



THE CENTERPIECE

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

THE JEWISH CULTURAL CENTER OF READING
invites you to join our 4-part film series

CINEMA: THE JEWISH LENS

We guarantee you'll laugh,
you'll cry, you'll think.

From Woody Allen to the Coen Brothers, and from *Gone with the Wind* to *The Godfather*, Jewish writers, actors, directors and producers have unabashedly interwoven Jewish wisdom, values, traditions and their unique sense of humor into some of the movies we love best.

THE JEWISH PICTURE



Is there such a thing as a "Jewish" movie?

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST, 2013

AT FIRST SIGHT



Explore the nature of love and romance from a Jewish perspective.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH, 2013

THE COMEDY OF CONFLICT



Why are so many comedies built around conflict and pain?

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH, 2013

HEROES IN ACTION



What transforms ordinary people into great leaders?

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND, 2013

Program will be held at: The Jewish Cultural Center, 1100 Berkshire Blvd., Suite 125, Wyomissing, PA 19610 **Time:** 11:00 am -12:15 pm. **Complimentary lunch to follow.**

RSVP by January 25: Contact Jayne: jayne@JFReading.org or 610.921.0624

Moderator: Claudia Strauss, M.A., M.Phil. Albright College

*The program and lunch are underwritten by the Rubin Educational Fund of the Jewish Federation of Reading.

Cinema: The Jewish Lens Mini-Course takes you behind the scenes, introducing you to Hollywood stars, film critics, screen writers, professors, rabbis and Biblical scholars who shed light on the ancient wisdom and Jewish traditions that find expression in Hollywood, today.



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EARLY EDUCATION



JCC Preschool Dinner & Winter Dance
Wednesday, February 20
5:30 to 7:30 pm
\$5 per child; \$10 per adult; under 2 yrs. free

Children ages 1 to 12 (with their parents) are invited to join in the fun of a "just for kids" dance party. Our DJ will have kids hopping with an energetic mix of kid's music & interactive games (prizes, too)!

Follow the Yellow Brick Road...join us in the Land of Oz... Dancing, Dinner, Games & Lots of Fun!!
 Because our winter dance party is one of our most popular family events, advance registration is required. Please return this form with payment by February 13.

We will attend JCC Preschool Over the Rainbow Dance Party 170JAN
 Name _____
 # adults _____ # children _____ \$ _____ enclosed
 Check payable to Jewish Federation of Reading or credit card payment
 Mastercard/Visa/Discover # _____
 Exp Date _____ Security Code _____ (3 digit # on back of card)
 Signature _____

PROGRAMS

JCC PURIM CARNIVAL & PJ LIBRARY BOOK EVENT
Sunday, February 24
12:15 to 2:00 pm

Hot Dogs * Prizes * Popcorn
Cotton Candy * Carnival Games * Hamantashen

Admission to JCC Carnival is FREE
 Purchase 25 cent tickets for food & games
Come in costume & get a free ticket!

Youth Group Event
2nd to 8th Grades
Sunday, January 13
12:15 to 2:00pm
Bowling at Berks Lanes
\$12 includes bowling, slice pizza & drink

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

Judith C. Kaneff Art Exhibit

January 20 thru March 13

Featuring works in
 Photography and
 Calligraphy

Opening Artist's Reception
 Sunday, January 20
 2:00 to 4:00pm

Weather related closings & delays will be announced on most local radio stations by 7:30am and the following websites:
 www.readingeagle.com or www.wfmz.com.
 Look for Reading Jewish Cultural Center Preschool. Please be sure to check one of these sources BEFORE bringing your child to school.

DAILY ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

MONDAY		
ABC Music & Me (April 8)	1:00-1:30pm	3, 4 & 5 yrs.
Hola Amigos (Feb.4)	12:30-1:00pm	All ages
TUESDAY		
Soccer Shots (March 12)	1:00-1:30pm	3, 4 & 5 yrs.
WEDNESDAY		
I Love Stories (Jan. 23)	12:30-1:30pm	All
FRIDAY		
Fun & Games (Jan. 25)	12:30-1:30pm	All
MONDAY through FRIDAY		
Lunch Hour	11:30-12:30pm	All
Stay and Play	12:30-3:00pm	All

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE . . . Every Thursday

1:00 pm -- Luncheon catered by Boscov's Ala Carte*
 1:30 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 JANUARY PROGRAMS

3: Annette Peppard will present a program on communication and hearing loss
 10: Artist Lisa Gauker, who is currently exhibiting "New Works in Encaustic" in the JCC gallery, will take us on a tour of her artwork. She mixes pigments, oils and resins within a beeswax medium to celebrate nature!
 Lunch sponsored by Country Meadows.
 17: Commemorate Martin Luther King Jr. Day with a program on diversity.
 Lunch sponsored by Manor at Market Square
 24: Join Friendship Circle for a Tu B'Shevat celebration
 31: Thursday Film Festival "Divan". Have your taxi pick you up at 3:15pm

Thursday Film Festival
January 31 - 1:45pm
"Divan"

Filmmaker Pearl Gluck returns to her Hungarian roots to find a couch that has been in her family for years. Through her quest to find the precious heirloom on which a famous Hasidic rabbi slept, Gluck undergoes a search for her true identity. (77 mins.)

Film Free ... Optional lunch at 1 p.m., \$6. Movie begins at 1:45
For lunch reservations
Contact Carole Robinson at caroler@JFReading.org

Great Decisions 2013
 Begins March 5 and runs through May 7
 Tuesday mornings at the JCC ... 10:00 to 11:30 am
 \$35 one person, one book OR \$40 two persons, one book

Great Decisions is the name shared by a national civic-education program and publication of the Foreign Policy Association. Published annually, the Great Decisions briefing book highlights eight of the most thought-provoking foreign policy challenges facing Americans today. Great Decisions provides background information, current data, and policy options for each of the eight issues and serves as the focal text for our discussion groups.

- Weekly Topics:**
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| Future of the Euro | Humanitarian Intervention |
| Egypt | Iran |
| NATO | China in Africa |
| Myanmar and Southeast Asia | Threat Assessment |

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