



# THE CENTERPIECE

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For Programming of the Jewish Cultural Center & Lakin Preschool news  
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MARCH 2016



## 2016 GREAT DECISIONS

**Mondays mornings**  
**March 7 through April 25**  
**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 discussion groups. Each week's session includes a short video produced by internationally renowned scholars and a focused discussion on the issues.

- March 7—Middle East Alliances—Dr. Gordon Perlmutter
- March 14—Cuba and the U.S.—Dr. Kirwin Shaffer, PSU Berks
- March 21—The Rise of ISIS—Dr. Edgar Hartung, Alvernia
- March 28—The United Nations—Dr. Irene Langran, Albright
- April 4—The Koreas—Dr. Randall Newnham, PSU Berks
- April 11—The Future of Kurdistan—Paul Landry
- April 18—Climate Change—Dr. Spencer Stober, Alvernia
- April 25—Migration—Amanda Hornberger

**Wednesday, March 30**  
**12th Annual**

### Richard J. Yashek Memorial Lecture

7:30 pm Wachovia Theatre at Albright College

Featuring Dr. Paul Jaskot

**Architecture and the Spaces of the Holocaust :**  
**A Plan, A Testimony, and a Digital Map**

2 **READING JEWISH FILM SERIES 2016** 16

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16 — 7 PM

### ABOVE & BEYOND

USA | 2014 | Documentary | 87 min | English/  
Hebrew w/ subtitles | Director: Roberta Grossman



*Above and Beyond* is the first feature-length documentary about the Jewish-American pilots who fought for Israel in the 1948 Arab-Israeli War. In secret and at great personal risk, they smuggled planes out of the U.S., trained behind the Iron Curtain in Czechoslovakia and flew for Israel in its War of Independence. As members of Machal – “volunteers from abroad” –

this ragtag band of brothers not only turned the tide of the war, they also embarked on personal journeys of discovery and renewed Jewish pride.

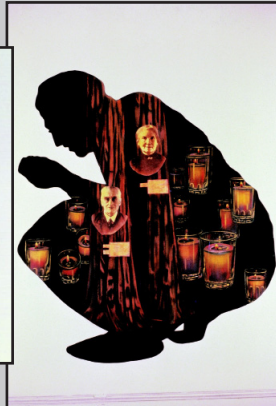
The Reading Jewish Film Series is co-sponsored by the Rubin Educational Fund of the Jewish Federation of Reading and Fox Theatres. Admission is \$5 per film. All films will be shown on Wednesday evenings at 7 pm at Fox Berkshire, 800 Berkshire Blvd., Wyomissing.

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



### Art Exhibit

## “The Eye of The Collector: The Jewish Vision of Sigmund R. Balka”



### Art Exhibit Schedule

**Penn State Berks Freyberger Gallery --**

Exhibit hosted by Penn State Berks through March 3 .

**JCC --**

Exhibit hosted at JCC through March 25.

**Albright College Freedman Gallery --**

Exhibit hosted at Albright College through March 11.

**Reading Public Museum Auditorium --**

Exhibit hosted at Reading Public Museum through March 27.



**Sunday, April 3 at 6 pm**

### Klein Lecture Hall at Albright College

Screening of the Holocaust documentary “Misa’s Fugue” made by Fleetwood Area High School students and supported by Jewish Federation of Reading. Producer Jen Goss and Director Sean Gaston will be there to lead a Q&A after the film.

**Monday, April 4 at 7 pm**

### Science Lecture Hall at Albright College

Learn what happened to the letter from Auschwitz featured in the documentary “Misa’s Fugue” after the film was made. Featuring Judy Cohen from the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum

**Sunday, May 22**

### 2016 Annual Meeting and Picnic

### Wyomissing Hills Playground

92:Y

Sunday, April 10  
5 pm at JCC

LIVE webcast of 92nd Street Y Program

“World Politics with Ralph Bultjens: Israel and its Neighbors”

## Chevra Mahjong

Tuesday, March 1  
7 pm at the JCC

Join old and new friends for a fun evening playing the ancient game of Mahjong. No experience necessary! Questions about Mahjong? Please talk to Michele Leisawitz, who organizes the games. RSVP to Brenda at 610-921-0624 or email [BrendaS@JFReading.org](mailto:BrendaS@JFReading.org).

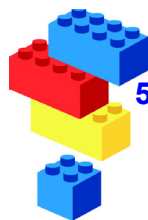
# LAKIN PRESCHOOL



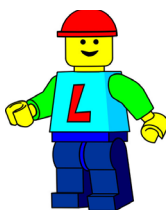
Weather related closings & delays will be announced on local radio stations by 7:30am and the following Websites: [www.readingeagle.com](http://www.readingeagle.com) or [www.wfmz.com](http://www.wfmz.com) -- Lakin Preschool. Please be sure to check one of these sources BEFORE bringing your child to school.



## LEGO LAND DANCE PARTY "Everything is Awesome!"



**Wednesday, March 9**  
(snowdate March 10)  
**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.

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We will attend Lakin Preschool LEGOLand Dance Party  
Name \_\_\_\_\_  
# adults \_\_\_\_\_ # children \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed  
(170MAR) Check payable to RCOS Lakin Preschool or credit card payment  
Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp Date \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code \_\_\_\_\_  
(3 digit # on back of card)  
Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_  
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MARCH  
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We offer:

- Flexible drop-off and pick-up times
- Small class sizes
- Private Kindergarten
- Afternoon programs in art, soccer, music, language arts, and academics
- High staff retention rate
- Children of all religious backgrounds
- Strong pre-academic curriculum
- Classes in yoga and gross motor exercise
- NEW! Baby yoga



**LAKIN PRESCHOOL**  
REFORM CONGREGATION OHEB SHOLOM

## LAKIN PRESCHOOL OF RCOS

**PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE**  
555 Warwick Dr., Wyomissing, PA 19610  
**6 PM - 8 PM**

Please join us for a Preschool Open House! Come tour our facility and learn about our curriculum and programs from children ages 0-6. In these programs, we emphasize self-confidence, independence, cooperation, and problem solving skills. The value of good deeds, caring for one another, and education are reinforced in all of our classes. For more information, please contact Judy Synnamon at 484-332-5981 or [school@ohebsholom.org](mailto:school@ohebsholom.org).

## Taking Time with Community: A Shabbat to Reconnect with Family and our Community

### Community Shabbat Service and Dinner

Friday, March 4

Service at 6 pm, Dinner at 7 pm  
At Reform Congregation Oheb Sholom

<p><b>JCC Israel Book Club</b></p> <p>Wednesday, March 9 7 pm at JCC</p>	<p>We'll be discussing <b>"Doomed to Succeed"</b> by Dennis Ross.</p>
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**Thursday, March 24**  
**JCC Community Purim Carnival**  
to be held at Chabad  
**5:15 pm**  
PJ Library event will be combined with this

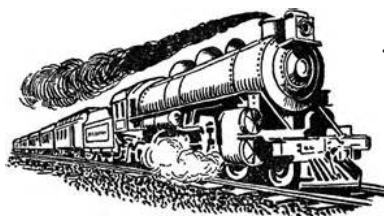
	<p>Join us for <b>Bridge</b> at the JCC Duplicate Bridge Club Wednesdays at 12:30pm. All players are welcome. If you need a partner call Sue Wesner 610-972-5327 or Brian Snyder 484-838-0977. Sanctioned by the American Contract Bridge League \$3 JCC members      \$6 Nonmembers</p>
	<p><b>Mah Jongg</b> is played at the JCC every Monday at noon. Everyone is welcome to join the games. Contact Amanda Hornberger, <a href="mailto:AmandaH@JFReading.org">AmandaH@JFReading.org</a></p>

## 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 MARCH PROGRAMS

- 3 – Unleash your creativity! Express yourself through adult coloring books, rubber stamps, beads and/or clay. Or just relax, chat and listen to the music! No prior experience necessary.
- 10 – Join Friendship Circle for a lively game of "The Price Is Right." Game and lunch sponsored by Country Meadows.
- 17 – Wear green to celebrate St. Patty's Day at the THURSDAY FILM FESTIVAL "Of Stars and Shamrocks." Have your taxi pick you up at 3:00.
- 24 – Purim Party!
- 31 – Matthew Dodd will present "Songs and Stories of Old Railroad Days."



**Thursday, March 31, 1:45 pm**  
**Songs and Stories of Old Railroad Days**

Dressed in old-time railroader clothes, Matthew Dodd takes listeners on a journey through time featuring railroad songs (new and old), plus stories of famous trains, train wrecks, famous engineers, brakemen, passengers and railroad builders; railroad legends and ghosts, railroad lore, jokes and superstitions and more. Matthew plays acoustic guitar, banjo, harmonica and mandolin.

**Thursday Film Festival**  
**March 17, 1:45 pm**

### "Of Stars and Shamrocks"

This provocative documentary historically reveals the origins of Boston's Irish and Jewish communities in the mass exodus from the Potato Famine of the second half of the 19th Century and the Eastern European pogroms at the turn of the century. It shows the bitter rivalries of the Twenties and Thirties, and turning points in ethnic relations. (57 min)