

THE CENTERPIECE

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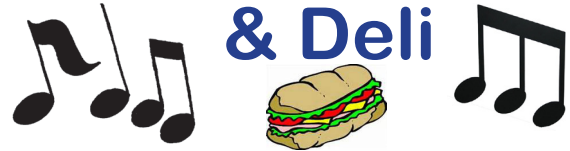
Art Exhibit at the JCC



You are invited to the opening reception at the JCC for the exhibit of the twenty-five artists from **ART PLUS GALLERY**
Thursday, February 6
5 PM to 7 PM

The exhibit runs from February 4 to March 31

Music Trivia Game Night



Saturday, March 8
7:00pm at the JCC
\$9 per person

Join us for this fun game night hosted by **Jumpin' J Entertainment**

RSVP to JayneK@JFReading.org by February 28

A fun night out with friends and a great deli dinner catered by **Boscov's Ala Carte Catering**. Test your musical knowledge. Invite your friends to share in the fun, too!

Success in America (Re-broadcast)

Amy Chua and Jed Rubenfeld
Tuesday, February 18
2:00pm and again at 7:00pm

Husband-and-wife team Amy Chua (author of *Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mom*) and Jed Rubenfeld, both Yale professors-discuss their new book, *The Triple Package*, and expose the three unlikely traits that explain the rise and fall of cultural groups in America, in a talk that could transform the way you think about success and achievement.



Lecture Series: The Russian Pogroms

Fridays, March 14, 21, 28 and April 11
10:30 to Noon, Lunch to follow

This lecture series tracks the historical trends that resulted in the Russian pogroms of the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries and traces and analyzes the individual pogroms themselves.

FREE program & lunch, made possible by a grant from the Rubin Family Educational Fund to the Jewish Federation of Reading.

Tim H. Blessing
Professor of History and Political Science
Alvernia College

Tim Blessing—(BA, University of Wyoming; MPA, MA, and Ph.D, Penn State). Researcher in Leadership Studies since 1979, including author of *Greatness in the White House* (Penn State Press). Dr. Blessing is a frequent presenter on leadership, particularly presidential leadership, at leadership and political science forums in the United States, in Europe and in Latin American. He has developed a sub-specialty in leadership in Antiquity and the Late Antiquity/Early Medieval eras. He has presented at forums as diverse as International Leadership Association, the British Association of American Studies, the American Popular Culture Association, the Organization of American Historians, and the American Psychological Association.

COMMUNITY PURIM CARNIVAL



Sunday, March 16
12:30 to 2:00 pm
at Chabad Lubavitch of Berks County

Fun with PJ Library book event

Food * Fun * Games * Crafts



March 4 through May 5
Please check weekly schedule for day of week
At the JCC ... 10:00 to 11:30 am
\$35 one person, one book
\$40 two persons, one book
Contact Jayne Kleinman to register
JayneK@JFReading.org

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.

- Israel and the U.S...Tuesday, March 4
- Defense Technology...Tuesday, March 11
- China's Foreign Policy...Tuesday, March 18
- Food & Climate...Monday, March 24
- Energy Independence...Tuesday, April 1
- Islamic Awakening...Wednesday, April 9
- US Trade Policy...Monday, April 28
- Turkey's Challenges...Monday, May 5

Youth Group

2nd to 8th Grades

Sunday, February 9



LASER QUEST

1035 Bern Road, Wyomissing

12:15 to 2:00pm
\$12 per child
includes pizza and laser tag

Every child in the Jewish community is encouraged to participate in all youth events. Need-based scholarship funding is available. Call Sari Incedon at Jewish Family Service if your child would benefit from confidential assistance 610-921-0624

EARLY EDUCATION

On bad weather days, closings & delays will be posted on the following websites by 7:30am:



www.readingjewishcommunity.org
and www.readingeagle.com



We are listed under Reading Jewish Community Center. Please be sure to check one of these sources BEFORE bringing your child to school.



JCC Preschool Dinner & Winter Dance
Wednesday, February 5
5:30 to 7:30 pm
\$5 per child; \$10 per adult; under 2 yrs. free

Children ages 1 to 12 (with their parents) are invited to join in the fun of a "just for kids" dance party. Our DJ will have kids hopping with an energetic mix of kid's music & interactive games (prizes, too)!

Join us for a cultural celebration around the globe!
Dancing, Dinner, Games & Lots of Fun!!

Because our winter dance party is one of our most popular family events, advance registration is required. Please return this form with payment immediately.

We will attend JCC Preschool World Party 170JAN
Name _____
adults _____ # children _____ \$ _____ enclosed
Check payable to Jewish Federation of Reading or credit card payment
Mastercard/Visa/Discover # _____
Exp Date _____ Security Code _____ (3 digit # on back of card)
Signature _____



February 27
"You Bet Your Life:
The Lost Episodes"

Unseen since their original 1950's run, these episodes of the famed TV quiz show showcase Groucho Marx as the sharp-witted host to a delightful assortment of contestants, including comedian Ernie Kovacs, athlete Bob Matthias, Mr. and Miss Universe and Gary Cooper's mother.
135 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



Gretchen and Alec Platt join their children, Esme and Silas during class Shabbat. Shabbat friends are Sam Isidor and Addie Loeb.

Griffin and Owen Gibney are playing instruments during class Shabbat.



LifeTouch PRESCHOOL PORTRAITS
Tuesday, February 18
Wednesday, February 19
Further information will be distributed soon!

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 FEBRUARY PROGRAMS

- 6: Explore Israel and Jordan with Federation President Tammy Mitgang
- 13: Show your patriotism spirit and join Friendship Circle for President's Day Trivia. Lunch sponsored by Country Meadows.
- 20: Marc Goldstein, Founder of Blankets of Hope, will discuss his efforts to benefit Reading and donate blankets to local shelters.
- 27: Thursday Film Festival: "You Bet Your Life: The Lost Episodes." Have your taxi pick you up at 4:00. Lunch sponsored by Manor at Market Square



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