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Game Nights
Community Shabbat
Reading Jewish Film Series
Great Decisions
Interfaith Mitzvah Day
Yom Ha'atzmaut
PJ Library
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Leo Camp Lecture

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5 Erev Tisha B'Av	6 Tisha B'Av 9:00 KZ Erev Tish B'Av Service 10:00 am Haftarah
7	8	9 7:00 pm RCOS Torah & Tequila	10	11 1:00 pm Friendship Circle	12	13
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21	22	23	24	25 1:00 pm Friendship Circle	26 7:45 pm RCOS Summer Service by The Stream	27
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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

JFS MOVIE MONDAY

Join us for a movie of Jewish interest and popcorn
on the 4th Monday of the month at 1 p.m. at the JCC.
Call Brenda at 610-921-0624 to reserve your seat;
walk-ins are welcome if seating is available.

“The People vs. Fritz Bauer,” Monday, Aug. 29, 1 p.m.

In 1957 Germany, Attorney General Fritz Bauer receives crucial evidence on the whereabouts of Nazi war criminal Adolf Eichmann. Due to his distrust of the German justice system, he contacts the Israel secret service Mossad out of his concern for the future of Germany. (105 min.)



ENRICHING LIVES
מעשירים חיים

Changes help preschool improve and grow

By Holli Winick Viau

It has been one year since I wrote my first article about Lakin Preschool! We have made some changes throughout my time at Lakin, and there are many more coming!

We will begin the school year with a mask-optional program. Families and staff have the choice to wear a mask or not. We will honor the wishes of each family.

We will be allowing families into the building again! We hope this will allow them to be more involved and informed about what goes on in the classrooms and what their children are experiencing. This also allows for parents to not only touch base with the teachers, but also for them to get to know each other in a way that is not always possible when dropping children at the door. We hope this

will strengthen our Lakin community even further.

We are working to upgrade our preschool programming and our enrichment programming. We want to continue to provide rich and varied experiences for our children in a loving environment, while making it fun and promoting growth.

We will continue our successful music/movement and yoga sessions. The children not only benefit physically and emotionally from these sessions but have some time together in an alternate environment to connect with each other. Our Stay & Play afternoon care continues, as well as enrichment classes of all kinds almost every afternoon.

During the summer the staff and I had many conversations regarding our current curriculum and how it can

be improved. We are focusing on state standards and setting goals in that way, but also on the best ways to nurture young children and make them feel safe and secure in our environment. We want our children to learn, grow and flourish in our care, and will continue to do whatever we can to foster that.

Our Friday Shabbat sessions will be expanded to include a short learning session. These sessions will include Jewish values as they relate to preschoolers, all people, and the world. We want our children to understand that they can have an impact on helping those around them, and we will be demonstrating and teaching that with different service projects throughout the year.

As you might know, we had two retirements in June. After many years serving the children and families of

Lakin, Judy Synammon and Sylvia Thomas retired. They are both interested in substituting at Lakin, so we will be able to touch base and see what they are up to on occasion. Although we will miss them both, we wish them the best in their retirement to enjoy a well-deserved rest!

Word of mouth has always been our best advertising, and we appreciate you sharing your positive experiences from Lakin Preschool with anyone you know who has children of the appropriate age, who would like to join us.

We have enjoyed the support of so many families over the years, and look forward to continuing our loving, caring, growth-oriented program for many years to come.

Please contact me at MsHolli@jfreeding.org or 610-223-8058.

Lakin Preschool registration open for the Fall
Call Holli at 610-223-8058
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Children give Federation leader a fond farewell



Lakin Preschool children give a warm sendoff to Jewish Federation of Reading/Berks President Bill Franklin, who is retiring this summer. During Bill's time leading the Federation, an agreement was made to return management of the preschool to the Federation