



THE CENTERPIECE

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The JCC will be closed for Passover: Monday & Tuesday, April 1 & 2

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APRIL 2013

Join or Renew Your Membership to the JCC by April 24th and
YOU May Win Tickets to One of the Hottest Shows in Town!

Family Pack -- 4 Tickets



An Evening on the Town
2 Tickets



Sesame Street Live! Elmo's Super Heroes
Tuesday April 30 at 6:30 pm
Sovereign Performing Arts Center

Weidenhammer Presents
Broadway on 6th Street
Dreamgirls
Thursday May 16 at 7:30 pm
Sovereign Performing Arts Center

Calling all super heroes! Super Grover has lost his super-ness! Never fear, the fabulous five Super Heroes are here--featuring Elmo as Captain Fuzzy! Elmo, Abby Cadabby, Zoe and all their furry friends are on a quest to put the "super" back in Super Grover. Singing and dancing their way through fun lessons on healthy habits, they discover how exercise, rest, nutritious food and good hygiene can save Super Grover -- and turn your children into Super Heroes, too! You'll be feeling good when Elmo's Super Heroes! comes to town! Note - any child who has celebrated their first birthday must have a ticket.

CATCH THE DREAM! Full of onstage joy and backstage drama, the sensational new production of DREAMGIRLS tells the story of an up-and-coming 1960s girl singing group, and the triumphs and tribulations that come with fame and fortune. With music by Academy Award nominee Henry Krieger and book and lyrics by Tony and Grammy Award winner Tom Eyen, DREAMGIRLS features the unforgettable hits: "And I Am Telling You I'm Not Going," "One Night Only" and "Listen." This Tony and Academy Award winning musical sparkles like never before!

Membership enrollment card (included in membership mailing) and payment must be received at the JCC by Wednesday, April 24, 2013 to be eligible for the drawing, Winners announced on Thursday, April 25th!

The following programs are underwritten by the Rubin Family Educational Fund of the Jewish Federation.

Hava Nagila and Music Discovery are FREE events, reservations required.

RSVP to JayneK@JFReading.org or 610-921-0624.

THE SONG YOU THOUGHT YOU KNEW,
THE STORY YOU WON'T BELIEVE.

HAVA NAGILA

(THE MOVIE)



Sunday, April 21 -- 4:00pm
Fox Berkshire Theater

It's to music what the bagel is to food – a Jewish staple that has transcended its origins and become a worldwide hit. Bob Dylan sang it. Elvis, too. And that's only the beginning when it comes to Hava Nagila. Follow the infectious party song on its fascinating journey from the shtetls of Eastern Europe to the cul-de-sacs of America in this hilarious and surprisingly deep film. Featuring interviews with Harry Belafonte, Connie Francis, Glen Campbell, Leonard Nimoy, Regina Spektor and more. Hava Nagila (The Movie) takes viewers from Ukraine and Israel to the Catskills, Greenwich Village, Hollywood –and even Bollywood–using the song as a springboard to explore Jewish history and identity and to spotlight the cross-cultural connections that can only be achieved through music.

"BUOYANT. PLAYFUL and SERIOUS.

Through the unlikely prism of this song the documentary manages to tell a complicated story of cultural adaptation while providing a fresh look at a good chunk of modern Jewish history."

--Rachel Saltz, New York Times

The use of Fox Theater has been generously donated for this showing by Donald Fox.

A 4-Week Series presented by
Ann Leisawitz

MUSIC

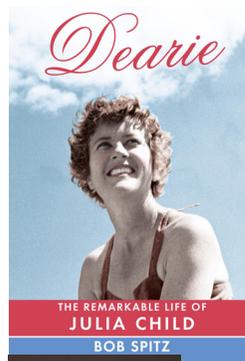


DISCOVERY

Fridays: April 19, 26, May 10, 17
10:30am to noon
Followed by lunch at the JCC

Featuring:
Itzhak Perlman and Beethoven's Violin Concerto
Dvorak in Prague: The "New World" Symphony
Gustav Mahler: His Life in his Symphonic Music
Celebrating Debussy: Experiencing Nature in "La Mer"

Each week you will view a musical DVD followed by a lively discussion.



Appearing together at the
Jewish Cultural Center

Bob Spitz

Author of
*Dearie: The Remarkable
Life of Julia Child*

Becky Aikman

Author of
Saturday Night Widows

April 11 at 7:00PM

Bob and Becky husband & wife have major books out at the same time. They wrote them in the same room for 3 years, at back to back desks—and lived to tell about it!



FREE; Open to the public; Reservations required
Contact Jayne Kleinman (610)921-0624 or jayne@jfreading.org

Dearie: The Remarkable Life of Julia Child

It's rare for someone to emerge in America who can change our attitudes, our beliefs, and our very culture. It's even rarer when that someone is a middle-aged, six foot three-inch woman whose first exposure to an unsuspecting public is cooking an omelet on a hot plate on a local station. And yet, that's what Julia Child did.

Now, in Bob Spitz's definitive, wonderfully affectionate biography, the Julia we know and love comes vividly—and surprisingly—to life. In *Dearie*, Spitz employs the same skill he brought to his best-selling, critically acclaimed book, *The Beatles*, providing a clear-eyed portrait of one of the most fascinating and influential Americans of our time--a woman known to all, yet known by only a few.

On the centenary of her birth, Julia finally gets the biography she richly deserves. An in-depth, intimate narrative, full of fresh information and insights, *Dearie* is an entertaining, all-out adventure story of one of our most fascinating and beloved figures.

Saturday Night Widows

Important, insightful and often humorous, *Saturday Night Widows: The Adventures of Six Friends Remaking Their Lives* offers a distinctive take on a largely under-covered but universal topic—starting over after losing someone close to you. Recent research, she was surprised to discover, indicates that traditional approaches to coping with loss can be isolating and depressing. The SNWs followed the recommendations of the latest thinking, sharing new experiences together one Saturday night every month for a year.

"[Aikman] and five other young widows reenter the world of the living, laughing, and – gulp – dating, all the while sharing frank talk, insight, and hope from the trenches."

--Good Housekeeping

"Their stories of loss are touching, and the wisdom they gain is a testament to the durability of the human spirit."

--People

EARLY EDUCATION

April Highlights at School

April 1 & 2: Passover break continues
 April 3: Welcome back!
 April 8: Corrinne Brumback, Children's Librarian from Wyomissing Public Library will visit the children and lead a lesson called "Welcome Spring"
 An environmental educator will visit to talk about:
 Insects - Tues., April 16, 10:30am
 Planting - Tues., April 30, 10:30am



"Over the Rainbow"



One of our favorite family events each year! This year's winter dance was once again a night of dancing, games, activities & FUN!!!

Getting Ready to Read



Thursdays, 12:30 to 1:30pm
 April 18, 25, May 2, 9, 23 & 30
 Instructor: Jess Hinsey

Fee: \$75

Getting Ready to Read uses the whole language method to encourage pre-reading skills. Enrollment is limited to children who have indicated an interest in reading and writing, and already recognize most letters of the alphabet.

PROGRAMS

Join the Philadelphia Jewish Community Israel 65 Celebration 2013 Parade and Convention Center Event Sunday, May 19

Leave the JCC at 8:00am
 Arrive back in Reading at 6:00 pm



Celebrate Israel's 65th year and show pride in our Jewish homeland. We will take a bus from the JCC to Philadelphia. The celebration will start with a parade as we walk from Eakins Oval to the spacious Pennsylvania Convention Center for part two of this amazing event. From noon to 4pm enjoy fabulous Israeli food, entertainment, arts & crafts, dancing and shopping. Visit an authentic Bedouin tent; learn Krav Maga; celebrate Israel's achievements in science and technology; create a huge Israel flag out of K'NEX. And this is just for starters...

Wear your Blue & White (Israeli colors)

No Charge for this event.
 Bus seats are limited, reservations required
 Contact Jayne Kleinman (610) 921-0624 or jayne@JFReading.org

MAKE A GREAT DECISION

All invited to attend final session
 Tuesday May 7 -- 10:00 to 11:30am

EGYPT

The Jewish Cultural Center announces a Great Decisions Special Event. Dr. Asaf Rominowsky will be facilitating and lecturing on the topic of Egypt at the concluding session of this year's Great Decisions discussion series. Dr. Rominowsky is an adjunct scholar at the Foundation for Democracies and the Middle East Forum. He holds masters degrees from Villanova University and West Chester University and a doctorate from Kings College London.



This event is open to all those attending this year's Great Decision series and to all who may be interested in future sessions. The event is free.

For more information call Jayne Kleinman 610-921-0624 or email jayne@JFReading.org



Mondays: 1:00 to 1:30pm
April 8 to June 3

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. Eight-week session includes a full-color Family Guide, home CD, personalized report after each class & a new musical instrument. Registration forms are available at preschool.
 Cost \$110 Teacher: Tama McConnell (160APR)

It's soccer season at the Jewish Cultural Center



The third session of Soccer Shots will start on Tuesday, April 9. Soccer Shots is a uniquely designed program that will introduce soccer to your child in a fun, safe and controlled environment. Each week, we offer 30 to 35 minute soccer sessions where we teach basic soccer skills, fun games and healthy competition to your child. Our program also emphasizes character-forming lessons such as fair play, individual concentration, cooperation and encouragement.

Who: All children 3 to 5 years old
 Where: On-site at the JCC Preschool
 When: Tuesdays at 12:30 pm

BIKE TOWN IS COMING!!

Always one of our most popular events!



Bring your bikes & scooters to ride at BikeTown!

Thursday, May 30
9:30 am - 12:30 pm

Bike Town booths include:

Beauty Salon	Bakery	Post Office
Bike Wash	Book Store	Craft Shop
Grocery Store		

Volunteers are needed to help run the booths.
 Contact Judy (484) 332-5981

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE . . . Every Thursday

1:00 pm -- Luncheon catered by Boscov's Ala Carte*
 1:30 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 APRIL

- 4: Thursday Film Festival, "Rocket Gibraltar". Have your taxi pick you up at 3:30
- 11: Have fun learning about an important topic. Join John Kyte, Preparedness and Resiliency Manager of the American Red Cross, play "Disaster Preparedness for Seniors Bingo." Lunch sponsored by Country Meadows.
- 18: Celebrate Yom Ha'Atzmaut, Israel Independence Day, and enjoy an Israeli luncheon, with Israeli native Naomi Knoll.
- 25: "Free Your Space, Free Your Heart" with Vali Heist, certified professional organizer and owner of The Clutter Crew. Vali will also bring her new book "Organize this! Practical Tips, Green Ideas, and Ruminations about your Crap."



Thursday Film Festival

April 4

"Rocket Gibraltar"

Burt Lancaster is wonderful as aging patriarch Levi Rockwell. Levi's family has gathered at his home to celebrate his upcoming 77th birthday. His children and their spouses are an egocentric group set on winning the old man over. The group is touched by an untraditional present Levi's grandchildren have presented to him. 1 hr 40 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



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