

The Centerpiece  
is your Programming Guide  
for the Jewish Cultural Center  
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# October 2017

Jewish Cultural Center  
92nd St. Y Programs  
Game Nights  
Community Shabbat  
Reading Jewish Film Series  
Great Decisions  
Interfaith Mitzvah Day  
Yom Ha'atzmaut  
PJ Library  
PJ Our Way  
Leo Camp Lecture

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
1 PJ Library Sukkah Event at Home Depot 1 pm	2 Movie Monday: The Sturgeon Queens 2 pm at JCC	3 Tech Tuesday: Find iPhone and Google Drive at 4 pm	4 Erev Sukkot	5 JCC WILL BE CLOSED Sukkot		7 Tot Shabbat on Farm 4 pm	
8 JCC Youth Event at South Mountain YMCA Camp 12:30 pm	9 Columbus Day	10 Friendship Circle 1 pm	11	12 JCC WILL BE CLOSED Shmini Atzeret		14	
15 JFR Leadership Dinner 4:30 pm Community Lecture 7 pm	16 92nd St Y Program at the Highlands 2 pm	17 Tech Tuesday: Android Phones at 4 pm	18 "Raise the Roof" Screening at Albright 7 pm	19 Friendship Circle 1 pm JFR Board Meeting 7 pm	20	21	
22 JCHS	23	24 Leo Camp Lecture at Albright (Chapel) 7:30 pm	25	26 Friendship Circle 1 pm	27	28 Bat Mitzvah of Sophia Horowitz 4 pm	
29 JCHS	30	31 JFS Volunteer Lunch	Upcoming Dates in November Thursday, November 9; 7:00 pm Kristallnacht Remembrance Service Christ Episcopal Church Reading				Saturday, November 18; 7:00 pm "Trial of Aaron" 7:00 pm at RCOS

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Tech Tuesday  
Yom Hazikaron  
Art Exhibits  
Yom Hashoah  
Annual Meeting and Picnic  
Purim Carnival  
Richard J. Yashek  
Memorial Lecture  
Kristallnacht Remembrance  
Youth Events  
Purim Masquerade Party  
Bridge  
Chevra  
Mahjong  
Trips to NYC/Philadelphia  
Lakin Holocaust Library  
& Resource Center  
Shabbat B'yachad  
Community Calendar



The Jewish Cultural Center is proud to announce the fourth 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. All films will be shown on Wednesday evenings at 7 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 can be purchased at the JCC. Cash and checks are accepted.



## "Hummus! The Movie"

Wednesday, November 1  
7 pm at Fox East

An eclectic, touching film about hummus, the delicious super food sweeping across America. Secret recipes, a Guinness World Record and the power of hummus to bring Muslims, Christians and Jews together - in the Middle East, America and around the world.

The screening of "Hummus! The Movie" will be followed by a free hummus tasting in partnership with the Islamic Center of Reading. Hummus provided by Wyomissing Restaurant and Bakery.

Sunday, October 15 at RCOS, 555 Warwick Dr., Wyomissing  
**Tamara Wittes**

## Annual Leadership Gifts Dinner

Dinner Reception 4:30 p.m.  
Recommended minimum  
commitment \$1,200 per person



## Annual Community Lecture

Free Open Community  
Lecture 7:00 pm

**Tamara Wittes**, Senior Fellow Center for Middle East Policy at Brookings. Ms. Wittes, a recipient of the Rabin-Peres Peace Award, is an engaging highly sought-after speaker on current events in the Middle East. Known for her knowledge, wit and expertise; she is the author of Freedom's Unsteady March: America's Role in Building Arab Democracy and is co-host of Rational Security, a weekly podcast on foreign policy and national security. Ms. Wittes served as deputy assistant secretary of state for Near Eastern affairs. Her current research includes the history of America's ties to autocratic allies for her forthcoming book, Our SOBs.

Reserve your place by October 9th Phone: 610-921-0624 / Email: BrendaS@JFRReading.org  
Online: ReadingJewishCommunity.org



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## Lakin Preschool

### Amazing Athletes

A unique, structured program for preschoolers ages 2 and up. It is especially designed to enhance a child's learning experience through movement. At Amazing Athletes, children learn the basic fundamentals and mechanics of 9 different sports while also building self-confidence, practicing teamwork and improving 7 key areas of motor development. Go to [www.amazingathletes.com](http://www.amazingathletes.com) to register. Questions? Call owner, Melanie Channick 267-934-9776 or email [MelanieChannick@amazingathletes.com](mailto:MelanieChannick@amazingathletes.com)

Meets: Friday 12:30-1:00pm  
Session 1: Sept. 15 to Jan. 12  
Session 2: Jan. 19 to May 18

### Soccer Shots

A uniquely designed program that will introduce your child to soccer in a fun, safe and controlled environment. Each session offers basic soccer skills, fun games and healthy competition. Our program also emphasizes character -forming lessons such as fair play, individual concentration, cooperation and encouragement. Go to [www.berkscounty.ssreg.org](http://www.berkscounty.ssreg.org) for more information.

Ages: 3 to 5 years old  
Meets: Tuesday 12:30-1:00 pm  
Dates and Fees: TBA



Box Tops for Education  
easy as 1\*2\*3

- 1 All families are encouraged to collect Box Tops for Education logos from qualifying products. For a complete list of products log on to [boxtops4education.com](http://boxtops4education.com)
- 2 Bring your 'box tops' to the Lakin Preschool & place them in the yellow & red mini trash can in the lobby.
- 3 We receive a check to benefit our Early Education programs.

Earn cash for our school every time you shop. Clip Box Tops from hundreds of products you already buy. Each Box Tops logo is worth 10 cents to our school, and that adds up fast!

### Sprouts

Toddlers are great companions! Join Sprouts and discover lots of activities to help you teach and stimulate your child while enhancing the caregiver-child bond. 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 through unstructured play and yoga activities.

### Toy Library

Come to Room 7 for some play time and socializing! Your child will participate in some unstructured play with other children and will practice developmentally appropriate behaviors while you chat with other moms. (Great activity either before or after the Kindermusik class!)

Ages: Birth to 3 years  
Meets: Monday 9:00-11:00 am

### Torah Tots

This class is designed to foster your child's love for and identification with Judaism. It is taught by a Judaic Studies educator, and it complements our Jewish curriculum through exploration of Jewish Holidays, songs, stories and customs.

Ages: 2 to 5 years old  
Meets: Sunday 9:30-10:30 am

Session 1: Sept. 17, Oct. 8, Nov. 12, Dec. 3; Fee \$36  
Session 2: Jan. 21, Feb. 11, Mar. 11, Apr. 15; Fee \$36

**Thank you to the Sileski Family, Lillian and Stephen Silverberg and Paul Meilik for their contribution to Lakin Preschool in the Meilik Scholarship Fund. Their generosity is greatly appreciated!**

**October 2**  
Fall Movie Monday  
2 pm at JCC  
"The Sturgeon Queens"

Four generations of a Jewish immigrant family create Russ and Daughters, a Lower East Side lox and herring emporium. Produced to coincide with the 100th anniversary of the store, this documentary features an extensive interview with two of the original daughters for whom the store was named, now 100 and 92 years old, and interviews with prominent enthusiasts of the store.

### 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 (\$7). RSVP to Carole at the JCC by Monday.

### Friendship Circle October Programs

5: JCC closed for Sukkot  
**Tuesday, October 10: Hallie Vaughan portrays "Women of the Civil War Era"**  
**Please note change of day!!**  
12: JCC closed for Shemini Atzeret.  
19: Sing-along with Banjo Bob Balthaser. Join us for a fun-filled musical afternoon! Program sponsored by the Jacob Krumholz fund.  
26: Thursday Film Festival "Shalom Y'All" Have your taxi pick you up at 3:00.

### "Women of the Civil War Era"

Tuesday, October 10, 1:45pm

Come see and hear Hallie Vaughan discuss some of the brave, courageous, even outrageous "ladies" who helped write the amazing history of the Civil War. It's important that we retell their stories to preserve the history of our great country and write women back into history. Hallie is a docent at the Berks History Center, teaches women's history at Alvernia's Seniors College and is Regent for the Berks County Daughters of the American Revolution.

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## Thursday Film Festival – October 26

### "Shalom Y'All"

This engaging documentary film depicts the Jewish experience in the American South as told through the eyes of a native son and the cultural cousins he encounters. Brian Bain travels 4200 miles through the South, searching for a balance between modern life and ancient traditions. (59 min)

## Build Your Own Mini-Sukkah!

Sunday, October 1—1:00pm at Wyomissing Home Depot Training Room  
PJ Library Sukkah Building event

Get ready to learn to use hammers and nails to build your own mini-sukkah to take home.  
Event is FREE, but registration by Sept. 29 is required

## Sunday, October 8 -- 12:30 pm

### PJ Our Way JCC youth event ages 6 to 13 years

South Mountain YMCA Camp - 201 Cushion Peak Rd., Wernersville

We will be doing a combination of the following activities:  
Archery \* Fishing \* Map Quest  
Climbing Tower \* Low Ropes Course

\$15 per child (lunch included); register with [BrendaS@jfreading.org](mailto:BrendaS@jfreading.org)

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

### Tech Tuesdays

4 pm  
at the JCC

October 3: Find iPhone and Google Maps  
October 17: Android phones

Free classes for anyone wanting to learn more about their electronic devices with hands on learning experiences and handouts.  
Do you have a suggestion for an upcoming tech training session? Let us know! Call 610-921-0624 or email [AmandaH@jfreading.org](mailto:AmandaH@jfreading.org)

## 92Y

DVD Program  
Monday, October 16 at 2pm  
Highlands Cultural Center Side B

Sheryl Sandberg and Adam Grant, authors of *Option B*, talk with Katie Couric about building resilience and moving forward after life's inevitable setbacks and tragedies. They discuss the capacity of the human spirit to persevere ... and to rediscover joy.