



# THE CENTERPIECE

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FEBRUARY 2017



**Purim Masquerade Party**

*Saturday, March 4th*  
**7-11 p.m.**  
**Stokesay Castle**  
141 Stokesay Castle Lane, Reading

*Featuring live music from Noelle and Jeff Band*

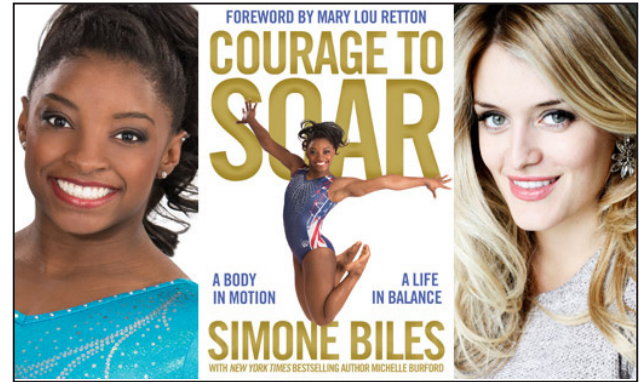
Heavy Hors d'Oeuvres • Drinks • Dessert • Dancing  
*Cocktail Attire ~ Masks Encouraged*

\$40 per person or \$75 per couple  
RSVP with payment by March 1, 2017 to 610-921-0624  
*Open to all community members 21 and older*

## 2016 Olympic Gold medalist Simone Biles in Conversation with Daphne Oz

February 20 at 2 pm  
at Highlands Cultural Center Side B

**92Y**  
DVD presentation of an  
earlier live satellite broadcast



Simone Biles' entrance into the world of gymnastics may have started on a daycare field trip in her hometown of Spring, Texas, but her God-given talent, passion and perseverance have made her one of the top gymnasts in the world and four-time gold medalist in Rio de Janeiro.

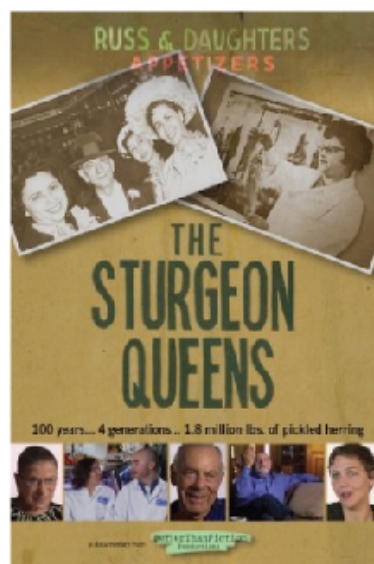
But there is more to Simone than the nineteen medals — fourteen of them gold — and the Olympic successes. Through years of hard work and determination, she has relied on her faith and family to stay focused and positive, while having fun competing at the highest level and doing what she loves. Here, in her own words, Simone takes you through the events, challenges and trials that carried her from an early childhood in foster care to a coveted spot on the 2016 Olympic team.

In *Courage to Soar*, the official autobiography from US Olympic gymnast Simone Biles, Simone presents the story of how she overcame early childhood challenges to become the most decorated US female gymnast and the only female gymnast to ever win three consecutive World Championship titles.

**READING JEWISH FILM SERIES 2017**

The Jewish Cultural Center is proud to announce the third 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 or \$30 for the series of seven films. All films will be shown on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm at Fox East 4350 PERKIOMEN AVENUE, READING. Tickets can be purchased at the theater beginning at 6:30pm on the day of the screening or series tickets can be bought at the JCC. Cash and checks are accepted.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1 — 7:00 PM  
**THE STURGEON QUEENS**  
USA | 2014 | Documentary | 54 Minutes | English  
Director: Julie Cohen



100-year-old Hattie Russ Gold and her sister 92-year-old Anne Russ Federman have life stories that hit all the key notes of the Jewish immigrant experience: hard work, humor, romance, and a little tsuris. Hattie and Anne are the two surviving daughters from the famed lox and herring

emporium Russ & Daughters on the Lower East Side. They are also the stars of *The Sturgeon Queens*. This documentary traces four generations of Russ family history, from patriarch Joel Russ, who immigrated to the US from Austria-Hungary with little more than the shirt on his back, to Josh Russ Tupper and Niki Russ Federman, Joel's great grandchildren, now in their 30s, who run the store today.



**TECH TUESDAY**



### Tech Tuesdays 4pm at the JCC

Free classes for anyone wanting to learn more about their electronic devices with hands on learning experiences and handouts.

February 7: Macbook (please bring your Apple laptop)  
February 14: Google Calendar (Please bring your laptop or smartphone)

Do you have a suggestion for an upcoming tech training session? Let us know! Call Amanda 610-921-0624 or email [AmandaH@jfreading.org](mailto:AmandaH@jfreading.org)

**SAVE THE DATE**

Tuesday, March 7  
7:30pm  
Wachovia Theatre  
Albright College

Mark Weitzman from  
Simon Wiesenthal Center on  
"Confronting Holocaust Denial  
and Distortion in Today's World"

**LAKIN PRESCHOOL**

Visit our website [www.LakinPreschool.com](http://www.LakinPreschool.com)

**Emergency closings & delays** will be announced on local radio stations by 7:30am and [www.readingeagle.com](http://www.readingeagle.com) -- Lakin Preschool.

Please be sure to check one of these sources **BEFORE** bringing your child to school.

Jewish families with young children, please come join us!



**Torah Tots**

For ages 2, 3, and 4 year olds  
Sundays, 9:30 – 10:30 am  
Session 2: Feb. 26, March 12, April 2, May 7, 2017  
Fee: \$18

Torah Tots is a class complementing the Lakin Preschool Jewish curriculum utilizing crafts, songs, stories and games for you and your young child once a month during Religious School hours. Learn prayers, traditions and songs with your little one to reinforce at home. Torah Tots is designed to foster your child's love for, and identification with, Judaism with your reinforcement.

Sunday, March 12

**Children's Purim Carnival**

4pm at the JCC



Featuring magician Eddy Ray. Magic show at 4pm followed by kid-friendly dinner of hot dogs and carnival treats! The magic show is free and you can purchase tickets for food that night.

RSVP to [amandah@jfreeding.org](mailto:amandah@jfreeding.org) by Friday, March 10.



**Library Event**



Sunday, February 5 at 10 am at the JCC---PJ Library event. Kids 1-8 are invited for kid friendly yoga event with PJ Library! Anita Steele from Mindful Kids Yoga will teach a yoga class and story time with PJ Library. RSVP required by February 3 to Amanda at [amandah@jfreeding.org](mailto:amandah@jfreeding.org) or 610-921-0624.

Follow [Mindful Kids Yoga - Reading PA](#) on Facebook

**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.

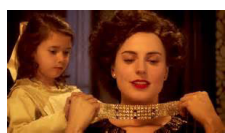
**FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE FEBRUARY PROGRAMS**

2 – Thursday Film Festival “Woman in Gold.” Have your taxi pick you up at 3:45.

9 – Celebrate Tu B'Shevat, the New Year of the Trees, with a Tu B'Shevat seder.

16 – Solange Mintz will teach us about Sephardic customs.

23 – Kimberly DeBaene from Encompass Home Health will give an overview of the services her agency provides.



**Thursday Film Festival  
February 2, 1:45 pm  
“Woman in Gold”**

Six decades after World War II, Jewish octogenarian Maria Altmann begins a quest to reclaim the artwork confiscated from her family by the Nazis, including a famed Gustav Klimt masterpiece. (1hr 49 mins)



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)



**Lakin Kingdom Dance**

Wednesday, March 8

(Snow date: Thursday, March 9)

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 (with their parents) ages newborn to 12 are invited to join in a celebration of The Lakin Kingdom at 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 (prizes, too!)

Children are encouraged to dress up in royal attire or costumes.

Pizza, beverages and desserts will be provided.

We request that parents please stay with their children.



**GREAT DECISIONS**

Meeting at the JCC

Monday mornings 10:30 am until Noon

March 6 through May 1 (NO class April 17 due to Passover)



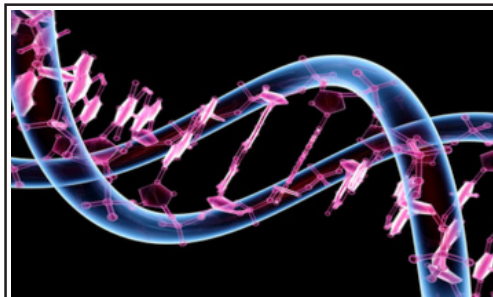
Great Decisions is America's largest discussion program on world affairs. The program model involves reading the Great Decisions Briefing Book, watching the DVD and meeting in a discussion group to discuss the most critical global issues facing America today.

**PREPARE TO DISCUSS THE WORLD**

**2017 Topics:**

- \* The Future of Europe
- \* Saudi Arabia in Transition
- \* Trade and Politics
- \* Latin America's Political Pendulum
- \* Conflict in the South China Sea
- \* Nuclear Security
- \* US Foreign Policy and Petroleum
- \* Prospects for Afghanistan & Pakistan

\$35 one person, one book or \$40 two persons, one book  
To register for Great Decisions and to order a copy of the Great Decisions Briefing Book contact Amanda Hornberger



**'What's Jewish about Breast Cancer and Ovarian Cancer'**

a one-hour program for Medical/Healthcare Professionals  
Sunday morning, April 2  
time/location TBA

Two events featuring Speaker:

**Melissa K. Rosen,**  
Director of  
National Outreach  
at Sharsheret

**'Cancer Genetics in the Jewish Family'**  
Sunday, April 2 at 2 PM  
Jewish Cultural Center

**Learn to Play Canasta!**



Friday, February 24 & Friday, March 3 at 2 pm at JCC. Gather your friends and learn how to play this fun card game! Game is played in pairs so we need a group of 4, 8 or 12 to learn! Instructor is Sue Wessner. RSVP to Amanda by February 17 at [amandah@jfreeding.org](mailto:amandah@jfreeding.org).

Monday, February 13 at 7 pm at the JCC

**Adult Coloring at the JCC**

Join your BFF or sweetie for some pre-Valentines Day fun with free coloring and relaxing at the JCC. **BYOB**, we'll provide the brownies and have some fun with friends! Coloring pages and materials will be provided but you can bring your own as well. RSVP to Amanda by February 10.