

# December 2017

## The Centerpiece

is your Programming Guide  
for the Jewish Cultural Center  
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Chabad Family Cooking Class JCHS	4 Movie Monday: Hunting Elephants 2 pm	5	6	7 Friendship Circle 1pm	8 4:19	9
10 Chanukah on Ice: 4:30-6:30 pm JCHS/BT	11	12 Chanukah Chanukah at Mall 6 pm	13 Chanukah Jewish Film Series: There Are Jews Here 7 pm Fox East	14 Chanukah Friendship Circle 1pm	15 Chanukah 4:21 LPS Chanukah Party RCOS Chanukah Ser- vice and Dinner	16 Chanukah Tot Shabbat and PJ Library at the Highlands 10 am
17 Chanukah Bat Mitzvah of Hudi Lipsker JCHS	18 Chanukah 92Y Program at the Highlands 2 pm	19 Chanukah	20 Chanukah	21 Winter Begins Friendship Circle 1pm JFR Board Meeting 7 pm	22 4:24	23
24	25 JCC Closed Christmas	26	27	28 Friendship Circle 1pm	29 4:28	30
31			Save this date: Friday, February 9 Community Shabbat hosted by Kesher Zion, to be held at RCOS. Service at 6pm, Dinner at 7pm Details coming soon!			

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

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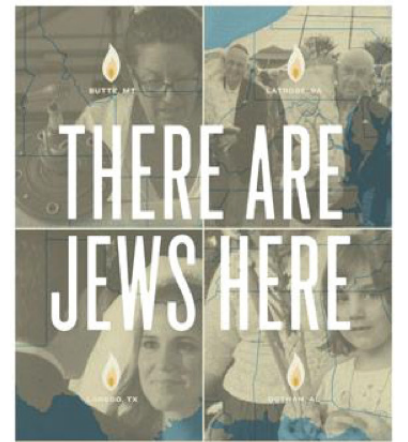


The Jewish Cultural Center is proud to announce the fourth season of the Reading Jewish Film Series, co-sponsored by the Rubin Educational Fund of the Jewish Federation of Reading and Fox Theatres. Admission is \$5 per film. All films will be shown on Wednesday evenings at 7 pm at Fox East, 4350 Perkiomen Avenue. Tickets can be purchased at the theater beginning at 6:30pm on the day of the screening or at the JCC. Cash and checks are accepted.

## “There Are Jews Here”

Wednesday, December 13  
7 pm at Fox East

“There Are Jews Here” follows the poignant stories of four once thriving Jewish communities that can now barely hold a prayer service. Latrobe, PA chronicles the closing of a shul through the intimate story of Mickey Radner, who helped keep the synagogue open long enough for the Bat Mitzvah of their oldest member’s granddaughter. Out west, in Butte, Montana the indefatigable Nancy Oyer tried to maintain the community while struggling with her personal health. In Laredo, TX a young interfaith couple is torn between reviving their community or moving to a thriving one in San Antonio. And, in a twist, meet a Los Angeles family who takes up Dothan, Alabama’s offer of up to \$50,000 to Jews who relocate to their town.



Next date of Film Series -- January 24: “The Women’s Balcony”

## Movie Monday -- December 4: “Norman: The Moderate Rise and Tragic Fall of a New York Fixer”



Norman (Richard Gere), a New York fixer, knows the right people and can get things done. When an Israeli dignitary named Eshel comes to the city, Norman decides to impress the man by buying him very expensive shoes. It works and he establishes a strong connection to the man, but a few years later, when Eshel becomes the Prime Minister of Israel, Norman can’t communicate with him anymore, and this threatens to destroy his reputation.

Mark your calendar for the next Movie Monday -- January 8 at 2 pm at JCC -- “Rosenwald “



ENRICHING LIVES  
מעשרים חיים

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

## Lakin Preschool

**Emergency 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 is participating in the Giant A+ School Rewards Program. Through March 31, 2018, our school can earn CASH through this exciting program.

### You can help!

Follow this link: <http://www.giantfoodstores.com/aplus/SchoolDesignationLogin> 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!!



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!

BH Chabad and Jewish Federation invite the Community to

# CHANUKAH ON ICE

SUNDAY, December 10 · 4:30 - 6:30 PM  
At the BODY ZONE - 3103 Papermill Rd

\$10 per person / \$45 max per family

- LIGHT THE CANDLES WITH US ON A CARVED ICE MENORAH
- ENJOY HOT CHICKEN SOUP, LATKES AND OTHER SNACKS
- SKATE TO CHANUKAH MUSIC • CHANUKAH CRAFTS

RSVP to [chabadofberks@gmail.com](mailto:chabadofberks@gmail.com) or Brenda @ 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.

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

### Friendship Circle December Programs

- 7: Enjoy a laugh with Friendship Circle! Share your favorite joke or tell a funny anecdote.
- 14: Celebrate Chanukah with latkes and music! **Program begins at 1:30pm.**
- 21: Thursday Film Festival. "Above and Beyond." Have your taxi pick you up at 3:30.

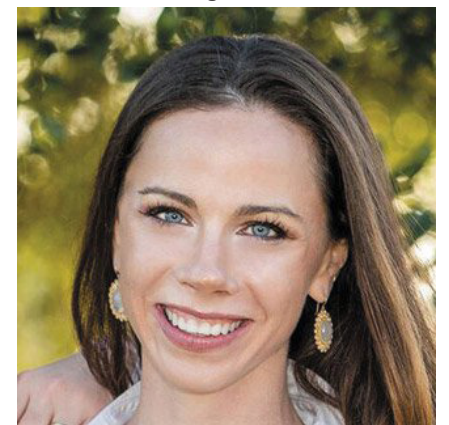


### Dec. 14 -- 1:30-2:30 pm Chanukah Celebration

Robert Cisik, a member of the Kleztastics, plays the flute, clarinet, and saxophone, accompanied by a keyboardist. They will play a wide array of music, including klezmer, jazz, show tunes and bossa nova. Program sponsored by the Jacob Krumholz Fund.

## 92Y

DVD Program  
Monday, December 18, 2pm  
at the Highlands



### Jenna Bush Hager and Barbara Pierce Bush in Conversation with Hoda Kotb

Born into a political dynasty, Jenna and Barbara Bush grew up in the public eye.

A special event with former first daughters Jenna Bush Hager and Barbara Pierce Bush during their *Sisters First Tour*. As small children, they watched their grandfather become president; just twelve years later they stood by their father's side when he took the same oath. They spent their college years being trailed by the Secret Service and chased by the paparazzi, with every teenage mistake making national headlines. But the tabloids didn't tell the whole story of these two young women forging their own identities under extraordinary circumstances.

Settle in for an afternoon of personal stories and universal revelations during this celebration of sisterhood and all of the complicated, messy, hilarious, life-defining moments that accompany it. For the first time, Jenna and Barbara will take you on a revealing, funny and thoughtful tour behind the scenes of their lives. They'll share never-before-told stories about their family, their adventures, their loves and losses and the special sisterly bond that ties them



## Thursday Film Festival December 21, 1:45 pm "Above and Beyond"

In 1948, three years after the liberation of Nazi death camps, a group of Jewish American pilots answered a call for help. 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. This documentary features interviews and stunning aerial footage to present a tale of heroism and chutzpah. (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)