

MAY 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
		1	2 7:30pm Yashek Memorial Lecture at Albright Chapel	3 1pm Friendship Circle	4	5
6 KZ Annual Meeting JCHS	7	8	9	10 1pm Friendship Circle	11	12 Bar Mitzvah Ben Primack
13 Mother's Day	14 2pm 92Y program at The Highlands	15 7pm at JCC Interfaith Program	16 7pm Jewish Film Series at Fox East, Venice Ghetto	17 1pm Friendship Circle	18	19 10am PJ Library & Tot Shabbat, at the Highlands EREV SHAVUOT
20 SHAVUOT	21 SHAVUOT JCC CLOSED	22	23 9:30am Biketown at Lakin Preschool	24 1pm Friendship Circle	25	26
27	28 MEMORIAL DAY JCC CLOSED	29	30	31 1pm Friendship Circle		

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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



The Reading Jewish Film Series, co-sponsored by the Rubin Education Fund of the Jewish Federation of Reading and Fox Theatres. Admission is \$5 per film. All films will be shown at 7 pm at Fox East, 4350 Perkiomen Avenue. Tickets can be purchased at the theater beginning at 6:30pm or at the JCC during regular business hours. Cash and checks are accepted.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16
"THE VENICE GHETTO, 500 YEARS OF LIFE" *



Imaginative docu-fiction techniques bring alive the paradoxical wonders of Europe's oldest Jewish ghetto and its integration into Italian society, in this edifying and heart-warming film. The Venice Ghetto, 500 Years Of Life recounts its tale through the eyes of its fictional character Lorenzo, a Jewish teenager from New York sent to Venice to learn about his family origins. Scholars recall various turning points and consequential figures in the ancient lagoon city's evolution, as well as the rich and eclectic panoply of language and culture, daily life and rituals, and architectural landmarks of the Venetian Jewish quarter. Lorenzo's journey of discovery is also depicted by exquisite animation that colorfully reconstructs historical events.

* Post-film discussion led by Dr. Daniel Leisawitz, the Director of the Italian Studies Program and Associate Professor of Italian at Muhlenberg College. Monte Lauro European Gourmet (of Temple) will provide homemade Italian cookies/desserts after the screening.

NOT YOUR FATHER'S ANTISEMITISM
 The 14th Annual Richard J. Yashek Memorial Lecture
 by Michael Berenbaum, Ph.D., American Jewish University

*Why is antisemitism in the 21st century different from Nazi antisemitism or traditional antisemitism?
 Is the American Jewish community fighting the wrong battles?
 Join us and learn why those who re-fight the last war often lose the next one.*

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2, 2018
 7:30 p.m., Memorial Chapel, Albright College
 Experience Event, Free and Open to the Public

Michael Berenbaum, Ph.D. is the director of the Sigi Ziering Institute: Exploring the Ethical and Religious Implications of the Holocaust and a professor of Jewish Studies at American Jewish University in Los Angeles. He served as project director overseeing the creation of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, was the first director of the Research Institute, and was president and CEO of The Survivors of the Shoah Visual History Foundation. The author and editor of twenty books, he was also managing editor of the second edition of the Encyclopedia Judaica, a twenty-two-volume body of work that won the Dartmouth Medal of the American Library Association as the best reference work of the year. Berenbaum's work in film includes serving as executive producer, historical advisor, consultant, interviewer and producer to more than twenty films, including three Academy Award winners.

ALBRIGHT COLLEGE
 Edwin S. Redkey Holocaust Library and Resource Center

MARK THIS ON YOUR CALENDAR

Sunday, June 3 at noon
 Jewish Federation of Reading Annual Meeting at Wyomissing Hills Playground. FREE picnic lunch, Israeli drumming and swimming to follow meeting.



ENRICHING LIVES
 מעשירים חיים

BIKETOWN

Wednesday, May 23, 9:30 to 11:30am



Biketown is a popular annual event hosted by the Lakin Preschool Committee in conjunction with the teachers and staff. The children bring their parents, grandparents or caregivers as well as their bikes or riding toys to school for a hands-on, fun-filled morning. One half of the parking lot will become a safe environment where the children can explore roads and shops on their riding toys. A mock town will be set up in the Social Hall to mimic services in the community. There will be a Grocery, Bake Shop, Salon, Book Store, Medical Office and others. We will be offering 7:30 am drop off, regular afternoon programming and Stay and Play until 2 pm. Here are a few things to remember for the day of Biketown:

- *Every child must come with an adult helper. This adult is expected to stay with the child and supervise the child during all the Biketown activities.
- *If you bring a bike, you need a helmet
- *Bring the address of someone special for your child to send a postcard from our Post Office
- *If you desire, apply sunscreen to your child
- *Please bring a packed lunch, a refillable water bottle and a backpack
- *Water and snack will be available
- *Please bring a non-perishable food item for the food pantry

At 11:30am the children will be dismissed to their classrooms to eat their lunch under teacher supervision. Parents are asked to help with clean up until 12:30.

Lakin Preschool Year End Schedule 2017-2018

Friday, April 13.....	Ready to Read begins
Tuesday, April 18.....	Jenn Brooks to speak about Insects
Monday, May 7.....	Final day of Village class and ABC
Wednesday, May 9, 16 and 30.....	Last and make-up days for Sprouts
Tuesday, Wednesday May 9, 10.....	Preschool vision screening
Monday, May 14.....	Final day of Our Time
Tuesday, May 15.....	Final Day of Soccer Shots
Wednesday, May 16.....	Final Day I Love Stories
Friday, May 18.....	Final Day Ready to Read
Wednesday, May 23.....	Bike Town—Sprouts please attend!
	Make-up day I Love Stories, March 22
Thursday, May 24.....	Final day of Kaleidoscope
Monday, May 28.....	No school: Memorial Day
Wednesday, May 30.....	Last Day of Preschool
	Hearing Test ages 3 and older
Thursday, May 31.....	Make-up day for Wednesday, March 21
	No Soccer Shots. Stay and Play until 2pm
	Hearing Test ages 3 and older
Friday, June 1.....	Make-up day for Thursday, March 22
Monday, June 4.....	Make-up for Thursday, January 4
Tuesday, June 5.....	Make-up for Tuesday, January 16
	Stay and play until 2. Last day of school make-ups



GET READY TO READ

Fridays, 12:30 – 1:15 pm
 April 13, 20 May 4, 11, 18
 •Miss Laura, Instructor • Fee: \$60



Open to children who will be in kindergarten in September, GET READY TO READ uses the whole language method to encourage pre-reading and reading skills. Enrollment is limited to children who have indicated an interest in reading and writing and already recognize most letters of the alphabet.



DVD Program
 Monday, May 14, 2pm
 at the Highlands Cultural Center

Israeli Ambassador Ron Dermer with Thane Rosenbaum: Defending the Jewish State



Ron Dermer, the Israeli Ambassador to the United States, has risen to the challenge as an articulate and passionate defender of the Jewish state. Join Forum on Law, Culture and Society director, Thane Rosenbaum, for a wide-ranging and timely conversation with Ambassador Dermer.

Interfaith Program

May 15; 7 pm at JCC

The Jewish Federation of Reading is working with our synagogues to create programs to enhance the inclusion of interfaith families in our Reading Jewish community. We invite members of our interfaith community to attend a brainstorming session. We want to explore what obstacles you are encountering and what programs should be developed to encourage meaningful inclusion and engagement in synagogues and our Jewish community. We want to help you build strong Jewish homes and lives while embracing the richness that a multicultural family life brings; and hope that with increased participation you will develop an increased feeling of belonging.



Intergenerational Program
 Join us for a fun,
 musical Shabbat experience
 and Oneg!
 All are welcome!
 Saturday, May 19
 10 am
 at the Highlands Cultural Center
 2000 Cambridge Ave., Wyomissing

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 May Programs

- 3: Bob Hassler will play American folk songs and the blues on his guitar. He will be joined by his friend Sid Lempiner on the harmonica.
- 10: "The History of Postcards."
- 17: Thursday Film Festival -- "The Big Sick" -- Have your taxi pick you up at 4:00.
- 24: "Songs and Stories of the Red, White, and Blue" with musician Matthew Dodd.
- 31: Margo Levin will share her recent experiences in Poland and Israel, and talk about the current problems facing Israel.

Thursday, May 24 at 2:00 pm

"Songs and Stories of the Red, White, and Blue"



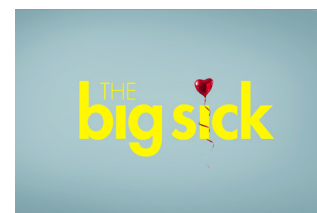
This program features America's greatest patriotic songs, including The Star Spangled Banner, America the Beautiful, You're a Grand Old Flag and Yankee Doodle. Matthew Dodd tells the fascinating stories behind their composition and the people who wrote them. Using a backdrop of flags from the different periods in which the songs were written, Matthew sings and plays the guitar, banjo, harmonica, mandolin, concertina and dulcimer.

Join local historian Paul Druzba for a look at how postcards have evolved since they were first introduced in the late 19th century, including nostalgic scenes of early Berks County.

Postcard

Thursday,
 May 10, 2:00 pm
 "The History of
 Postcards"

Thursday Film Festival May 17



After meeting at a stand-up comedy show, funnyman, Kumail, and graduate student, Emily, embark on a romance. As the expectations of his strict Muslim family create conflict between the couple, their relationship begins to crumble. (120 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