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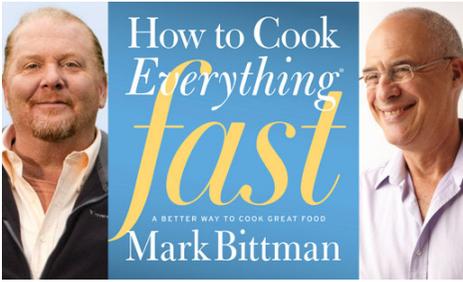
OCTOBER 2014

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92Y programs at
Jewish Cultural Center
7:00pm
All programs are Free
of Charge

Wednesday, November 5, 2014

Mario Batali and Mark Bittman with Sam Sifton: Cooking Fast and Slow



Mark Bittman--beloved New York Times food writer and author of megaselling How to Cook Everything--joins his friend, master chef Mario Batali, for a gastronaut's tête-à-tête. Mario celebrates slow food in his new book, America Farm to Table, which pays homage to American farmers with brilliant recipes created

from their lovingly grown top-of-the-line produce. Bittman--revolutionized everyday cooking with his new magnum opus, How to Cook Everything Fast--shares his genius for creating maximum flavor with ease in minimal time. Hear both sides!

Monday, December 15, 2014

America and Israel: The Way Forward



Join Dalia Rabin, the former Israeli Deputy Minister of Defense and current chairperson of the Yitzhak Rabin Center, and Ambassador Dennis Ross, who played a leading role in shaping US involvement in the Middle East peace process, for an enlightening discussion with Ethan Bronner on the future of Israel.

Wednesday, January 7, 2015

World Religions: Spotlight on Judaism



Can religion be defined? Join our award-winning scholars as they tell a new story: traveling from prehistory to the present day illuminating how world religions came to be acknowledged and studied, with a focus on Judaism. How has this great civilization and religion been absorbed and altered, understood and misunderstood?

Art Exhibits at the Jewish Cultural Center

Jill Skaist Art Exhibit

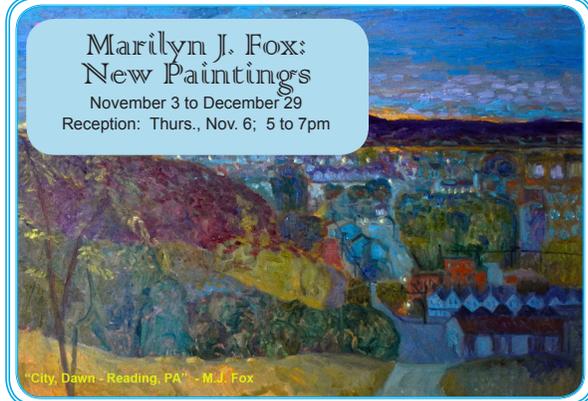
New & Past Work: 1970-2014



September 11 thru October 30

Marilyn J. Fox: New Paintings

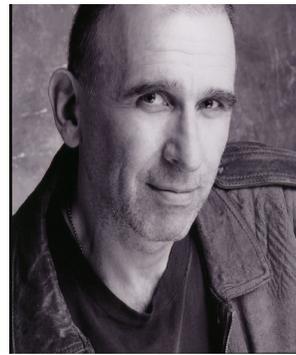
November 3 to December 29
Reception: Thurs., Nov. 6, 5 to 7pm



Stephen Axelrod

New York actor and playwright,
will be performing again
in Reading on

Sun., October 26, 1:00pm at the JCC



An afternoon of short stories written and performed by the inimitable Stephen Axelrod. Last year he delighted his GoggleWorks audience with his gritty autobiographical one-man show Blue Collar Bay and the charming reading of some of his short stories.

In his writing, Steve has his finger, or rather his heart, on the sorrows and dreams of those in American society whose lives haven't been an easy ride. His work makes us think of the writing that illuminated and enriched the thirties and now, in hard times again, becomes tellingly revelatory.

This show is underwritten by the
Anna and Isadore Oritsky/Skaist Philanthropic Fund.
RSVP to JayneK@JFReading.org -- or 610-921-0624

"Evocation of the Lost World of the Roman Ghetto: The Poetic Project of Crescenzo Del Monte"

The research of the culture and cultural production of the Jews of Italy

Thursday, November 13 at the JCC ** 7:00pm ** Program is Free of charge

Crescenzo Del Monte was born in the Ghetto of Rome in 1868, two years before it was dismantled and its inhabitants were granted full rights of citizenship in the newly united Kingdom of Italy. Over the course of his life, Del Monte witnessed the full integration of Jews into Italian society, which resulted in the rapid rise of Jewish Italians in the social, political, economic and intellectual life of the nation, but also led to a loss of cohesion in the ancient Jewish community. In particular, integration into the broader society led to the demise of the particular dialect of the Jews of Rome, which had developed over the centuries of their semi-isolation in the heart of the city. Del Monte dedicated his life's work to the documentation and presentation of this rich dialect, and sought, through poetry, to erect a memorial monument of words for a vanishing world. Prof. Leisawitz will share the history, sights and sounds of the old Roman Ghetto through an exploration of the poetry of Crescenzo Del Monte.

Daniel Leisawitz is lecturer in Italian and director of the Italian Studies Program at Muhlenberg College. He received his Ph.D. in Italian Studies from Yale University in 2010, and holds a Masters degree in Italian Studies from the University of Pennsylvania. His main areas of research are Italian cinema and Renaissance literature. He has published several scholarly articles and has recently completed a translation of a forthcoming book on cinema in the 21st-century, which is due out early next year from Columbia University Press.

The JCC will be closed:
SUKKOT Thurs. & Fri. October 9 & 10
SHEMINI ATZERET Thurs., Oct. 16
SIMCHAT TORAH Fri., Oct. 17

2014-2015 Reading Jewish Community Calendar

Membership to the JCC includes a FREE calendar, reduced membership rates and NO enrollment fees at Body Zone and reduced prices for JCC events. Price of calendar is \$12. To purchase calendar contact BrendaS@JFReading.org or for membership information contact Jaynek@JFReading.org

LAKIN PRESCHOOL

ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS 2014 to 2015

MONDAYS		
ABC Music & Me	1:00-1:30pm	All ages
TUESDAYS		
Soccer Shots	12:30-1:00pm	All ages
WEDNESDAYS		
I Love Stories	12:30-1:30pm	All ages
THURSDAYS		
Kaleidoscope	12:30-3:00pm	4 years
FRIDAYS		
Fun & Games	12:30-1:30pm	All ages
ALL SCHOOL DAYS		
Lunch Hour	11:30-12:30pm	All ages
Stay and Play	12:30-3:00pm	All ages

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION EASY AS 1 * 2 * 3 !!



- All families are encouraged to collect Box Tops for Education logos from qualifying products. For a complete list of products log on to boxtops4education.com
- Bring your 'box tops' to the LakinPreschool & place them in the yellow & red mini trash can in the lobby.
- We receive a check to benefit our Early Education programs.

Earn cash for our school every time you shop. Clip Box Tops from hundreds of products you already buy. Each Box Tops logo is worth 10¢ to our school--and that adds up fast!

PJ Library events!



**Saturday
October 18
10:00 to 11:30 am**

Calling all families with young children to a **PJ Library Tot Shabbat** with Rabbi Michelson at Reform Congregation Oheb Sholom, 555 Warwick Dr., Wyomissing. The morning is designed for children in Grade 1 and younger. It is organized chaos and a great deal of fun!!!

If you plan on attending please contact Jayne at jaynek@JFReading.org or 610-921-0624.

PJ Library and Keshar Zion Synagogue invite you to a Pajama Party and Sleep Over!



**Sunday, November 16
3:30 to 4:30 PM
Keshar Zion Synagogue
1245 Perkiomen Avenue
610-374-1763**

Come in your Pajamas and bring a stuffed animal!

When you go home your stuffed animal* will stay at the synagogue for a special stuffed animal sleep over. You can pick up your stuffed animal in the morning and see pictures of how much fun they had at night.

RSVP and questions to kzsecretary@entermail.net *We recommend bringing a stuffed animal your child won't miss for one night. Morning stuffed animal pick up will also be available at the JCC.

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE

1:00 pm -- Luncheon catered by Boscov's Ala Carte*
1:45 pm -- Program/Speaker. Varied programs are informative, educational and fun.

1st Thursday each month: Blood pressure screening at 1:00 pm
*Optional luncheon (\$6). RSVP to Carole at the JCC by Monday.

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE OCTOBER PROGRAMS

2 – "Revolutionary Refugees in Reading." When the British invaded Philadelphia in 1777, a group of wealthy patriotic families fled from Philadelphia to Reading. Michelle Napoletano Lynch, a free lance historian and writer, will tell us their story.

9 – **No Friendship Circle. Sukkot.**

Tuesday, October 14 – TUESDAY FILM FESTIVAL. "The Grand Budapest Hotel." Have your taxi pick you up at 3:30. Lunch sponsored by Country Meadows.

16 – **No Friendship Circle. Shemini Atzeret.**

23 – Meet Bill Franklin, our new Federation president!

30 – Meet the artist, Jill Skaist. New & Past Work: 1970-2014. Come view Jill's paintings and find out what inspires her art.

Sprouts

Toddlers are great companions! Join Sprouts and discover lots of activities to help you teach and stimulate your child while enhancing the parent-child bond. This class will be your child's earliest experience of Preschool.

Structured for the needs and abilities of 12-24 month old toddlers, these classes provide both creative playtime as well as small and large muscle activity. Moms, dads or caregivers participate with their children.

Days: Wednesday mornings
Time: 9:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.
Session 1: Sept 10, 2014–Jan 14, 2015
Session 2: Jan 21 – May 20, 2015
Fee: \$180 per session

Sprouts Yoga

Enjoy exercise with your baby!! Sprouts Yoga provides a bonding opportunity with your baby using poses, music and movement. Yoga can also help with sleep, digestion and body awareness. No previous yoga experience is necessary.

This class is structured for babies (birth through 12 months). Moms, dads or caregivers participate with their children.

Days: Monday mornings
Time: 9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
Session 1: Sept 18, 2014–Jan 5, 2015
Session 2: Jan 12–May 18, 2015
Fees: \$170, Session 1
\$160, Session 2



The Lakin Preschool is participating in the Giant A+ School Rewards Program, a great fundraising program that runs through March 21, 2015. LAKIN PRESCHOOL # 05824 can earn CASH through this exciting program.

You can help. Log on to www.giantfoodstores.com/aplus and choose "Designate Your School" from the CUSTOMER ZONE to register your card online. Then, each time you shop at Giant using your BONUSCARD, you will earn CASH for our school. You can track the amount of points you earn for our school by checking your grocery receipt. Each month, the amount of CASH awarded will be updated on the Giant website. Our school will receive a check at the end of the program. The money can be used for any of our school's educational needs.

Taking just a minute of your time to register your Card can make a huge difference to our school. We need your support. Please be sure to register Lakin Preschool using ID #05824 at www.giantfoodstores.com/aplus. Also, don't forget to encourage your friends and neighbors to do the same. It could mean the world to our children. Thank You!!



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 Greg Kiddy 484-332-6871. 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 Jayne Kleinman, jaynek@JFReading.org



JCC Youth Event

**Sunday, November 16 -- 12:30 to 2:00 pm
Body Zone Sports & Wellness Complex**

Pizza Lunch followed by GAGA BALL!!
\$10 per child
Grades 1st to 7th

Gaga Ball at Body Zone was recently featured in [Berks County Living](http://BerksCountyLiving.com). Gaga Ball is a fast-paced descendant of dodgeball and played in a large, inflatable hexagon. The ball is foam and soft. Sometimes more than one ball is in play at a time. Body Zone's "pit" can accommodate 20+ kids.

Gaga Ball is a lot of fun and excellent exercise. Like dodgeball, players attempt to knock each other out of the game and conversely are always on the move trying to avoid being hit. Last player/team standing wins.

Every child in the Jewish community is encouraged to participate in all youth events. Need-based scholarship funding is available. Call Sari Inledon at Jewish Family Service if your child would benefit from confidential assistance ... 610-921-0624