

May 2019

The Centerpiece

is your Programming Guide
for the Jewish Cultural Center
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 7pm Fox East "Who Will Write Our History"	2 1pm Friendship Circle 7pm Yom Hashoah Commemoration, Highlands YOM HASHOAH	3	4 Ella Klinikowski Bat Mitzvah
5 9:30am JCHS	6	7 Noon ROMEO Club Wyomissing Restaurant & Bakery	8 7pm Yom Hazikaron and Yom Ha'atzmaut Event at JCC YOM HAZIKARON	9 1pm Friendship Circle YOM HA'ATZMAUT	10	11
12 MOTHER'S DAY	13 2pm Movie Monday	14 Maimonides Event	15	16 1pm Friendship Circle	17	18 10am Tot Shabbat at RCOS
19 9:30am JCHS 11am Better Together Challah bake at Chabad	20 2pm 92Y program at Highlands	21 ELECTION DAY	22	23 1pm Friendship Circle Lag B'Omer event hosted by Chabad LAG B'OMER	24	25
26	27 JCC CLOSED MEMORIAL DAY	28	29 9:30am Biketown	30 1pm Friendship Circle	31	

- 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

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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

92Y DVD Program
Monday, May 20, 2pm
at the Highlands Cultural Center

Stacey Abrams in Conversation with Holland Taylor

What's next for Stacey Abrams?

One of America's rising Democratic stars, the first black woman to become the gubernatorial nominee for a major party in the United States, she gained national attention for her campaign in Georgia last year-and raised more money than any candidate, Democrat or Republican, in Georgia's history. After witnessing the gross mismanagement of the 2018 election by the Secretary of State's office, Abrams launched Fair Fight to ensure that every Georgian has a voice in our election system. Join her for a revealing conversation about her politics, her own personal story, and her future plans. Hear her inspiring leadership philosophy as outlined in her recent book, *Lead from the Outside: How to Build Your Future and Make Real Change*. Abrams will be in conversation with Holland Taylor, who has spent years studying and writing about women's leadership for her various theatrical roles.

Wednesday, May 1 -- Holocaust Remembrance Day
Encore Screening of "Who Will Write Our History" for Yom Hashoah.
7 p.m. Fox East \$5 admission
Post film discussion led by Dr. Jennifer Koosed, Albright College

Across the world, movie theaters, churches, synagogues, universities, museums and community centers will screen **WHO WILL WRITE OUR HISTORY.**

Who Will Write Our History is a story of resistance.

It is a story about who gets to tell the story.

It is about a group of spiritual resisters who risked their lives so that the truth would survive, even if they did not.

Thursday, May 2
7pm at the Highlands (2000 Cambridge Ave., Wyomissing)
Join us to remember and reflect on the Holocaust.

Save the Date:
June 2—Annual Meeting and Picnic at noon at
Wyomissing Hills Playground



BIKETOWN

Wednesday, May 29
9:30 to 11:30am

Biketown is a popular annual event hosted by the Lakin Preschool Committee in conjunction with the teachers and staff. The children bring their parents, grandparents or caregivers as well as their bikes or riding toys to school for a hands-on, fun-filled morning. One half of the parking lot will become a safe environment where the children can explore roads and shops on their riding toys. A mock town will be set up in the Social Hall to mimic services in the community. There will be a Grocery, Bake Shop, Salon, Book Store, Medical Office and others. We will be offering 7:30 am drop off, regular afternoon programming and Stay and Play until 2 pm. Here are a few things to remember for the day of Biketown:

- *Every child must come with an adult helper. This adult is expected to stay with the child and supervise the child during all the Biketown activities.
- *If you bring a bike, you need a helmet
- *Bring the address of someone special for your child to send a postcard from our Post Office
- *If you desire, apply sunscreen to your child
- *Please bring a packed lunch, a refillable water bottle and a backpack
- *Water and snack will be available
- *Please bring a non-perishable food item for the food pantry

At 11:30am the children will be dismissed to their classrooms to eat their lunch under teacher supervision.

It takes a village!! We ask parents to stay to help with clean up until 12:30.

Maimonides Society

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Dr. Laurie Zoloth

Margaret E. Burton Professor of Religion & Ethics
University of Chicago Divinity School

Author - *Health Care and the Ethics of Encounter: A Jewish Discussion of Social Justice*; Co-editor - *Notes from a Narrow Ridge: Religion and Bioethics*; Co-editor - *Jews and Genes: The Genetic Future in Contemporary Jewish Thought*

Tuesday May 14, 2019

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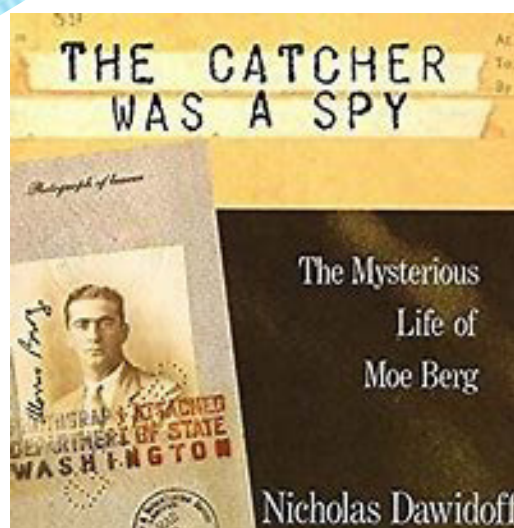
Thursday Film Festival May 9 at 1:45pm



Join James Beard Award-winning Chef Michael Solomonov on a delicious journey to meet Israel's top chefs, home cooks, vintners, and cheese-makers drawn from the more than 100 cultures that make up Israel today. (94 min.)



MAY 13, 2pm at JCC
Free Movie & Popcorn



The Catcher Was a Spy: The Mysterious Life of Moe Berg is a 1994 biography written by Nicholas Dawidoff about a major league baseball player who also worked for the Office of Strategic Services, the forerunner of the Central Intelligence Agency. Moe Berg, the subject of the book, was an enigmatic person who hid much of his private life from those who knew him and who spent his later decades as a jobless drifter living off the good will of friends and relatives.

The book spent seven weeks on The New York Times Best Seller list, which described the biography as "The life of Moe Berg, big-league catcher, O.S.S. agent, lady's man and freeloader."

Friendship Circle

- 1:00pm: Luncheon (optional \$7) catered by Boscov's Ala Carte*
RSVP to Carole at the JCC by Monday.
- 1:45 pm -- Program/Speaker. Varied programs are informative, educational and fun.

Friendship Circle May Programs

- 2: Observe Yom HaShoah and learn about the "Shanghai Ghetto."
Taxi pick-up 3:30.
- 9: Celebrate Yom Ha'Atzmaut, Israel's Independence Day, with the mouthwatering film "In Search of Israeli Cuisine." Taxi pick up 3:30.
- 16: Therapy dog program with Debbie Greusel
- 23: Lag B'Omer picnic and game.
- 30: Ruth Williams, a local folk artist who creates hand-painted miniature portraits, will present her art and explain its history.

Shanghai Ghetto May 2 at 1:45pm



In 1939, the last hope for thousands of Jews lay in the last place on earth the Nazis would look. Shut out of country after country while trying to escape Nazi persecution, thousands of European Jews fled for their lives to Japanese-controlled Shanghai. These Jewish refugees formed a settlement in the exotic city, penniless and unprepared for their new life in the Far East. This documentary depicts a moving portrayal of a rich cultural life, bravely constructed under enormous hardship. (95 min.)



Join us for **Bridge** at the JCC Duplicate Bridge Club Wednesdays at 12:30pm. All players are welcome. If you need a partner call Sue Wesner 610-972-5327 or Brian Snyder 484-838-0977. Sanctioned by the American Contract Bridge League
\$3 JCC members \$6 Nonmembers



Mah Jongg is played at the JCC every Monday at noon. Everyone is welcome to join the games. Contact Amanda Hornberger, AmandaH@JFReading.org