

# THE CENTERPIECE

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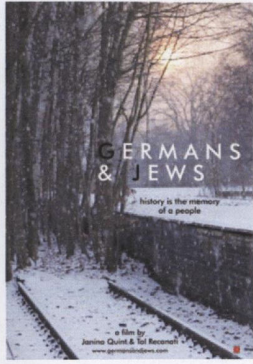
### READING JEWISH FILM SERIES 2017

The Jewish Cultural Center is proud to announce the third season of the Reading Jewish Film Series, co-sponsored by the Rubin Educational Fund of the Jewish Federation of Reading and Fox Theatres. Admission is \$5 per film or \$30 for the series of seven films. All films will be shown on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm at FOX EAST 4350 PERKIOMEN AVENUE, READING. 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 and checks are accepted.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7 — 7:00 PM

### GERMANS & JEWS

USA | 2015 | Documentary | 76 minutes | English & German with English subtitles | director: Janina Quint



Germany is considered one of the most democratic societies in the world, assuming the position of moral leader in Europe as it embraces hundreds of thousands of refugees. None of these developments could have been imagined in 1945. Through personal stories *Germans & Jews* explores the country's transformation from silence about the Holocaust to facing it head on. What began as a private conversation between the two filmmakers and friends, Tal Recanati (Jewish) and Janina Quint (non-Jewish German), grew into a cultural exchange among many. *Germans & Jews* is provocative, unexpected and enlightening.

#### PLEASE NOTE:

Reading Jewish Film Series 2017  
Will be held at FOX EAST Theatre  
4350 Perkiomen Avenue, Exeter Township  
(Next to Boscov's East)



## Kristallnacht Interfaith Service

Wednesday, November 9  
7 pm -- Service  
6:30 pm -- Circle of Light  
Christ Episcopal Church  
435 Court St. Reading

All are welcome.

## TECH TUESDAY



Tuesdays  
4pm at the JCC

Free classes for anyone wanting to learn more about their electronic devices with hands on learning experiences and handouts.

November 8: Safari and Siri

Bring your Apple phone or tablet

November 29: Facebook

Bring your laptop, phone or tablet

92Y  
DVD presentation of an  
earlier live satellite broadcast



Monday, November 21  
2pm

The Highlands (Cultural Center Side B)

### "A Tale of Love and Darkness" Reel Pieces with Annette Insdorf

On the occasion of the release of *A Tale of Love and Darkness* — directed and adapted by Natalie Portman from Amos Oz's autobiographical novel — the Oscar winning actress will discuss clips from this film, and her career, with Moderator Annette Insdorf.

The onstage conversation will include clips from her notable previous movies, including Luc Besson's *The Professional*, Mike Nichols' *Closer* and Darren Aronofsky's *Black Swan*.

Portman also stars in *A Tale of Love and Darkness*, a Hebrew-language drama about a Polish Holocaust survivor — seen through the eyes of her young son — who is trying to adjust in late 1940s Israel. For her feature directing debut, she chose cinematographer Slawomir Idziak, who photographed Kieslowski's *Double Life of Veronique* as well as *Three Colors: Blue*. Portman's previous work as a director includes the short *Eve* — starring Lauren Bacall and Ben Gazzara — and a segment of *New York, I Love You*.

THE JCC WILL BE CLOSED:  
THURSDAY & FRIDAY  
NOVEMBER 24 & 25

*Happy Thanksgiving*



## LAKIN PRESCHOOL

Visit our website [www.LakinPreschool.com](http://www.LakinPreschool.com)

Lakin Preschool is participating in the Giant A+ School Rewards Program. Through March 31, 2017, 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. Then, each time you shop at Giant using your BONUSCARD, you will earn CASH for our school! The money can be used for any of our school's educational needs! If you are not able to register online, we also have sign-up sheets in each classroom.

Taking just a minute of your time to register 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! Please Note: This is in addition to and NOT instead of any personal incentives (i.e. Gas Points). You will still get your own rebates!!

**Jewish Family Service- Planning for Retirement Programs**

If you are planning to retire in the near future, our two informational programs at the JCC can help you make important decisions.

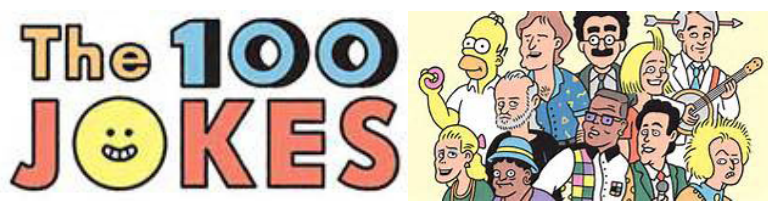
**Maximizing Social Security Benefits** -- Monday, November 7 at 6 pm

Speaker: Earl Schultz of Strategic Wealth Advisory, Birdsboro

**Basic Introduction to Medicare** -- Monday, November 14 at 6 pm

Speaker: Phyllis Dessel, retired from Berks County Area Office of Aging

Programs are free, minimum registration required. Please RSVP by October 28, call Sari at 610-921-0624 or email [SariI@jfReading.org](mailto:SariI@jfReading.org)

**COMEDY NIGHT at the JCC**  
Saturday, November 19

Learn about the 100 greatest jokes of all time.  
Deli dinner at 6 pm.

\$10 a person for JCC member, \$12 for non-members.  
RSVP deadline with payment November 11.

**FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE**

1:00 pm -- Luncheon catered by Boscov's Ala Carte\*

1:45 pm -- Program/Speaker. Varied programs are informative, educational and fun.

\*Optional luncheon (\$6). RSVP to Carole at the JCC by Monday.

**FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE NOVEMBER PROGRAMS**

- 3: To commemorate Kristallnacht, join us for the Thursday Film Festival "The Children of Chabannes." Have your taxi pick you up at 3:30.
- 10: Veterans Day program sponsored by Manor at Market Square. Listen to an Oral History Interview with Herbert Schneider, the Mighty Eighth Air Force & 351st Bomb Group. View actual WWII color footage, narrated by Clark Gable. Have your taxi pick you up at 3:30.
- 17: Enjoy a Thanksgiving meal with your Friendship Circle friends. Then learn about 2017 Medicare and health insurance changes with Phyllis Dessel. Bring your questions!
- 24: NO Friendship Circle -- JCC closed for Thanksgiving

**Thurs. Nov. 17, 1:45pm -- Friendship Circle Program Medicare and Health Insurance Changes for 2017**

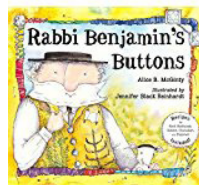
Join Phyllis Dessel, community volunteer, retired from Berks County Area Office of Aging, to learn about your Medicare options. During Medicare Open Enrollment (Oct. 15-Dec. 7), you can switch your Medicare plan and your Medicare Part D (prescription drug) plan.

**THANKSGIVING SHOW and FALL FESTIVAL**  
Wednesday, November 23  
9:30 am

Join us for an entertaining observance of Thanksgiving. Our preschool children 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.



JEWISH BEDTIME STORIES and SONGS

**Sunday, November 13 at 10 am at JCC**

PJ Library program on holidays and gratitude, just in time for Thanksgiving! Join us for activities on gratitude based on the book "Rabbi Benjamin's Buttons".

We'll be discussing holiday foods and working on gratitude projects. Children are encouraged to bring in a non-perishable food item for the Jewish Family Service food pantry.

Open to all children 0-8 (separate activities by age). Please RSVP to Amanda by Friday, November 11... [AmandaH@JFReading.org](mailto:AmandaH@JFReading.org)



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)

**Thursday Film Festival**  
November 3 at 1:45 pm  
**"The Children of Chabannes"**

A magical World War II tale of resilience and love, when the people of Chabannes, a tiny village in unoccupied France chose action over indifference to save the lives of 400 Jewish refugee children. (93 min.)