

# December 2018

**The Centerpiece**  
is your Programming Guide  
for the Jewish Cultural Center  
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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
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2 9:30am JCHS 4:30PM Chanukah on Ice at Body Zone 5:27pm 1st Night of Chanukah	3 6pm Chanukah at the Berkshire Mall  Chanukah: 2 candles			6 1pm Friendship Circle 2pm Klezmer Concert  Chanukah: 5 candles	7  Chanukah: 6 candles	8  Chanukah: 7 candles
9 9:30am JCHS 11am Better Together  Chanukah: 8 candles	10 2pm Movie Monday at the JCC  Last Day of Chanukah	11  Chanukah: 3 candles	12  Chanukah: 4 candles	13 1pm Friendship Circle  Chanukah: 5 candles	14  Chanukah: 6 candles	15 10am Tot Shabbat with PJ Library at the Highlands
16 9:30am JCHS Chabad Cooking Class 1pm RCOS Social Action Film Series	17 2pm 92Y program at the Highlands	18  Chanukah: 3 candles	19 5pm Kosher Restaurant Night at Chabad	20 1pm Friendship Circle  Chanukah: 5 candles	21 First Day of Winter	22
23	24	25 <b>JCC CLOSED</b> Christmas Day	26	27 1pm Friendship Circle	28	29
			Family Mission to Israel December 26 to January 2			
30	31 New Year's Eve	January 1 <b>JCC CLOSED</b> New Year's Day				
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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



ENRICHING LIVES  
מעשירים חיים

Chabad and The Jewish Federation invite the community to B"H

## CHANUKAH ON ICE

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2018 · 4.30-6.30 PM**  
@BODYZONE SPORTS & FITNESS COMPLEX  
3103 PAPERMILL RD.

Lighting of a carved ice menorah

Skate to Chanukah music

Chanukah crafts

Food for sale

**\$10 PER PERSON / \$45 max per family**  
RSVP to office@chabadofberks.org or Brenda @ 610-921-0624  
Co-sponsored by Chabad Lubavitch of Berks County & The Jewish Federation of Reading

**RCOS Social Action Film Series**  
reflect activism, environmental issues, peaceful relationships, conflict resolution and understanding others. Funded by the RCOS Social Action Committee. Discussions and refreshments will follow the films. RCOS members and friends are invited to attend. All films are shown on Sundays at 1:00pm.

December 16  
**Bully Dance**  
Insights on dealing with bullies.  
**Facing Fear**  
A former neo-Nazi skinhead and the gay victim of his hate crime meet by chance 25 years later. Together they embark on a journey of forgiveness that challenges both to grapple with their beliefs and fears, eventually leading to an improbable collaboration.

CHABAD LUBAVITCH KOSHER COOKING CLASS FOR LADIES

## Taste OF ISRAEL

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16**  
**5.00PM**  
AT CHABAD CENTER - 2320 HAMPDEN BLVD

**JOIN US FOR AN ISRAELI-THEMED AFTERNOON AND LEARN HOW TO MAKE SOME ISRAELI SALADS & LAPTA.**

RSVP LIPSKERREADING@AOL.COM OR 610-334-1577

ANNUAL COMMUNITY-WIDE B"H

## Chanukah at the Mall

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 3RD, 2018**  
**@6.00PM**  
**BERKSHIRE MALL (BOSCOV'S ENTRANCE)**

**SPECIAL CHANUKAH PRESENTATION BY THE CHILDREN OF THE LAKIN PRESCHOOL OF RCOS**  
MUSICAL ENCORE BY SINGER/MUSICIAN JOSH ALPERT & HIS BAND

HOT POTATO LATKES

DREIDELS

CHOCOLATE GELT

JEWISH ROCK & ROLL BAND

DONUTS

CO-SPONSORED BY BOSCOV'S DEPT. STORE, CHABAD LUBAVITCH OF BERKS COUNTY & THE JEWISH FEDERATION OF READING/BERKS

READING JEWISH FILM SERIES 2019

The Jewish Cultural Center is proud to announce the fifth 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.

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9 — 7:00 PM**  
**AN ACT OF DEFIANCE**  
Netherlands/South Africa|2018|Drama|English, Afrikaans with subtitles|Director: Jean van de Velde



A gutsy lawyer risks career and family to defend Nelson Mandela in this historical thriller set in South Africa's Apartheid era. Mandela & nine other defendants, including Jewish anti-Apartheid fighters, faced a possible death sentence after their arrest during a summer 1963 raid. As their sympathetic white Afrikaner lawyer Bram Fischer fights to expose South Africa's corrupt system, he attempts to hide his own ties to the resistance. This riveting drama combines nail-biting political and courtroom intrigue to explore South Africa's struggle against racism, and the Jewish figures who sought to end entrenched discrimination in their country.

**Emergency closings & delays** will be announced on local radio stations by 7:30am and [www.readingeagle.com](http://www.readingeagle.com) -- Lakin Preschool. Every LPS family will also receive an email. Please be sure to check one of these sources BEFORE bringing your child to school.

These Lakin Preschool programs are targeted specifically to babies and children under 3 years old. These classes are designed to stimulate young children while bonding with parents or caregivers. We are currently accepting enrollment.

**Kindermusik Foundations: 0-18 months**

Parents and caregivers participate with their children. While bonding with your baby, 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!

**Kindermusik Level 2: 18 months-3years**

For the toddler every day brings new opportunities to explore the world. Level 2 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 toddler's confidence, self-control and communication skills.

**Sprouts: 9 - 24 months**

Toddlers are great companions! Join your child at 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.

**Visit the Toy Library!**

**Mondays 9 to 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!



Lakin Preschool is participating in the Giant A+ School Rewards Program. Through March 31, 2019, our school can earn CASH through this exciting program.

**You can help!**

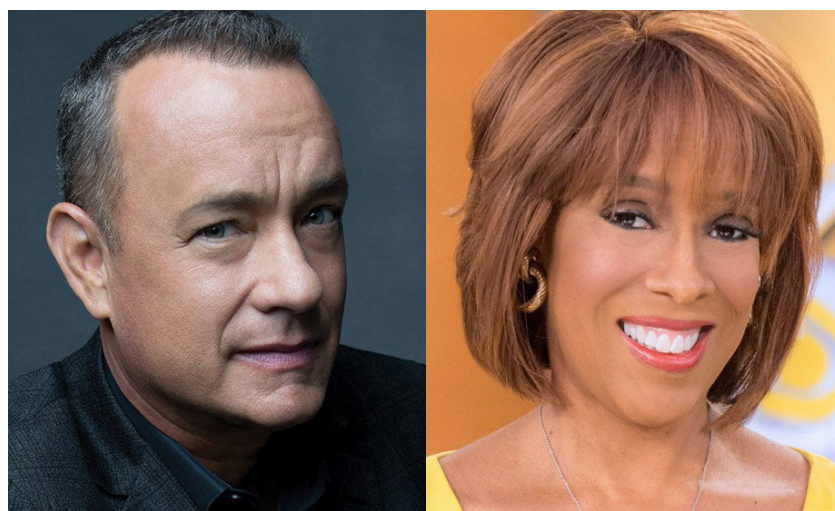
Follow this link: <http://www.giantfoodstores.com/aplus/SchoolDesignationLogin> to register your BonusCard online. You will need our school ID # 25824. Then, each time you shop at Giant using your BONUSCARD, you will earn CASH for our school! The money can be used for any of our school's educational 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!!



**DVD Program**  
**Monday, December 17, 2pm**  
**at the Highlands Cultural Center**

**Uncommon Type: Tom Hanks in Conversation with Gayle King**



You know him as an actor, but this talk is about Tom Hanks, the writer.

Tom Hanks joins us in conversation about his first collection of fiction. Known for his honesty and sensitivity as an actor, Tom Hanks brings these characteristics to his first collection of stories: *Uncommon Type*, a New York Times best-seller. Surprising, intelligent, heartwarming and frequently hilarious, the stories explore the human condition in all its foibles, and are each connected by the appearance of a typewriter. This event introduces another artistic dimension to the actor, screenwriter, director, and producer as he reflects candidly on the writing and the real world it reflects.

**PJ Library invites you to... TOT SHABBAT**

Join us for a special intergenerational Shabbat service and Oneg.

**Saturday, December 15**  
**10am**  
**Highlands Cultural Center**  
**Side A**

Rabbi Michelson will lead a kid-friendly Shabbat followed by a pint-sized Oneg!

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

No RSVP necessary.  
For questions or more information please contact Amanda at 610-921-0624

**KOSHER RESTAURANT NIGHT™**  
**NY STYLE**  
**KOSHER DELI**  
**COMING BACK TO CHABAD**  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2018  
5PM - 7:30PM  
Chabad, 2320 Hampden Blvd

**"A LA CARTE"**  
• NY DELI SANDWICHES  
• MATZA BALL SOUP  
• AND OTHER TRADITIONAL FOODS ON THE MENU  
RSVP [lipskerreading@aol.com](mailto:lipskerreading@aol.com)

**MOVIE MONDAY, December 10 at the JCC**  
**FREE movie and popcorn. Movie begins at 2pm**  
**"A Taste of Chanukah: A Celebration of the Joys and Music of the Holiday"**

**Friendship Circle**

- 1:00pm: Luncheon (optional \$7) catered by Boscov's Ala Carte\*  
RSVP to Carole at the JCC by Monday.
- 1:45 pm -- Program/Speaker. Varied programs are informative, educational and fun.

**Friendship Circle December Programs**

- Dec. 6 – Celebrate Chanukah with latkes and Jewish music performed by the Bob Cisik Duo.
- 13: Brian Engelhardt, local baseball aficionada, presents "Schacht, the Clown Prince of Baseball."
- 20: Thursday Film Festival: "Bookclub" Have your taxi pick-up at 3:30.
- 27: "Winter Fun" bingo

**Thursday Film Festival**  
**December 20**  
**1:45 PM**  
**"Book Club"**

Friends and members of the 60-plus set, Diane, Jane, Sharon, and Carol have seen it all when it comes to relationships. But after reading "Fifty Shades of Grey" they're inspired to make bold choices in the romance department with hilarious results. (104 min)



**Thursday, Dec. 6 at 2:00 pm -- Chanukah Klezmer Concert**  
Back by popular demand, the Bob Cisik Duo returns to the JCC to celebrate Chanukah! Bob Cisik, a member of the Kleztastics, plays the flute, clarinet and saxophone, accompanied by keyboardist Gene Gelfenson. Enjoy klezmer and other traditional Jewish music. Program sponsored by the Jacob Krumholz Fund.

**Thursday, Dec. 13 at 1:45 pm**  
**"Al Schacht, the Clown Prince of Baseball"**  
Generations before fans at First Energy Stadium were entertained by Screwball, Reading fans in Lauers Park laughed at the pranks of Al Schacht, the original "Clown Prince of Baseball." He was a player coach, performing his zany antics from the third base coaching box as well as the pitching mound. Local historian and author Brian Engelhardt presents a program based on Schacht's time in Reading.

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)