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## DECEMBER 2015

**Jewish Federation<sup>®</sup>**  
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**SATURDAY, JAN. 23 | 7PM**

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2 — 7 PM

### TOUCHDOWN ISRAEL

Israel/US | 2014 | Drama | 85 min | English/  
Hebrew w/ subtitles | Director: Paul Hirschberger



This documentary, *Touchdown Israel*, follows the fast growing sport of American tackle football in Israel. In its first five years, the Israeli Football League (IFL) grew from 25 enthusiastic players in Tel Aviv to a thriving league of over 600 players and 10 teams in a nation roughly the size of New Jersey. The league is 80 percent Israeli, with secular and orthodox Jews playing with and against Israeli Arab, Christian, Thai and Palestinian players. Often new to the sport, players must learn the tactics, and execute the strategies to win the weekly game on the quest for Israel Bowl glory.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10 — 7 PM

### 24 DAYS

France | 2014 | Narrative | 110 min | French w/  
English subtitles | Director: Alexander Arcady



Alexandre Arcady's thriller *24 Days* is based on the real-life kidnapping of Ilan Halimi, a French Jew, from the harrowing perspective of his mother, Ruth Halimi. Ilan was a Jewish salesman living in Paris when he was kidnapped by African immigrants who were known as the "Gang of Barbarians." They held him captive for more than three weeks, during which time they attempted to ransom him back to family. This event shocked the nation and forced a national conversation about anti-Semitism.

The Reading Jewish Film Series is co-sponsored by the Rubin Educational Fund of the Jewish Federation of Reading and Fox Theatres. Admission is \$5 per film or \$20 for the series of five films. All films will be shown on Wednesday evenings at 7 pm at Fox Berkshire, 800 Berkshire Blvd., Wyomissing.

Tickets can be purchased at the theater beginning at 6:30pm on the day of the screening or series tickets can be bought at the JCC. Cash & checks are accepted. [www.readingjewishcommunity.org](http://www.readingjewishcommunity.org)



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## FREE DVD PROGRAM

Wednesday, December 16 at 7 pm at JCC



Panelists: *Rabbi Aaron Panken, PhD: President, Hebrew Union College.*  
*Reverend Brian McWeeney, D.Min: Archdiocese of New York.*  
*Judith Banki, D.H.L.: Tanenbaum Center for Interreligious Understanding.*  
*Reverend Jean-Pierre Ruiz, S.T.D. St. Johns University*

Moderated by *Rabbi David Sandmel, PhD:*  
*Director of Interfaith Affairs, Anti-Defamation League*

### 50 years after Nostra Aetate: Catholic, Jewish and Latino Relations in the Age of the Latino Pope—

Fifty years ago the groundbreaking Vatican II Council and Nostra Aetate forever transformed Catholic-Jewish relations. Today the majority of U.S. Catholics identify as Latino. Come learn from a distinguished panel of speakers on the current state of Catholic-Jewish relations, particularly in the age of Pope Francis, the first Latino pope.



LIGHT UP THE WORLD!



ANNUAL COMMUNITY-WIDE CHANUKAH AT THE MALL

FEATURING THE JEWISH ROCK & ROLL BAND



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MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2015  
2ND NIGHT OF CHANUKAH  
6:00 PM



BERKSHIRE MALL (BOSCOV'S ENTRANCE)

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# LAKIN PRESCHOOL

Weather related closings & delays will be announced on local radio stations by 7:30am and the following Websites: [www.readingeagle.com](http://www.readingeagle.com) or [www.wfmz.com](http://www.wfmz.com) -- Lakin Preschool. Please be sure to check one of these sources BEFORE bringing your child to school.



These Lakin Preschool programs are targeted specifically to babies and children under 2 years old. These classes are designed to stimulate young children while bonding with parents or caregivers. We are currently accepting enrollment.

**Kindermusik Village: 0-18 months**  
**Kindermusik Our Time: 18 months- 3 y**  
 While bonding with your baby in the Village class, enjoy multi-level activities including creative movement, object and instrument exploration, and vocal play. Your baby's growth and development are stimulated and all of his senses engaged! Parents and caregivers participate with their children.

For the toddler, every day brings new discoveries and opportunities to explore the world. Kindermusik *Our Time* encourages children to be creative, to initiate their own ideas and to respond in their own ways, while the parents' active participation gives the toddlers the security they need. Playing instruments, singing, moving, and exploring uncover an engaging musical world while building the toddlers' confidence, self-control, and communications skills.

**Sprouts: 9 months – 24 months**  
 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 9 - 24 month old toddlers, these classes provide both creative playtime as well as small and large muscle activity. Yoga poses will also be incorporated. Parents or caregivers participate with their children.

**Visit the Toy Library! Mondays 9-11 AM**  
 Come to Room 8 and have some coffee while you watch your child play with some toys. Structured and non-structured activities will be presented, and you may even borrow a toy to take home!

### Registration Form

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parent's name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_ Payment enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Kindermusik Village 0 mths. - 18 mths.	Monday	10:00 -10:45	1) Sept. 21 - Nov. 23	\$100
			2) Nov. 30 - Feb. 1	\$100
			3) Feb. 8 - Apr. 4	\$100
Kindermusik Our Time 18 mths. - 3 yrs.	Monday	9:00 - 9:45	1) Sept. 21 - Jan. 25	\$200
			2) Feb. 1- May 23	\$200
Sprouts	Wednesday	9:00 - 10:00	1) Sept. 9 - Jan. 13	\$170
			2) Jan. 21 - May 28	\$170
Total Owed				

Please return this registration form along with your payment to:  
 Lakin Preschool, 555 Warwick Drive, Wyomissing, PA 19610  
 Questions? Please call Judy Synnamon, Director, at 484-332-5981 or email [school@ohesholom.org](mailto:school@ohesholom.org).

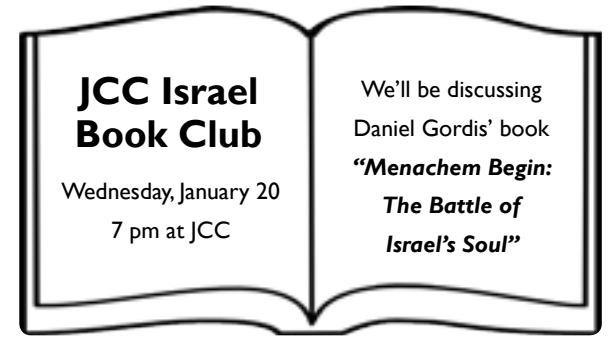


Lakin Preschool is participating in the Giant A+ School Rewards Program. Through March 31, 2015, our school can earn CASH through this exciting program.

**You can help!**  
 Follow this link: <http://www.giantfoodstores.com/aplus/SchoolDesignationLogin.html> to register your BonusCard online. You will need our school ID # 25824. It takes just a minute. Then, each time you shop at Giant using your BONUSCARD, you will earn cash for our school which can be used for any of our school's educational needs! Sign-up sheets are also available in each classroom.

Taking just a minute of your time to register your card can make a huge difference to our school. We need your support! Also, please encourage your family and friends to do the same. We are hoping for excellent participation!

**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!!!**



### JCC Israel Book Club

Wednesday, January 20  
 7 pm at JCC

We'll be discussing Daniel Gordis' book **"Menachem Begin: The Battle of Israel's Soul"**

## Yodka & Latkes

**December 19th, 2015**  
**7:30 at RCOS**  
 Come celebrate Hanukkah with a little pizzazz!  
 There will be a potato bar & plenty of potato vodka to celebrate this festive holiday!

Pricing is TBD  
 Reservations are **required** by December 9th, 2015

## 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 DECEMBER PROGRAMS

- 3: Thursday Film Festival "The Ritchie Boys". Lunch sponsored by Manor at Market Square. Please have your taxi pick you up at 3:30.
- 10: Chanukah celebration with latkes and dreidels. Enjoy Chanukah songs and other music performed by Eliana Alweis. Lunch sponsored by Country Meadows.
- 17: Play "Twenty Questions", the classic game of people, places and things.
- 24: **Please note time change. Friendship Circle is meeting at 12:00.** Alex Eskin will entertain us with a musical program on keyboard and guitar.
- 31: **Please note time change. Friendship Circle is meeting at 12:00.** New Year's Eve party!



### Thursday Film Festival December 3, 1:45 pm "The Ritchie Boys"

Run out of Germany by the Nazis, a small contingent of German Jewish intellectuals exacted the perfect revenge – returning to Europe as U.S. soldiers to defeat the enemy. This documentary mixes newsreels with interviews to tell the story of men whose chutzpah had a lasting effect on world history. (90 min)

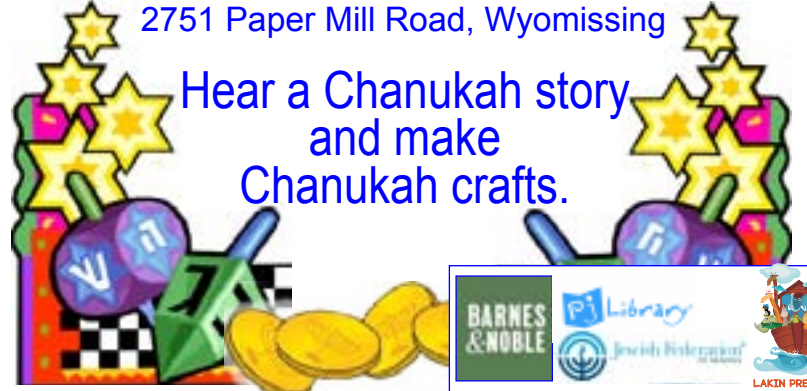
Join us for **Bridge** at the JCC Duplicate Bridge Club Wednesdays at 12:30pm. All players are welcome. If you need a partner call Sue Wesner 610-972-5327 or Brian Snyder 484-838-0977. Sanctioned by the American Contract Bridge League  
 \$3 JCC members      \$6 Nonmembers

**Mah Jongg** is played at the JCC every Monday at noon. Everyone is welcome to join the games. Contact Amanda Hornberger, [AmandaH@JFReading.org](mailto:AmandaH@JFReading.org)

# Chanukah Storytime

Sunday, December 6, 2015  
 1:00 pm

Wyomissing Barnes & Noble Store  
 2751 Paper Mill Road, Wyomissing



Hear a Chanukah story and make Chanukah crafts.

**Tuesday, December 1, 2015**  
**6:00-7:00 pm at The JCC**

There will be in-person donation taking place at the JCC the evening of #GivingTuesday, December 1st. When you make a donation, or contribution your name will be entered in a raffle to win prizes throughout the night. Chevre Mahjong will also be taking place during the live event on #GivingTuesday, so feel free to join us and play. Free appetizers will also be served throughout the evening.

#GivingTuesday #JewishFedReading

**The JCC will be CLOSED:**  
 Friday, December 25  
 Friday, January 1