

# NOVEMBER 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 RCOS Jewish Food Festival	2 12:00 pm RCOS Torah Study 6:15 pm Community Mediation 7:00 pm Literatour Presents Debbie Cenziper	3 Lakin Preschool Closed 12:00 pm RCOS Lunch & Learn <b>ELECTION DAY</b>	4 7:00 pm Jewish Family Services presents Social Security Program	5	6	7 10 am RCOS Haftarah Study
8 11:00 Youth Group Kick off (8-9 grades) 1:30 pm Family Treasure Hunt (ages 6-12) 4:00 pm JCC Book Club	9 12:00 pm RCOS Torah Study 7:00 pm RCOS Executive Meeting 7:00 pm Kristallnacht Commemoration event	10 7:00 pm Torah & Tequila	11 7:00 pm Jewish Family Services presents Wills & Power of Attorney	12 7:00 pm The story of the first woman to be appointed commander of a naval vessel in the IDF	13 RCOS Class Service	14 10am Tot Shabbat at RCOS
15 11:00 am Tikkun Olam program (grades 10-12) 4:00 pm Interfaith Mitzvah Event	16 12:00 pm RCOS Torah Study 7:00 pm RCOS Finance Meeting	17 8:00 pm RCOS Adult Ed	18	19 4:00 pm Literatour Presents Eshkol Nevo	20	21
22 Chabad Event	23 12:00 pm RCOS Torah Study 7:00 pm RCOS Board Meeting	24 8:00 pm RCOS Adult Ed	25 9:15 am Lakin Preschool Thanksgiving Show	26 <b>THANKSGIVING JCC CLOSED</b>	27 <b>JCC CLOSED</b>	28
29	30 10:00 am Youth Event 12:00 pm RCOS Torah Study					

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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

## NOONTIME KNOWLEDGE

Tuesday, Nov. 17, noon to 1 p.m.

Noontime Knowledge, a program designed to educate on a variety of topics, will be held on the third Tuesday of each month at noon. Everybody is invited to attend this program at the JCC at no cost to participants. Attendance is limited to 15 participants, and reservations are required. This program will also be available for viewing at your convenience on YouTube the day following the presentation. Please make a reservation by calling the JCC at 610-921-0624 if you would like to attend the lecture in person. Join us for the first Noontime Knowledge, presented by SaraLouise Howells.

***Marc Chagall: "If I weren't a Jew then I wouldn't be an artist, or at least not the one I am now."***

Russian-French painter Marc Chagall (1887-1985) lived amongst the most famous artists of the European Modernist period: Picasso, Matisse, Delaunay, Mondrian, Ernst, Kandinsky, and Malevich. However, his fame coincided with the rise of Nazi Germany. In 1937, the same newspapers that had once showered him with adulations branded his colorful canvases as "degenerate art". Even though his work on an illustrated Bible did afford him some protection from anti-Semitism, he was forced to leave France in 1941. He immigrated to New York along with 2,000 other Jewish artists and authors. While Chagall's canvases share similarities with the European Modernist period: bright color, bold lines, surreal landscapes, and cubist voids, his work embraces an European Jewishness that many abandoned in favor of the New York Modernist aesthetic. This talk will examine his most famous works and discuss how they differ from his aforementioned contemporaries.



***Me and the Village.  
Marc Chagall, 1911.***

*SaraLouise Howells holds advanced degrees from Penn State in both Art History and Medieval Studies. She has taught courses on the History of Jewish Art and Medieval Judaism at Penn State University Park, Penn State Abington, and West Chester University. As a social art historian, SaraLouise examines art through the lens of its contemporary history, trying to determine how society and technology influence the artworks or their meaning.*



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# Fun and education at Lakin Preschool

The Lakin Preschool at Reform Congregation Oheb Sholom has its roots in the JCC, offering high-quality early childhood education with a Jewish emphasis and setting. To learn more about what Lakin Preschool has to offer, contact director Judy Synnamon at 484-332-5981 or [lakinpreschool@gmail.com](mailto:lakinpreschool@gmail.com).

