself"
Jennifer Steinhauer	10/29/20	"The Firsts"
Debbie Cenziper	11/2/20	"Citizen 865"
Eshkol Nevo	11/19/20	"The Last Interview"
Jeffrey Rosen	11/22/20	"Conversations with RGB"
Bernice Lerner	12/3/20	"All the Horrors of War"
Bess Kalb	12/7/20	"Nobody Will Tell You This But Me"
Erica Perl	12/19/20	"9th Night of Hanukah"
Ruth Behar	12/20/20	"Letters from Cuba"
Hallie Ephron, Adam Seifer, Gene Newman & Laura Geller	1/4/21	"Careful What You Wish For"
Laura Geller	1/19/21	"In Case You Get Hit by a Bus"
Jan Eliasberg	1/26/21	"Getting Good at Getting Older"
Jill Ross Nadler	2/1/21	"Hannah's War"
LaNitra Berger	2/7/21	"Such a Library"
Sue Eisenfeld	2/23/21	"Irma Stern & Racial Paradox"
Jason B. Rosenthal	3/1/21	"Wandering Dixie"
Brianna Caplan Sayres	3/14/21	"My Wife Said You May Want to Marry Me"
Esther Safran Foer	3/21/21	"Asteroid Goldberg: Passover in Outer Space"
Judy Batalion	4/5/21	"I Want You to Know We're Still Here"
Raffi Berg	4/7/21	"The Light of Days"
Mark Binder	4/11/21	"Red Sea Spies"
Melissa Stoller	4/22/21	"Misadventures of Rabbi Kibbitz"
Susie Orman Schnall	4/25/21	"Sadie's Shabbat Stories"
The Blue Dove Foundation	5/3/21	"We Came Here to Shine"
Unorthodox Crew	5/13/21	"Quieting the Silence"
Charles Belfoure	5/23/21	"The Newish Jewish Encyclopedia"
	6/7/21	"The Faberge Secret"

# Lakin Preschool COVID-19 guidance for families

Due to the pandemic, Lakin Preschool will institute guidelines for fall 2020 - spring 2021 in order to prevent the transmission of coronavirus. This article outlines several of our new policies and procedures. If you would like a copy of our comprehensive plan, please contact Judy at lakinpreschool@gmail.com

## Before arrival

Please be alert for any sign of sickness in your child and keep them home if they display any symptoms of illness or run a temperature. Children who appear sick or have a fever of 100.4 or greater will not be admitted to the facility. Please take your child's temperature prior to the school day and fill out our daily health assessment sheet. Please keep your child home if they are sick.

## Dropoff & pickup procedure

Children will be met at the front door of the school by a staff member and escorted to their classroom (until 9:15 a.m.). At the end of your child's day, s/he will be escorted to the door according to your sign-out time. Please remain 6 feet away when dropping off and picking up your child. You will be given a form to hand in with your child daily concerning any symptoms. Your child's temperature will be taken daily upon arrival.

## Hygiene

Hand hygiene stations will be set up at the entrance of the facility, so that children can clean their hands as they enter. Hand sanitizer will be kept out of children's reach, and its use will be supervised. Disinfectant wipes will be utilized for other cleaning purposes. Children will wash their hands and use hand sanitizer throughout the day.

## Social distancing strategies

Children, with a maximum of 12 per class, will remain with the same group and child care providers each day. Every class will have a separate room, and playground and gross motor play times will be staggered. For our weekly Shabbat, each class will stay in their rooms.

Children whose parents opt in for 'stay and play' will be together.

## Minimizing risk

We are doing everything possible to minimize the risk within Lakin, including replacing singing with chanting; staggering playground times; enhanced cleaning and disinfecting procedures; eliminating outside visitors to the building; and installing personal space desk dividers in the classrooms. Each child will be given his own supplies to use and keep in his or her basket. There will be no sharing of supplies or toys until cleaned. We will be encouraging the students to keep their hands to themselves. Reform Congregation Oheb Sholom has purchased an electrostatic sprayer and will spray the school every day after we leave. This device is recommended by the CDC. It uses a combination of air and electrodes to kill COVID germs.

## Face coverings

All staff members will use a face covering while at Lakin. All children should wear a face covering within the facility. The children can take these off outside and in the Social Hall. Cloth face coverings should NOT be put on babies and children under age 2 because of the danger of suffocation.

## Cleaning strategies

LPS follows strict standards for cleaning, sanitizing and disinfection of educational facilities for children. We routinely clean, sanitize and disinfect surfaces and objects that are frequently touched and mouthed, especially toys and games. We will also clean objects/surfaces not ordinarily cleaned daily such as doorknobs, light switches, classroom sink handles, countertops, nap pads, toilet training potties, desks, chairs, cubbies and playground structures. Toys that cannot be washed will not be utilized. We will provide a bin with bleach and water to routinely wash all toys.

## Substitutes

We have a list of substitute teachers with child care experience to ensure someone can fill in if a staff member is sick or must miss a day of school.

## Prepare for your return

This return will be different than anything we have ever experienced. There are children who may find it difficult to get back to their routine with the changes and guidelines and separation from home and parents. All these are natural reactions and will hopefully pass quickly.

In preparation for returning to school, we have put together a number of suggestions to begin preparations:

- Talk to your children and get them ready (Who will their teacher be? Which friends will be in their group?)
- Remind them of hygiene practices that include avoiding touch and hand washing and maintaining some distance between friends.
- Give the children important information, but don't overshare.
- Help your children return to their daily schedule: sleep, getting up, eating and getting out of the house.
- Early preparation allows you to lower stress levels. Remember that separation must be done at the front door. Prepare the children for this, confirm that you trust them and their teachers to take good care of them. It is possible that in the early days your child will express anger, sadness and frustration. It is important to avoid judgment, express a message of optimism and allow the teaching team to comfort, assist and support both of you.
- Pickup routine: When you arrive to pick up your child, indicate to them that you have returned as promised. This strengthens their trust in you. Talk to them about their experience during the day.

# Lakin Preschool Classes

## DISCOVERY & ADVENTURERS

For 3- & 4-year-olds

**Our state-licensed preschool includes weekly yoga, art, music, literature, dramatics, free play and socialization skills under the loving guidance of our experienced staff.**

## LITTLE STARS

For children who will be 2 by September

**Little Stars provides your children with their own organized group experience in a warm, loving, fun-filled setting. Art, music, stories, imaginative play and physical activities are included.**

*For more information, contact Judy Synnamon at 484-332-5981 or school@ohebsholom.org*