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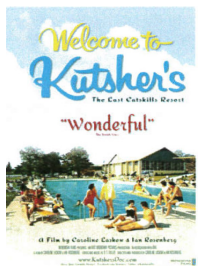
## FEBRUARY 2015

## READING JEWISH FILM SERIES 2015

The Jewish Cultural Center is proud to announce the inaugural season of the Reading Jewish Film Series. The Series is co-sponsored by the **Rubin Educational Fund of the Jewish Federation of Reading & Fox Theatres**. All shows begin at **7:00 PM** at **Fox East Theatre** (next to Boscov's East). **\$5 per film or \$15 for the Series**.

**WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 18**

### WELCOME TO KUTSHER'S: THE LAST CATSKILLS RESORT



*Welcome to Kutsher's: The Last Catskills Resorts*, is an extraordinary historical documentary that immerses views in the history of the famous Jewish American vacation resort Kutsher's, in the Catskills of New York, from 1907 to present day. The film captures Kutsher's three family generations that brought in top names in entertainment, including stand-up comedy and sports, such as Alan King, Billy Crystal, Jerry Steinfeld, Joan Rivers, Muhammad Ali, Wilt Chamberlain, and many others. Activities at Kutsher's included Art, Bridge, Bingo, golf, indoor/outdoor pools, ping pong, facial make over spa, lectures on health and nutrition. In 100 years, millions of people generation after generation have visited and enjoyed Kutsher's. The Kosher food was elaborate and abundant serving three meals daily including a Chinese and Italian entrée. *Welcome to Kutcher's* is indeed a wonderful family film, about a wonderful family getaway.

**WEDNESDAY MARCH 18**

### THE THIRD HALF



In this Macedonian film inspired by true events from World War II, the rag tag Macedonia Football Club competes for the championship of the Nazi Football League. Determined to build the best football club in the country, Dimitry hires the German-Jewish coach, Rudolph Spitz, to galvanize his team, but when the first Nazi tanks roll through the city and Rebecca, the beautiful daughter of a local banker, elopes with his star player, all Dimitry's plans change. Neither a

war movie nor a Holocaust movie, it is more of a soccer epic: a story of misfits, pariahs, losers and idealists, who during a turbulent time realize their game is more than just a game – it becomes a battle between Good and Evil.

**MONDAY MAY 4**

### LITTLE WHITE LIE



Since childhood, Lacey Schwartz knew she was different: her dark complexion set her apart from the rest of her family, as did her boisterous, black curls. But it wasn't until her freshman year at Georgetown University that she began to understand why. Growing up, her parents never spoke about her origins, and Schwartz had no reason to think of herself as anything but white. In *Little White Lie*, the filmmaker bravely pulls back the curtain on her family secrets, raising larger questions through the frank and sometimes raw conversations with family and friends. In this deeply personal and riveting exploration of bi-racial identity, Schwartz asks: What makes us who we are? And how do we rebuild our identities after learning that the assumptions underlying them are false.

**MONDAY JUNE 1**

### HUNTING ELEPHANTS



A huge box-office smash in Israel, Reshef Levi's *Hunting Elephants* unites some of Israel's most treasured stars of the stage and screen alongside Sir Patrick Stewart (*Star Trek*, *X-Men*) in this modern-day heist film. Jonathan is a bright 12-year-old — perhaps too bright, since everyone picks on him at school, including his teachers. His closest friend in the world is his father, Daniel. The two of them meet up every day after school when Jonathan visits Daniel at his job at the bank. One day, Daniel is involved in an accident at work and the bank refuses to take responsibility for it. With the help of his cranky grandfather Eliyahu, Eliyahu's wily friend Nick, and a disgraced, eccentric British Lord (Sir Patrick Stewart), Jonathan comes up with a crazy plan that will help save his family, while getting even with his father's sleazy former boss: the four of them are going to rob the bank!

## 2015 GREAT DECISIONS

March 9 through April 27

At the JCC ... 10:30 am

\$35 one person, one book

\$40 two persons, one book

Contact Amanda Hornberger

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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.

- Russia and the Near Abroad
- Privacy in the Digital Age
- Sectarianism in the Middle East
- India Changes Course
- U.S. Policy Toward Africa
- Syria's Refugee Crisis
- Human Trafficking in the 21st Century
- Brazil's Metamorphosis

## Community Shabbat Dinner and Services

Friday, February 6

Let us connect with each other, our tradition and God as we celebrate this special time .

6:00 p.m. Family Shabbat Service

7:00 p.m. Dinner

Keshar Zion Synagogue  
1245 Perkiomen Ave.

Kosher Buffet Dinner: Vegetarian option by request

Adults \$20 per person\* - Children and Youth, 18 and under are free  
Please RSVP to Brenda: [brendas@JFReading.org](mailto:brendas@JFReading.org) or call 610-921-0624  
Sponsored by Chabad Lubavitch of Berks County, Jewish Federation of Reading, Keshar Zion Synagogue, and Reform Congregation Oheb Sholom

\*Financial assistance available from Jewish Family Service; Call Sari at 610-921-0624

Security will be on the premise that evening. Transportation to and from Community Shabbat is available from the Highlands. Would you like to car pool? Meet at the JCC at 5:20 pm and groups can car pool to KZ together. Just tell Brenda when you RSVP.

# LAKIN PRESCHOOL



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

## Lakin Preschool SNOWFLAKE BALL

featuring "FROZEN!"

Wednesday, February 18

(snowdate February 19)

5:30 - 7:30pm at RCOS Social Hall

\$5 per child (children under 2 are Free)

\$10 per adult with pizza (optional)

Children ages newborn to 12 (with their parents) are invited to join in the fun of a "just for kids" dance party. Locally renowned DJ Mike Kindlich from Jam on Sound will have the kids hopping with his energetic mix of kid's music & interactive games (prizes, too!) Pizza, beverages and dessert will be provided. Parents are requested to stay with their children. Children are welcome to dress up in their holiday best - a great chance to wear those special outfits again before they get packed away.

...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 12th.

We will attend Lakin Preschool **SNOWFLAKE BALL** Dance Party  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 # adults \_\_\_\_\_ # children \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed (170FEB)  
 Check payable to RCOS Lakin Preschool or credit card payment  
 Mastercard/Visa/Discover # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Exp Date \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code \_\_\_\_\_ (3 digit # on back of card)  
 Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature \_\_\_\_\_



**Kindermusik Village**  
is now at Lakin Preschool!  
Newborn to 18 months

Through a unique blend of multi-level activities including creative movement, vocal play, object and instrument exploration, your baby's growth and development are stimulated and all of his senses engaged.



Classes meet Thursday mornings  
9:15am - 10:00am

Session 1: Jan 22-March 12      Session 2: March 19-May 14

Exploration Time  
Music & Dance  
Instrument Play  
Expert Advice  
Together time!

Call Judy Synnamm today for information on registering  
484-332-5981

LAKIN PRESCHOOL of Reform Congregation Oheb Sholom  
555 Warwick Drive, Wyomissing

### Coming in April

#### From Underoos to Super Jews!

Thursday, April 2 at the JCC  
5:30 pm Light supper  
6 pm Program


Alon Barzilay will bring his interactive program "Underoos to Super Jews" to the JCC. Few people know that America's superheroes share the same Jewish cultural themes as the comic book artists who created them, such as immigration, Zionism and anti-semitism. Gain new perspective on how the true themes of superhero films are rooted in Jewish American culture. Fun for the entire family!

### 11th Annual Richard J. Yashek Memorial Lecture


March 31, 2015

7:00 PM Wachovia Theatre, Albright College  
Lecture featuring Dr. James A. Grymes, UNC Charlotte  
"Violins of Hope"

Musicologist James A. Grymes will discuss his new book, *Violins of Hope: Instruments of Hope and Liberation in Mankind's Darkest Hour*. A stirring testament to the strength of the human spirit and the power of music, *Violins of Hope* tells the remarkable stories of violins played by Jewish musicians during the Holocaust, and of the Israeli violinmaker dedicated to bringing these inspirational instruments back to life.



**Community Purim Event**  
March 1, 2015  
Reform Congregation Oheb Sholom  
12noon - 2:00pm  
Games, food and lots of fun!



### JCC Youth Event

For Grades 1 to 6

Sunday, February 22

1:00 to 3:30 pm



What child DOESN'T LOVE building awesome robotic models featuring working motors and sensors?! Kids work in teams under guided instructions to build and program Lego® models focusing on various engineering principles. The technology-fun doesn't stop there – after building, we'll plug in the builds to become COMPUTER PROGRAMMERS and make our builds move & make noises. Don't miss out on all the fun! Learning is enhanced through use of laptops, and each class ends with a free play session in the Discovery Center to promote creativity.

\$15 per child

Please RSVP by February 13. Call 610-921-0624 or email [amandah@JFReading.org](mailto:amandah@JFReading.org)

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

### 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 FEBRUARY PROGRAMS

- 5: Join us for a Tu B'Shevat(New Year of the Trees) seder.
- 12: Beth Krumholz captivates with her slide show *Art Around the World*
- 19: Thursday Film Festival "Budapest to Gettysburg"  
Lunch sponsored by Manor @ Market Square.
- 26: Ryan Breisch, Executive Director of the Literacy Council of Reading-Berks, will tell us about the agency's goal to eliminate illiteracy in Berks Council.

### Thursday Film Festival

February 19 ... 1:45pm

"Budapest to Gettysburg"

Gabor Boritt, an expert on Abraham Lincoln and the American Civil War, returns to his native Budapest to confront his own history. He faces his Jewish-Hungarian childhood, the Holocaust, Soviet tyranny, the 1956 Revolution, and his escape to America. From the streets of Budapest to the fields of Gettysburg, Gabor discovers the epic history that transformed him into a great scholar of Lincoln and American democracy. (75 min.)



**Art Exhibit**  
at the  
**Jewish Cultural Center**  
Bob Woods  
January 8 to March 6



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](mailto:jayne@JFReading.org)