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NOVEMBER 2013

COMMUNITY MENORAH LIGHTING

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

4:00 TO 5:00 PM

Reform Congregation Oheb Sholom
555 Warwick Drive Wyomissing

**Bring YOUR Menorah(s)
and Candles**



Latkes & Sweet Treats



Kids' Crafts & Activities



NO charge for this event. Funded by Chabad Lubavitch of Berks County, Keshet Zion Synagogue, Jewish Federation of Reading, Reform Congregation Oheb Sholom and the Rubin Family Educational Fund of JFR.



Bring a non-perishable food item and some pocket change.

Food donations and contributions benefit Jewish Family Service Food Pantry at Keshet Zion.

RSVP by November 25 to Jayne Kleinman -- jayneklein@jfreading.org or Brenda Seidel -- brendas@jfreading.org

Tuesday Film Series at the JCC

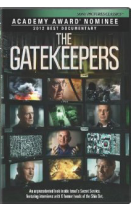
2:00 to 3:30 pm

November 12: Nazi Officer's Wife

Edith Hahn was an outspoken young woman in Vienna when the Gestapo forced her into a ghetto and then into a labor camp. When she returned home months later, she knew she would become a hunted woman and went underground. With the help of a Christian friend, she emerged in Munich as Grete Denner. There she met Werner Vetter, a Nazi Party member who fell in love with her. Despite Edith's protests and even her eventual confession that she was Jewish, he married her and kept her identity a secret.



In wrenching detail, Edith recalls a life of constant, almost paralyzing fear. Yet despite the risk it posed to her life, Edith created a remarkable record of survival. She saved every document and set of papers issued to her, as well as photographs she managed to take inside labor camps. Now part of the permanent collection at the Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C.



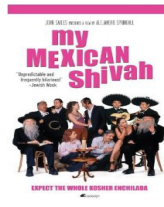
December 10: The Gatekeepers

Charged with overseeing Israel's war on terror--both Palestinian and Jewish--the head of the Shin Bet, Israel's Secret Service is present at the crossroads of every decision. For the first time ever six former heads of the agency agreed to share their insights and reflect publicly on their actions and decisions.

The Gatekeepers offers an exclusive account of the sum of their successes and failures. It validates the reasons that each man individually and as a group came to reconsider their hard-line positions and advocate a conciliatory approach toward their enemies based on a two-state solution. *Hebrew with English subtitles*

November 26: My Mexican Shiva

With the passing of Moishe, the spirit angels, Aleph and Bet, watch over the mourners as family and friends gather to sit shivah to calculate which angel will accompany Moishe's soul to the afterlife.



The odds are against Moishe from the beginning. Moishe's friends are attending for their own motives, his family is dysfunctional, and while performing his duties, a Chevremant is milking the family for all they're worth. His emotionally unstable daughter Esther falls apart over a lost tooth, his son is attempting to convince a doctor attending the shivah to give his girlfriend an abortion, while his wandering eye leads him to his dead father's lover. Also present are his granddaughter, Galia, and her cousin Nicolás, a yeshivah student who lives in Israel, hiding from Mexican justice. They can't ignore their mutual attraction and are surprised by the passion which leaves behind feelings of guilt for Nicolás, and satisfies Galia's love of defiance.

A dramatic comedy about how the death of a man results in the celebration of his life. Which angel will win the battle for Moishe's soul? *Spanish with English subtitles*



December 17: Prime

When Rafi (Uma Thurman), a 37-year-old single woman, meets David (Bryan Greenberg), a 23-year-old painter, it's love at first sight. But that love gets complicated fast when Rafi discovers that David is also the son of her therapist (Academy Award winner Meryl Streep). Professional help is about to get very ... personal. Starring: Meryl Streep, Uma Thurman

Art Exhibits at the JCC



Beth Krumholz
pintsizeprojects.com
HOUSE ART
a micro installation
Through November 22

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

Wendy W. Kershner
Organic Growth Prints & Collages
November 26 to January 31



Opening Reception: Thursday, December 5, 5:00 to 7:00 pm

EARLY EDUCATION



Lakin Early Education at the JCC is participating in the Giant A+ School Rewards Program. Through March 31, 2014, our school can earn CASH through this exciting program. **You can help!**

Follow this link: <http://www.giantfoodstores.com/aplus/SchoolDesignationLogin.html> to register your BonusCard online. You will need our school ID # **05824**. It takes just a minute. Then, each time you shop at Giant using your BONUSCARD, you will earn CASH for our school! 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! If you are not able to register online, we will also have sign-up sheets in each classroom.

***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. We need your support! 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!



IN CONJUNCTION WITH
JEWISH FEDERATION OF READING
PRESENTS A SPECIAL . . .

HANUKKAH STORYTIME

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH
2:00PM

WYOMISSING BARNES & NOBLE STORE
2751 PAPER MILL ROAD, WYOMISSING

HANUKKAH-THEMED STORY TIME ~ CRAFTS
GAMES ~ MUSIC ~ TREATS



Youth Group 2nd to 8th Grades



Sunday, December 8, 12:30 to 2:45 pm
at Body Zone

\$10 per child includes pool party and pizza!

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.

A special thank you to the **Sileski Family** for establishing the **Meilek Family Fund/Scholarship** which benefits the **Lakin Early Education Center**. Their continued contribution to the Meilek Fund is a wonderful way to support our preschool. Additional educational programs have been made possible due to this, including a month long school wide introduction to computers and technology which was presented last year.

THANKSGIVING PROGRAM
Wednesday, November 27
9:30 am

Join us for an entertaining observance of Thanksgiving. Our preschool will fill your hearts with joy and thanksgiving as they celebrate this special holiday. Parents and children are invited to stay after the show to participate in activities at the Fall Festival.

This will be held in Reform Congregation Oheb Sholom's sanctuary and social hall.

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 NOVEMBER PROGRAMS

- 7: Special Program and discussion "Leonard Bernstein: American Idol, American Idealist" ***Please Note: lunch will be served at 12:00; program at 1:00
- 14: George Violand, who has been in the insurance business for over 20 years, will educate us about Medicare Health Insurance and the Affordable Care Act Marketplace. Bring your questions, Phyllis Dessel will also be available to make private appointments with people.
- 21: Friendship Circle is invited to Country Meadows to play a Thanksgiving version of "The Price is Right". Lunch sponsored by Country Meadows
- 28: NO Friendship Circle. Happy Thanksgiving!

Special Friendship Circle Program
Thursday, November 7 at 1:00pm

Leonard Bernstein: American Idol, American Idealist

Presented by Commonwealth Speaker and Musician Karl Middleman. This lecture and discussion offers you the opportunity to learn about the Maestro's life. Karl Middleman will share his impressions, and present audio and visual excerpts of America's greatest and most exuberant musical hero. His engaging presentation mixes scholarship with showmanship and is noted for the bold revelatory way he reframes the classical music experience.

This program is free; it is a presentation of the Pennsylvania Humanities Council, supported in part by a grant from the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission and by the Jewish Federation of Reading. Reservations are required. Call 610-921-0624.



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@JFRReading.org