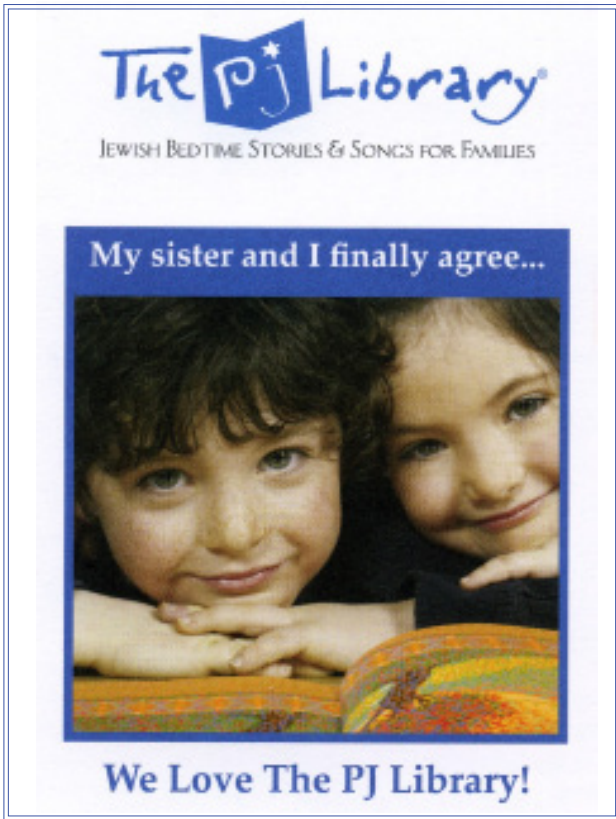


THE CENTERPIECE

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About the PJ Library

Fundamentally, we believe that when parents and children read together, it changes the world. The PJ Library sends out twelve monthly mailings, which will include children's books and music. There are some fantastic Jewish children's books out there -- books that are as wonderful as the classics you may be reading to your children already. We also know that high quality Jewish books can be expensive and difficult to find. We are sending these materials to you because these stories and songs will enrich your family life.

What's the catch?

You need to **READ** the books and **LISTEN** to the music. Read, listen and sing along to your heart's content!

Is your child registered for PJ Library?

Each month families raising Jewish children ages six months to eight years will receive free, high-quality Jewish books and music. An award-winning family engagement program strengthens the identities of Jewish families and their relationship to the Jewish community. Contact Jayne Kleinman -- jaynek@JFRReading.org to register your child.

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THE BENEFITS OF JCC MEMBERSHIP

- * Film, Literature and Guest Lectures
- * Music, Art & Theater (local and escorted travel)
- * Bridge Wednesdays & Mah Jongg Mondays
 - * Social & Cultural Programs
 - * Holiday Events
- * Gratz Jewish Community High School
 - * Senior Adult Social Programs
 - * Lakin Early Education Center
 - * Youth Group Events
- * FREE Community Calendar and Patron Listing
- * Reduced prices on most Cultural Center events

Your membership dues help to support diverse cultural programs for adults, children, families and seniors. You may choose an art film or a stimulating lecture while your children enjoy rock climbing or a special holiday event.

To help support these offerings, please consider choosing one of the following membership options.

\$118+	Chai Membership
\$350+	Silver Membership
\$650+	Gold Membership
\$1200+	Platinum Membership
\$2500+	Benefactor

Thanks to a special arrangement with Body Zone Sports & Wellness Complex, you will be entitled to special fitness and aquatics membership rates. All families whose children are enrolled in the early education department are automatically Center members. The cost of your membership above \$25 is tax deductible. As a member, you will also enjoy the satisfaction of knowing that you have helped to ensure a viable, vibrant Jewish community in Berks County for all to enjoy.

Music Discovery



A 3-week series
presented by

Ann Leisowitz
at the JCC

Fridays: May 2, 9 and 16
10:30am to noon, followed by lunch

Featuring:

- * **Brahms and the Violin Concerto**
Featuring Itzhak Perlman, soloist, with the Berlin Philharmonic
- * **The Music of Chopin, Poet of the Piano**
Performed by the legendary Arthur Rubinstein
- * **Sibelius Symphony #5**
Performed by Vienna Philharmonic, led by Leonard Bernstein

Each week you will view a musical DVD followed by a lively discussion.

This program is underwritten by the Rubin Educational Fund of the Jewish Federation of Reading

Art Exhibit at the JCC

Art and Remembrance

"Memories, like the corners of your mind"

Theodore Thomas

Guest Artist

Exhibit on display
through May 29.

Meet the Artist at a
Friendship Circle presentation

Thursday, May 22

1:30 pm



EARLY EDUCATION

2014/2015 REGISTRATION

Registration forms are available. Call Judy Synnamon, 484-332-5981, to schedule an interview or a tour of our Early Ed Department. Please keep in mind that class sizes are limited and fill up quickly.

Getting Ready to Read



Wednesdays, 12:30 to 1:30pm
 April 23, 30, May 7, 14, 21, 28
 Instructor: Alicia LaGrassa
 Fee: \$80

Getting Ready to Read uses the whole language method to encourage pre-reading skills. Enrollment is limited to children who have indicated an interest in reading and writing, and already recognize most letters of the alphabet.

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BIKE TOWN IS COMING!!

Always one of our most popular events!



Bring your bikes & scooters to ride at BikeTown!

Wednesday, May 21
9:30 am - 12:30 pm

BikeTown booths include:

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| Bakery | Post Office | Grocery Store |
| Bike Wash | Book Store | Craft Shop |
| Fishing Pond | | |

Volunteers are needed to help run the booths.

Contact Judy (484) 332-5981

All children must have adult supervision

Looking for a great preschool?

Check out Lakin Early Education Center



- Parent & Tot Classes
- Toddler Programs
- Yoga
- ABC, Music & Me[®]
- Academic enrichment
- Soccer Shots & much more!

We work with your schedule. Everyone is welcome!

OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, May 22
At the Preschool
9:00am - 12:30pm

Dates to Remember

- Wednesday & Thursday, June 4 & 5.....NO School, Shavuot
- Tuesday, May 20.....Last day of "Our Time"
- Wednesday, May 21.....Bike Town
- Thursday, May 22.....Open House at the Preschool!
- Monday, May 26.....NO School, Memorial Day
- Monday, June 16.....Last Day of School -- Happy Summer!

Discovery and Adventurers have 6 snow days to make up.
 Little Stars has 4 snow days. Please follow the schedule below and send your child to school on these make-up days:
 Monday, June 9 (make up for Monday, February 3)
 Tuesday, June 10 (make up for Tuesday, January 21)
 Wednesday, June 11 (make up day for Wednesday, February 5)
 Thursday, June 12 (make up for Thurs., February 13)
 Friday, June 13 (make up day for Friday, January 3)
 Monday, June 16 (make up for Friday, February 14)

The Lakin Early Education Center will be offering

SUMMER FUN!

12 Sessions from 9am - 12:30pm
 For children 2 to 3 years old and Prospective Little Stars

An outdoors and indoors structured play, crafts, music, socialization and story time for your child. Outdoor time will incorporate water play, sand play and bubble time on a frequent basis. Please pack a dairy lunch, we will provide a snack.

Every Tuesday & Thursday
 July 1 through August 7

\$35/daily session with advance registration and payment
 \$40/daily session without advance registration and payment
 Minimum enrollment of 5 children to run program

Thursday Film Festival



May 29
 "Quartet"

At a home for retired opera singers, the annual concert to celebrate Verdi's birthday is disrupted by the arrival of Jean, an eternal diva and the former wife of one of the residents. Starring Maggie Smith and directed by Dustin Hoffman with a great cast of singers and musicians. (99 min.)

Film Free... Optional lunch at 1 p.m., \$6. Movie begins at 1:45
 For lunch reservations contact Carole Robinson at CaroleR@JFReading.org

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 MAY PROGRAMS

- 1: Celebrate Yom Ha'atmaut, Israel's Independence Day, with Rabbi Minna Bromberg.
- 8: Have fun "Remembering Pets" with Martha Sitler from Berks Encore. Lunch sponsored by Country Meadows.
- 15: Take a trip down Memory Lane with Mary Wexler! Sing-a-long with Mary in Yiddish and English. Lunch sponsored by Manor at Market Square.
- 22: Meet the artist Theodore Thomas, whose paintings are currently on exhibit in the JCC Gallery. Each pastel painting depicts a memorable experience in the artist's life.
- 29: Thursday Film Festival: "Quartet." Have your taxi pick you up at 3:30.



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 Jayne Kleinman, jaynekle@JFReading.org