



# THE CENTERPIECE

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For Programming & Early Education news of the Jewish Cultural Center  
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SEPTEMBER 2013

## GET COOKING! Family Concert



### Rockin' Mama Doni Celebration

Sunday, October 20

11:00am Concert

Book Presentation & Signing to follow  
At Reform Congregation Oheb Shalom

**FREE! Event -- EVERYONE Welcome!!**

Mama Doni performs the 'Get Cooking! Family Concert'. It features songs all about food and celebrations. Original songs include "Falafalful," "Challah Day," "Matzah Pizza," "Latke Man," and more that will have everyone dancing in the aisles, ready to **Get Cooking!** and celebrate. The show will bring the book to life with dancing, recipe cards, food samples and excerpts/activities from the book.

This initiative is an outgrowth of our Strategic Plan which seeks to dramatically expand the number of people actively engaged in communal Jewish life by pursuing what we have dubbed "The 4 'E's":

- Engage:** actively foster a welcoming and inclusive community that makes participation in communal Jewish life compelling and accessible.
- Educate:** promote education and lifelong learning to celebrate Judaism's rich heritage and contemporary meanings.
- Empathize:** care for people in times of need locally and globally.
- Energize:** reintroduce Federation & the JCC to the Jewish and broader communities to affirm our role.

*The cost of this event is being underwritten by the Strategic Planning funds allocated from the families with children living at home, boomers and seniors advisory councils.*

## "Blue Collar Bay"

A timeless New York story with grit and bite.

*Underwritten by the Anna and Isadore Oritsky/Skaist Philanthropic fund.*

Sunday, October 27

12:00 Noon

at the Goggleworks Theatre

**FREE Program, open to public**

Join Steve after the show for Q & A and light refreshments

Reservations requested by October 18, seating limited

Please call 610-921-0624 or email [Jaynek@JFReading.org](mailto:Jaynek@JFReading.org)



A stunning autobiographical one-man show by New York actor and playwright, Stephen Axelrod. The story of Axelrod's treadmill quest for identity that is relentlessly thwarted by a father intent on making him an extension of his own Queens blue-collar existence. Axelrod evokes a form of tragedy

that emulates the rough poetry and human insights of Clifford Odets, Phillip Roth and Lenny Bruce.

"Axelrod injects humor, pathos, and an abundance of passion into his heart-rending tale."

*The Suffolk County News*

## When COMEDY Went to School

Sunday, October 13, 3:00 pm

Fox East Theatre, 4350 Perkiomen Avenue



Why are there so many Jewish comedians? *When Comedy Went to School* answers this question with an entertaining portrait of this country's greatest generation of comics the generation that includes the likes of Jerry Lewis, Sid Caesar, Jackie Mason, Mort Sahl and Jerry Stiller, all of whom make appearances in the film, telling jokes and telling their stories. The answer is also found in upstate New York's Catskill Mountains, aka the Borscht Belt, where Jewish immigrants transformed lush farmland into the 20th century's largest resort complex. Those Catskill hotels and bungalow colonies provided the setting for a remarkable group of young Jewish-American comedians to hone their craft and become worldwide legends. It was truly *When Comedy Went to School*.

*"...a hilariously funny and delightfully nostalgic look at the era when stand up comics were the featured entertainment at top summer resorts in New York's Catskill Mountains." - Jennifer Merin, About.com Guide*

**FREE! and Open to the Public**  
**Underwritten by Rubin Family Educational Fund**

## "The Attack"

GoggleWorks Theatre

September 6 to 12

3:00 & 7:00 pm showings

Join us on

Monday, September 9

after the 7pm showing

(approximately 8:50pm)

Discussion Group led by

Linda Maizels, PhD

Senior Associate for Israel and Middle

East Affairs, Jewish Federation

of Greater Philadelphia

**Sponsored by Jewish Federation of Reading**

Please purchase your tickets at the GoggleWorks before the show



Amin Jaafari is an Israeli Palestinian surgeon, fully assimilated into Tel Aviv society. He has a loving wife, an exemplary career, and many Jewish friends. But his picture-perfect life is turned upside down when a suicide bombing in a restaurant leaves nineteen dead, and the Israeli police inform him that his wife Sihem, who also died in the explosion, was responsible. Convinced of her innocence, Amin abandons the relative security of his adopted homeland and enters the Palestinian territories in pursuit of the truth. Once there, he finds himself in ever more dangerous places and situations. Determined, he presses on seeking answers to questions he never thought he would be asking.

Sunday, September 29  
Circle in the Square Theatre,  
NYC

Leave JCC at 9am, Matinee 3pm  
Return immediately after the show

\$150 JCC members

\$175 Non-members

Lunch on your own

## Art Exhibit

Beth Krumholz  
[pintsizeprojects.com](http://pintsizeprojects.com)

**HOUSE ART**

a micro installation

August 29–November 22

Opening Reception:

Thursday August 29,

5 to 7pm



*Family Crests, Velvet, alpaca and silk; dimensions variable*

The JCC will be closed:

Labor Day: Mon., Sept. 3

Rosh Hashanah: Thurs. & Fri., Sept., 5 & 6

Sukkot: Thurs. & Fri., Sept. 19 & 20

Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah: Thurs. & Fri., Sept. 26 & 27

*"High spirited, tuneful and rousing" - The Daily News*

Contact Jayne for reservations or more information  
610-921-0624 or [jaynek@JFReading.org](mailto:jaynek@JFReading.org)



The new musical *SOUL DOCTOR* tells the fascinating story of the beloved yet controversial father of popular Jewish music, Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach. After his childhood escape from Nazi Germany, the young Rabbi formed an unlikely friendship with legendary jazz singer Nina Simone who introduced him to soul and gospel music. With his meteoric rise as a "Rock Star Rabbi," he struggled to harmonize his traditional beliefs with the "free love" generation of the 1960s.

# EARLY EDUCATION

PARENT ORIENTATION FOR ALL CLASSES  
 TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3  
 9:00 am (Childcare provided)  
 6:30 pm (No Childcare)  
 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL  
 MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

## Parents, please join us for Coffee & Bagels



After you drop off your child on the first day of school (Mon., Sept. 9 or Tues., Sept 10 -- 9:00AM) come to the Stay & Play room to learn about the Early Ed Committee, events throughout the school year & meet other parents.

### ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS 2013 to 2014

MONDAYS		
ABC Music & Me	1:00-1:30pm	All ages
Hola Amigos	12:30-1:00pm	3 & 4 years
TUESDAYS		
Soccer Shots	12:30-1:00pm	All ages
WEDNESDAYS		
Fun with Fundamentals	12:30-1:30pm	4 years
I Love Stories	12:30-1:30pm	All ages
I Love to Act	1:30-2:15pm	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



We are pleased to announce that Lakin Early Education Center is now peanut & tree nut free. The full Food Allergy policy is located in parent's information packets, along with many ideas for snacks and lunches.

## Our Classes



**LITTLE STARS**  
 For children who will be two by September 2013  
 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.  
 Any 2 to 5-day combination  
 9:00 - 11:30am

**DISCOVERY & ADVENTURERS**  
 For three & four 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.  
 Monday thru Friday 9:00 - 11:30am

**SPROUTS**  
 Designed for the needs & abilities of 12 to 24-month old tots. The program provides creative playtime and small and large muscle activities. Moms, dads or caregivers attend with their children.  
 Wednesdays 9:15 - 10:45AM



Saturday, September 21  
 10:00 to 11:30 am

Calling all families with young children to celebrate Sukkot with PJ Library & Rabbi Michelson at Reform Congregation Oheb Shalom, 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 jayne@JFReading.org or 610-921-0624.

## JCC YOUTH GROUP

Grades 2 thru 7  
 Sunday, October 6  
 1:30 PM: PICK UP at 3:00PM  
 \$10 PER CHILD



DUNCAN'S CORN MAZE & HAYRIDE  
 202 BERNVILLE Rd. ROBESONIA  
 Watch for details



Lakin Early Education Center is participating in the Giant A+ School Rewards Program. You can help! Through March 22, 2014, each time you shop at Giant using your Bonus Card you will earn CASH for our school through this exciting program.

Log on to [www.giantfoodstores.com/aplus](http://www.giantfoodstores.com/aplus) and choose Designate Your School from the A+ menu to register your card. **SCHOOL ID# 05824** Please note that participation in this program is in addition to and NOT instead of any personal incentives through Giant (i.e. Gas Points). You will still get your own rebates! Taking just a minute of your time to register your Card can make a huge difference to our school. As soon as you register, you begin earning points. Also, please encourage your family and friends to do the same. We are hoping for excellent participation! Please note: even if you registered last school year, you must re-register again this year. If you need help, please call Judy at 484-332-5981 to register.



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, jayne@JFReading.org

## 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 PROGRAMS

- September \* PLEASE NOTE DATE & DAY CHANGES**
- \*TUESDAY 9/3, 10:45am: Jewish Family Service and Manor at Market Square invite you to a Rosh Hashanah service and holiday lunch at Manor at Market Square. **RSVP 610-921-0624 -- Reservations Required!**
  - THURSDAY 9/5: NO Friendship Circle - JCC Closed - Rosh Hashanah
  - THURSDAY 9/12: Have fun playing "The Price is Right" Lunch/program sponsored by Country Meadows
  - THURSDAY 9/19: NO Friendship Circle - JCC Closed - Sukkot
  - \*TUESDAY 9/24: Join us for pizza & Groucho Marx movie. Reservations Required!!
  - THURSDAY 9/27: NO Friendship Circle - JCC Closed - Shemini Atzeret

## Tuesday Film Festival

Tuesday, Sept. 24

"Groucho Marx: You Bet Your Life: The Best Episodes." Featuring 6 riotous episodes from what may be one of the most hilarious game shows ever to grace the small screen, Groucho Marx's "You Bet Your Life," this collection boasts cameos from a galaxy of legendary guest stars and the show's eventual trademark Duck.

Film free...Optional pizza lunch(\$6) at 1 pm. Movie begins at 1:45. For lunch reservations, contact Carole Robinson at CaroleR@JFReading.org. Have your taxi pick you up at 3:30pm.

## ATTENTION: PARENTS & SR. HIGH STUDENTS



**FREE WORKSHOP on College & Financial Aid Process**  
 Presented at the JCC  
 Myrna Fuchs, MA, College & Career Consultant  
 Tuesday, September 17 at 7:00pm

- Learn the steps to your best college matches.
- Know what you have to do and when. A junior and senior timeline will be provided and reviewed.
- Prepare to develop a list of your best college matches. You have the power to choose!
- Understand the different types of college admissions and applications.
- Become a smart consumer by understanding financial aid. Where are all the \$\$\$ and how do you get a piece of the pie? Financial aid myths; Financial aid — need based, merit based, private scholarships

**Who Should Attend?**  
 The workshop is geared to high school students and their parents. It is important that parents attend with their students because finding the right college is a team effort.

**Presenter**  
 Myrna Fuchs has helped over 1500 students find the right college match. She is experienced in all aspects of the college and financial aid process. She has accompanied many students on college visits and is thoroughly familiar with school cultures, academic offerings and financial aid policies. Her students have attended a wide variety of colleges and universities. To learn more about Myrna and her qualifications visit her website [www.collegeavenues.com](http://www.collegeavenues.com)

Contact Jayne Kleinman to register, 610-921-0624; jayne@JFReading.org