

# January 2019

## The Centerpiece


is your Programming Guide  
for the Jewish Cultural Center  
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 JCC CLOSED NEW YEAR'S DAY	2	3 1pm Friendship Circle	4	5
Family Mission to Israel December 26 to January 2						
6 9:30am JCHS	7	8 12pm ROMEO Club	9 7pm Reading Jewish Film Series, FOX East	10 1pm Friendship Circle	11	12 10am Tot Shabbat at RCOS
13 9:30am JCHS 11am Better Together	14 2pm Movie Monday at JCC	15	16	17 1pm Friendship Circle 7pm JFR Board Meeting	18 RCOS Speaker Series 7pm Service 8pm Roy Waterman	19 7pm Afro-Semitic Experience
20  <i>Erev Tu B'Shevat</i>	21 9:30am Youth Day of Service 2pm 92Y program at the Highlands <i>TuB'Shevat Martin Luther King Day</i>	22	23	24 1pm Friendship Circle	25	26
27 9:30am JCHS 1pm Fox East "Who Will Write Our History"	28	29	30	31 1pm Friendship Circle		

- 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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- Tech Tuesday
- Yom Hazikaron
- Art Exhibits
- Yom Hashoah
- Annual Meeting and Picnic
- Purim Carnival
- Richard J. Yashke
- 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 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 w/h 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.



**Sunday, January 27**  
**1 pm at Fox East Theatre**  
**Screening of**  
**"Who Will Write Our History"**  
**International Holocaust Remembrance Day**  
*(Admission \$5)*

Who Will Write Our History tells the story of Emanuel Ringelblum and the Oyneg Shabes Archive, the secret archive he created and led in the Warsaw Ghetto. With 30,000 pages of writing, photographs, posters and more, the Oyneg Shabes Archive is the most important cache of in-the-moment, eyewitness accounts from the Holocaust. It documents not only how the Jews of the ghetto died, but how they lived. The film is based on the book of the same name by historian Samuel Kassow.

*—Katahdin Productions*



THE COMMUNITY IS INVITED TO A SPECIAL CONCERT FEATURING

## THE AFRO-SEMITIC EXPERIENCE



The Afro-Semitic Experience is an American roots jazz band of Jewish-American and African-American musicians. Their repertoire is a mix of original compositions and arrangements of pieces curated from Jewish and African-diasporic cultures.

**JANUARY 19, 2019 | 7:00 PM**  
**555 WARWICK DR.**  
**WYOMISSING**

Admission is a suggested donation of \$5 per person.  
RSVP to [info@jfreading.org](mailto:info@jfreading.org)

Sponsored by Jewish Federation of Reading/Berks, Keshet Zion Synagogue, Reading Branch of NAACP, and Reform Congregation Oheb Shalom

Save these **February** dates:

Sunday, February 3, 2pm at Santander Arena  
Jewish Heritage Day at the Reading Royals

Wednesday, February 6, 7pm at Fox East Theatre,  
Jewish Film Series, "And Then She Arrived"

Saturday, February 9: PJ Library Pajama Havdalah

**THE JCC WILL BE CLOSED**  
**TUESDAY, JANUARY 1ST**  
*Happy New Year!*



**Emergency closings & delays** will be announced on local radio stations by 7:30am and 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.

MOMMY & ME PROGRAMS 0 - 3 Years Old				
Foundations 0-18 months	Monday	10:30-11:15	Join anytime	\$100
Level 2 18 months-3 yrs	Monday	9:30-10:15	Prorated	
Sprouts 9 - 24 months	Wednesday	9:00-10:00	Jan 23-May 1	\$170
PRESCHOOL ENRICHMENT				
Levels 3 and 4 All Ages	Monday	1:00-1:30	Prorated Join anytime	
Soccer Shots 3 to 5 years	Tuesday	12:30-1:00	To register: berkscounty.ssreg.org	
Torah Tots All Ages	Sunday	9:30-10:30	Jan 13, Feb 17, Mar 17, Apr 14	\$36
I Love Stories All ages	Wednesday	12:30-1:30	Jan 23 - May 15	\$170
Kaleidoscope	Thursday	12:30-3:00	3 sessions	\$180 each session
Amazing Athletes All ages	Friday	12:30-1:00	Jan 25 - May 17 www.amazingathletes.com	
Early AM Drop-Off Stay & Play	Everyday	7:30-9:00am	As needed	\$8.00/hr

**Kindermusik Village: 0-18 months**

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.

**Kindermusik Our Time: 18 months - 3 years**

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 parent's active participation gives the toddler 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 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 to 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 to 11 am**

Come to Room 8 and have some coffee while you watch your child play with some toys and other children. Structured and non-structured activities will be presented, and you may even borrow a toy to take home!

**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 January Programs**

- January 3: New Year's Party -- Musician Karl Hausman, accomplished pianist and vocalist will entertain with favorite songs
- 10: Thursday Film Festival: "Singin' in the Rain" Enjoy the greatest Hollywood musical ever made. Taxi pick-up at 3:30.
- 17: Celebrate Tu B'Shevat, New Year of the Trees, with a Tu B'Shevat seder.
- 24: Sean Teaford presents "My Aliyah Reality"
- 31: "The American Flag, from military signpost to emblem of a nation" presented by Judith Kraines.



**Thursday Film Festival**

January 10  
1:45pm

**"Singin' in the Rain"**

Don Lockwood and Lina Lamont have risen to stardom during the silent-film era of Hollywood. Beautiful, charismatic and influential, the two combine to make a great on-screen pair. The introduction of talking pictures poses a threat to the powerful duo, when it is discovered by audiences that Lina has an excruciatingly shrill voice. Enter young studio singer Kathy Selden, a woman who lacks the stardom of Ms. Lamont but possesses the beautiful voice of which Lina is in dire need. Can Don and Lina find a solution to Lina's laughably annoying voice to salvage their careers?

**Lakin Dance Party**

Wednesday, March 13  
5:30 - 7:30pm at the RCOS Social Hall

\$5 per child -- Children under age 2 are FREE -- \$10 per adult with pizza (optional)  
Advance registration is required ; Speak with Judy or your child's teacher to register  
Children ages newborn to 12 are invited to join this party at Lakin Preschool -- 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 and interactive games.  
Pizza, beverages and desserts are included.  
We request that parents please stay with their children.



DVD Program  
Monday, January 21, 2pm  
at the Highlands Cultural Center

**Itzhak Perlman in Conversation with Alan Alda**



If there's anyone who personifies the resilience, the vision and the contribution of the Jewish people, it's Itzhak Perlman, whose transcendent violin playing evokes the depth of the human experience.

Don't miss the master in person when he joins acclaimed actor and writer Alan Alda for a conversation on his life and work, touching on the fascinating similarities and differences between performing music and acting.



Movie Mondays at the JCC  
FREE movie series  
Popcorn will be provided  
Movies start at 2pm

Monday, January 14, 2018  
2:00pm

**"1945"**

On a summer day in 1945, an Orthodox man and his grown son return to a village in Hungary while the villagers prepare for the wedding of the town clerk's son. The townspeople -- suspicious, remorseful, fearful, and cunning -- expect the worst and behave accordingly. The town clerk fears the men may be heirs of the village's deported Jews and expects them to demand their illegally acquired property back.

Director Ferenc Török paints a complex picture of a society trying to come to terms with the recent horrors they've experienced, perpetrated or just tolerated for personal gain.

**Reading Royals  
Jewish Federation of Reading Night**



**The Jewish Federation of Reading Night!**

- Game Date: Sunday February 3<sup>rd</sup> 2:00PM
- Doors open at 1:00PM
- Giveaway Item for everyone who purchases a ticket through the Jewish Federation
- Coke Lounge Ticket - \$20 per person
- Food and Drinks Included
- High Five Tunnel Experience



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