



The Sephardim: Who They Are and the Customs and Foods They Use to Celebrate Passover



Sheilah Kaufman

Saturday April 5

7:00 to 10:00 pm

Reform Congregation Oheb Sholom

Presentation and kosher-style buffet Sephardic dinner

"Tell me what you eat, and I shall tell you what you are," said 18th century writer Jean Brillat-Savin. Every cuisine tells a story, and Jewish cooking is far more than food on a plate. It is a map of the past, as well as a continuing story of religion, history, culture and family. Jewish cooking has been a constant as Jewish cooks crisscrossed the globe, fleeing from persecution and prejudice, in search of physical safety, economic security and religious freedom.

Bringing the flavors of the world into homes and kitchens is Sheilah Kaufman's greatest gift. As the author of 26 delectable cookbooks and a culinary instructor, lecturer and food editor for more than 40 years, Sheilah has shared her great passion for richly flavored, no-fuss food, and cooking with thousands of home chefs across the nation.

In her books, "The Turkish Cookbook: Regional Recipes and Stories," "A Taste of Turkish Cuisine," and "Sephardic Israeli Cuisine," Sheilah shares with her readers the deeply beautiful tapestry of Turkish and Israeli food and culture, offering a multitude of delicious and healthful recipes that can be easily recreated in the American home and kitchen.

Few culinary instructors have achieved the culinary versatility that Sheilah has with her books and classes, spanning global cuisine from French and Mexican to Kosher and Mediterranean. Sheilah has taught thousands of students who are endeared by her ability to teach all forms of cooking with humor and ease. Sheilah began her training at L'Academie de Cuisine with a variety of well-known teachers of different ethnic cuisines.

Presentation and dinner \$20 per person. Please RSVP to Jayne Kleinman by Friday, March 28. Phone 610-921-0624 or jayneK@jfreading.org
Sheilah's cookbooks will be available for purchase at the event.

Film screening of documentary "Life in Stills"

Wednesday, March 12 -- 7:00pm

FREE at the JCC; made possible by a grant from Jewish Federation of Reading and private donors.



At the age of 96, Miriam Weissenstein must face a new chapter in her life. "The Photo House" - her late husband Rudi's life's work - is destined for demolition, and this opinionated and uncompromising woman knows she needs help. Under the cloud of a family tragedy, a special relationship is forged between Miriam and her grandson, Ben, as they join forces to save the shop and its nearly one million negatives that document Israel's defining moments. Despite the generation gap and many conflicts, Ben and Miriam embark on a heart-wrenching journey, comprising many humorous and touching moments. Written by Tamar Tal

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
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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.



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

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 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

EARLY EDUCATION



Weather related closings & delays will be posted on www.readingjewishcommunity.org (click on Reading Jewish Cultural Center Preschool) or www.readingeagle.com. Please check one of these sites BEFORE bringing your child to school.



Spring Vacation: Monday, April 14 through Tuesday, April 22.
Welcome back Wednesday, April 23



Thank You for your support with our Giant A+ School Rewards program. Our preschool has earned almost \$500 this year! The school year ends for this program on March 31. We will be re-registering Fall 2014 with hopes to earn more and look forward to your continued support.

March Highlights at School

- March 3 - 7:** Dr. Seuss Week! We will be celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday all week doing crafts and enjoying Dr. Seuss stories.
- March 10 - 14:** Purim Fun!
- March 17 - 24:** Community Helpers and What I Want to Be

COMMUNITY PURIM CARNIVAL



Sunday, March 16, 2014

3:00-4:30 Purim Carnival--FREE
Chabad Lubavitch of Berks County
4:30 Shtetl Purim Dinner
RSVP to..917-767-0130 or chabadofberks@gmail.com

Dinner Adults \$12
16 and under \$6

Dress in Shtetl attire

Characters from Fiddler on the Roof

Tevye (milkman); Golde (wife), Tzeitel, Hodel and Chava (daughters); Motel (tailor); Lazar Wolf (butcher)
Fiddler on the Roof Sing-a-long

Rabbi Bromberg will unroll the megillah followed by a joyous sing-a-long
Guest PJ Library reader: Rabbi Michelson

CARNIVAL GAMES

HAMANTASCHEN



Mondays: 1:00 to 1:30pm
March 10 to May 12

ABC Music & Me program is offered in consecutive 30-minute lessons. Each lesson emphasizes a different area of your child's development: confidence, coordination, vocal expressiveness, careful listening and early exposure to reading skills. Teacher: Tama McConnell

- 8-week session includes:
 - *Full-color Family Guide
 - *Home CD
 - *Personalized report after each class
 - *New musical instrument

Registration forms are available at preschool. Cost \$110 (160MAR)

Interested in educating our next generation? The RCOS religious school has teaching positions available for the 2014-2015 school year. Please contact the administrator, Judy Synnamon, for more information
email: school@ohebsholom.org

JCC YOUTH EVENT Paint a Seder Plate

Sunday, April 6, 2014
1:00-2:30
Grades 2-8

Busy Bee Pottery & Arts Studio
840 N. Park Road, Wyomissing
\$12 per child



RSVP by April 1 jayneK@JFReading.org or call 610-921-0624

Music Trivia Game Night & Deli



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

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



The exhibit of the twenty-five artists from **ART PLUS GALLERY**
The exhibit runs until March 31

Art and Remembrance

Exhibit runs April 7 through May 29



It's quite common for a specific piece of music to evoke memories of personal experiences: a time, a place that we forever associate with a melody. Similarly, writers create scenes drawn from imagination and personal experiences unique in an author's life. Less often, one sees representational art employed to recreate a memory of a time, place or event unique in the artist's life. Thirty eight examples of such art are on exhibit at the JCC.

The exhibition opens with a reception between 5 and 7PM on Thursday, April 10, 2014.

Each painting depicts a memorable experience in the life of the artist, Theodore Thomas, a Reading resident. All were painted in the ten years since his retirement in 2004. They comprise a pictorial journal of remembrances created from sketches and photos over a working lifetime and preserved along with their memories to be expressed in this exceptional collection of pastel paintings.

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 MARCH PROGRAMS

- 6: Enjoy a keyboard performance with Ed Wolf. Listen to your favorite oldies. You are welcome to sing-along.
- 13: Celebrate Purim with a Purim spiel and hamentaschen. Lunch sponsored by Country Meadows.
- 20: Explore Israel and Jordan with Federation President Tammy Mitgang
- 27: Discover the fascinating and beautiful Galapagos Islands with Carol and Gordon Perlmutter



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, jayneK@JFReading.org