



THE CENTERPIECE

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For Programming & Early Education news of the Jewish Cultural Center
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JANUARY 2014

Annual Community Shabbat Dinner

Friday, January 17

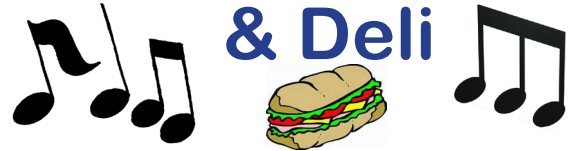
Power Down, 'Spirit' Up & RE-Discover Shabbat

6:00 p.m. Family Shabbat Service

7:00 p.m. Dinner

Chabad Lubavitch of Berks County
2320 Hampden Blvd., Reading
See article in Shalom for further details

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!

Art Exhibits at the JCC

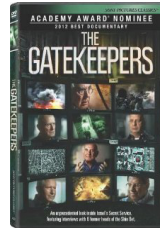
Wendy W. Kershner
Organic Growth Prints & Collages
Through January 31



Tuesday Film Series

Repeat showing from an earlier date

Tuesday, January 14
2:00 to 3:30pm



THE GATEKEEPERS

Charged with overseeing Israel's war on terror--both Palestinian and Jewish--the head of the Shin Bet, Israel's Secret Service is present at the crossroads of every decision. For the first time ever six former heads of the agency agreed to share their insights and reflect publicly on their actions and decisions.

The Gatekeepers offers an exclusive account of the sum of their successes and failures. It validates the reasons that each man individually and as a group came to reconsider their hard-line positions and advocate a conciliatory approach toward their enemies based on a two-state solution. *Hebrew with English subtitles*



ART PLUS GALLERY ARTISTS EXHIBIT

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



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

Save these Dates!!

Sunday, February 9

Laser Tag at Laser Quest

Sunday, April 6

Busy Bees -- Paint a Seder plate

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

EARLY EDUCATION



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 by January 29.

 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 _____

DAILY ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

MONDAY

ABC Music & Me 1:00-1:30pm 3, 4 & 5 yrs.
 March 10 - May 12

TUESDAY

Soccer Shots 1:00-1:30pm 3, 4 & 5 yrs.
 Jan. 7 - Feb. 25

THURSDAY

Kaleidoscope 12:30-1:30pm All ages
 Jan. 16 - Feb 20 Wacky World of Science \$133
 Feb 27 - Apr 3 The World of Eric Carle \$133
 Apr 10 - May 29 I Am An Artist \$153

MONDAY through FRIDAY

Lunch Hour 11:30-12:30pm All
 Stay and Play 12:30-3:00pm All



January 30

"The Thomashefskys: Music and Memories of a Life in the Yiddish Theater"

Michael Tilson Thomas explores the lives of his grandparents, Boris and Bessie Thomashefsky, through a musical performance that features five performers and the New World Symphony orchestra. Founding members of the Yiddish Theater in America, the Thomashefskys sponsored and encouraged generations of young artists. The Thomashefsky Project assimilates Eastern European klezmer and cantorial modes with American tones and rhythms. 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

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.



Fall Festival at the Preschool



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 JANUARY PROGRAMS

- 2: Start the New Year right with some fun! Join Friendship Circle for bingo and lots of exciting prizes.
- 9: Bundle up (mentally) as we travel to the coldest region of our planet with Solange Israel Mintz. She will share her adventures in Antarctica with us. Lunch sponsored by Country Meadows.
- 16: Celebrate TuB'Shevat, the New Year of the Trees!
- 23: TBA
- 30: Thursday Film Festival "The Thomashefskys: Music and Memories of a Life in the Yiddish Theater". Have your taxi pick up at 4:00pm.



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, jayne@JFReading.org