



THE CENTERPIECE

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MARCH 2015

The Jewish Cultural Center is proud to announce the inaugural season of the Reading Jewish Film Series. The Series is co-sponsored by the Rubin Educational Fund of the Jewish Federation of Reading & Fox Theatres. All shows begin at 7:00 PM at Fox East Theatre (next to Boscov's East). \$5 per film.



The next film in the series -- Wednesday, March 18

The Third Half

In this Macedonian film inspired by true events from World War II, the rag tag Macedonia Football Club competes for the championship of the Nazi Football League. Determined to build the best football club in the country, Dimitry hires the German-Jewish coach, Rudolph Spitz, to galvanize his team, but when the first Nazi tanks roll through the city and Rebecca, the beautiful daughter of a local banker, elopes with his star player, all Dimitry's plans change. Neither a war movie nor a Holocaust movie, it is more a soccer epic: a story of misfits, pariahs, losers and idealists, who during a turbulent time realize their game is more than just a game – it becomes a battle between Good and Evil.

11th Annual Richard J. Yashek Memorial Lecture Tuesday, March 31, 2015

7:30 PM Wachovia Theatre, Albright College

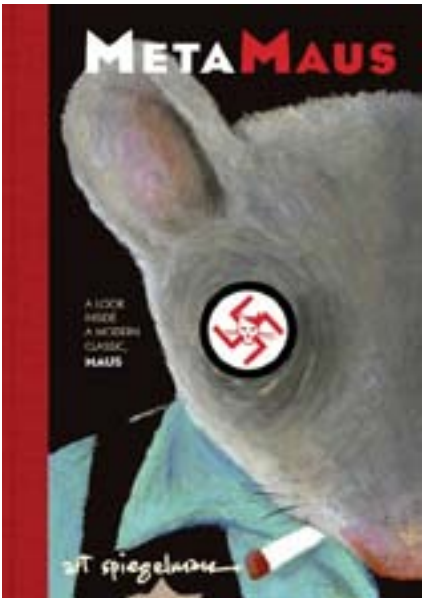
Lecture featuring Dr. James A. Grymes, UNC Charlotte

"Violins of Hope"

Musicologist James A. Grymes will discuss his new book,

Violins of Hope: Instruments of Hope and Liberation in Mankind's Darkest Hour

A stirring testament to the strength of the human spirit and the power of music, Violins of Hope tells the remarkable stories of violins played by Jewish musicians during the Holocaust, and of the Israeli violinmaker dedicated to bringing these inspirational instruments back to life.



35th Annual Leo Camp Memorial Lecture

Tuesday, April 21, 2015

7:30 PM at Wachovia Theatre, Albright College

Lecture and presentation featuring Art Spiegelman

"MetaMaus"

This is a talk-with-images version of the MetaMaus book with—a focus on answering "why comics?" are the medium Art Spiegelman works in, showing historical and contemporary examples. Spiegelman takes on why the animal metaphor and racial caricature are at the heart of this genocidal project ("Why Mice?"); and talks about why his personal past—rather than, say, a desire to ride current cultural trends toward victim-culture and "holokitsch"—made Maus a necessary work.



2015 GREAT DECISIONS

March 9 through April 27

At the JCC ... 10:30 am

\$35 one person, one book

\$40 two persons, one book

Contact Amanda Hornberger

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Great Decisions is the name shared by a national civic-education program and publication of the Foreign Policy Association. Published annually, the Great Decisions briefing book highlights eight of the most thought-provoking foreign policy challenges facing Americans today. Great Decisions provides background information, current data and policy options for each of the eight issues and serves as the focal text for our discussion groups.

- March 9—Human Trafficking in the 21st Century—John Ellington
- March 16—Russia and the Near Abroad—Dr. Randall Newnham
- March 23—Privacy in the Digital Age—Dr. Gordon Perlmutter
- March 30—US Policy Towards Africa—Dr. Victoria Williams
- April 6—India Changes Course—Dr. Sudip Ghosh
- April 13—Sectarianism in the Middle East—Dr. Farhad Saboori
- April 20—Brazil's Metamorphosis—Paul Landry
- April 27—Syria's Refugee Crisis—Jamal Abodalo

You're invited to World Affairs Council Luncheon
Wednesday, March 11 at noon
Inn at Reading
Reservations: 610-375-7880

featuring Dr. Linda Maizels on the topic: Israel: Prospects for Peace in the Middle East

Dr. Linda Maizels is the Director of Israel and International Concerns for the Jewish Council for Public Affairs (JCPA).



Wednesday, March 11
7 pm at JCC
92nd St. Y Live

David Axelrod in Conversation with David Remnick— *Believer: My Forty Years in Politics*

One of the key players in the historic campaign that made Barack Obama president, David Axelrod has been involved with some of the greatest political changes of the last decade. Axelrod has devoted a lifetime to questioning political certainties and to bringing fresh thinking into the political landscape. Join him and New Yorker editor David Remnick as they discuss Axelrod's remarkable career—from young journalist to political consultant and, ultimately, senior advisor to the president—along with his views on the most pressing issues facing the United States today.

Upcoming 92Y events:

Wednesday April 29, 7pm at JCC

Saturday, May 16, 7pm, at Chef Alan's

LAKIN PRESCHOOL



Weather related closings & delays will be posted on wfmz.com - Lakin Preschool.
Please check this site BEFORE bringing your child to school.

Preschool Open House

Lakin Preschool will be having an open house for prospective children and their parents on Tuesday, March 10, from 9-11:30 am. Please join us and tell your friends and neighbors about us. If you have questions, please call Judy at 484-332-5981.



Pajama Day to celebrate the Letter **P**

Village Kindermusik Village
is now at Lakin Preschool!
Newborn to 18 months

Through a unique blend of multi-level activities including creative movement, vocal play, object and instrument exploration, your baby's growth and development are stimulated and all of his senses engaged.

Classes meet Thursday mornings
9:15am - 10:00am
Session 1: Jan 22-March 12 Session 2: March 19-May 14

Call Judy Synnemon today for information on registering
484-332-5981

Exploration Time
Music & Dance
Instrument Play
Expert Advice
Together time!

LAKIN PRESCHOOL of Reform Congregation Oheb Shalom
555 Warwick Drive, Wyomissing

Coming in April



From Underoos to Super Jews!

Thursday, April 2 at the JCC
5:30 pm Pizza; 6:00 pm Program

Alon Barzilay will bring his interactive program "Underoos to Super Jews" to the JCC. Few people know that America's superheroes share the same Jewish cultural themes as the comic book artists who created them, such as immigration, Zionism and anti-semitism. Gain new perspective on how the true themes of superhero films are rooted in Jewish American culture. Fun for the entire family! RSVP to brendas@jfreeding.org by April 1.

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE

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

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

1st Thursday each month: Blood pressure screening at 1:00 pm

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

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE MARCH PROGRAMS

- 5: Eat hamantaschen and celebrate Purim with your Friendship Circle friends.
- 12: Thursday Film Festival "Biloxi Blues" Have your taxi pick you up at 3:45. Lunch sponsored by Country Meadows.
- 19: Meet Amanda Hornberger, the new JCC Program Director
- 26: Wendy Kerschner of Comfort Keepers will present "When To Have *THE TALK* with Your Kids."

Thursday Film Festival

March 12 ... 1:45pm

"Biloxi Blues"

This comedy, adapted from a semi-autobiographical play written by Neil Simon, stars Matthew Broderick as Eugene Morris Jerome, a 20 year old Jewish Brooklynite. Jerome is drafted and sent to boot camp in Biloxi, Miss., toward the end of World War II. While there, he butts heads with an eccentric drill sergeant and learns to cope with fellow soldiers from all walks of life. (107 min.)

Thursday, March 26
1:45 pm

When to have "*THE TALK*" with your kids.

Through the years, you've guided your children to make the best decisions for themselves, but now it's time to help them make the best decisions for you. It's time for "THE TALK."

Do your children know your wishes? Home care vs. facility placement? Resuscitation vs. do not resuscitate? Inheritance vs. donation to charity? Join Wendy Kerschner of Comfort Keepers for an enlightening list of topics to include in your next conversation with your kids.



JEWISH BEDTIME STORIES and SONGS

Sunday, March 22

PJ Library Event

2:00 - 3:30 pm at JCC

Read stories about the upcoming holiday of Passover.
Work on Passover crafts and enjoy special snacks!

Upcoming PJ Library Events:

SAVE THE DATES -- April 19, May 16, June 28

Community Purim Event

Sunday, March 1

Reform Congregation Oheb Shalom

12noon - 2:00pm

Games, food and lots of fun!



UNDER THE INFLUENCE

Abstract Works by
Amy Schade

Art on Exhibit
March 16 to May 15

Opening Reception
Thursday, March 19
5:00 to 7:00 pm at JCC



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 Greg Kiddy 484-332-6871. 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