THE CENTERPIECE

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MAY 2013

Join the Philadelphia Jewish Community

Israel 65 Celebration 2013

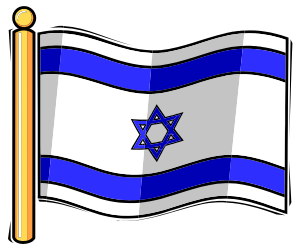
Parade and Convention Center Event

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...

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



Wear your Blue & White (Israeli colors)

Jewish Federation will be CLOSED
In observance of Shavuot
Wed. & Thurs., May 15 & 16

Jewish Federation will be CLOSED
In observance of Memorial Day
Monday, May 27

MAKE A GREAT DECISION

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

Dr. Asaf Rominowsky

"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. Romirowsky 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 jaynek@JFReading.org

This program is underwritten by the Rubin Family Educational Fund of the Jewish Federation.

It is a FREE event, but reservations are required. Contact JayneK@JFReading.org or 610-921-0624.

A 4-Week Series presented by
Ann Leisawitz

Fridays, April 26, May 3, 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

THE BENEFITS OF JCC MEMBERSHIP

- **Film, Literature and Guest Lectures**
- **Music, Art & Theater (local and escorted travel)**
- **Bridge Wednesdays & Mah Jongg Mondays**
- **Social & Cultural Programs**
- **Holiday Events**
- **Gratz Jewish Community High School**
- **Senior Adult Social Programs**
- **Lakin Early Education Center**
- **Youth Group Events**
- **FREE Community Calendar and Patron Listing**
- **Reduced prices on most Cultural Center events**

Your membership dues help to support diverse cultural programs for adults, children, families and seniors. You may choose an art film or a stimulating lecture while your children enjoy rock climbing or a special holiday event.

To help support these offerings, please consider choosing one of the following membership options.

$118+	Chai Membership
$350+	Silver Membership
$650+	Gold Membership
$1200+	Platinum Membership
$2500+	Benefactor

Thanks to a special arrangement with Body Zone Sports & Wellness Complex, you will be entitled to special fitness and aquatics membership rates. All families whose children are enrolled in the early education department are automatically Center members. The cost of your membership above $25 is tax deductible. As a member, you will also enjoy the satisfaction of knowing that you have helped to ensure a viable, vibrant Jewish community in Berks County for all to enjoy.

EARLY EDUCATION

2013/2014 REGISTRATION

Registration forms are available. Call Judy Synnamon, 484-332-5981, to schedule an interview or a tour of our Early Ed Department. Please keep in mind that as a State Licensed Preschool our class sizes are limited and fill up quickly.

Getting Ready to Read

Thursdays, 12:30 - 1:30pm

April 18 to May 30 (no class May 16)

Instructor: Jessica 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. 165MAY

BIKE TOWN

Wednesday, May 29
9:30 am - 12:30 pm

Bring your bikes & scooters to BikeTown!

Bike Town booths include:

Bakery	Post Office
Bike Wash	Book Store
Craft Shop	Grocery Store
Fishing Pond	

Volunteers are needed to help run the booths.
Contact Judy (484) 332-5981
All children must have adult supervision.

An outdoors and indoors structured play, crafts, music, socialization and story time for your child. Outdoor time will incorporate water play, sand play and bubble time on a frequent basis. Please pack a dairy lunch, we will provide a snack. A new theme every week.

June 25 & 27: Ready, Set, Go
July 2 & 3: Let's have a Parade
July 9 & 11: Red, White & Blue
July 16 & 18: Let's Go Fishing
July 23 & 25: Beach Fun
July 30 & August 1: Camping Out

$30/daily session with advance registration and payment
$35/daily session without advance registration and payment
Minimum enrollment of 5 children to run program

Looking for a great preschool?

Check out Lakin Early Education Center of the JCC

State licensed preschool

- Parent & Tot Classes
- Toddler Programs
- Yoga
- ABC, Music & Me©
- Academic enrichment
- Acting classes

& much more!

We work with your schedule.
Everyone is welcome!

OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, May 23
At the Preschool
9:00am - 12:30pm

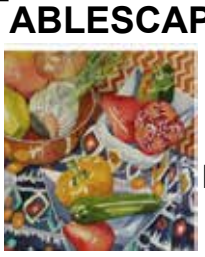
Dates to Remember

Tuesday, May 14	Adventurers trip to Domino's Pizza
Wednesday & Thursday, May 15 & 16	NO School, Shavuot
Tuesday, May 21	Last day of "Our Time"
Thursday, May 23	Open House at the Preschool!
Monday, May 27	NO School, Memorial Day
Wednesday, May 29	Bike Town
Friday, June 7	Last Day of School -- Happy Summer!

PROGRAMS

Art Exhibit

TABLESCAPES IN WATERCOLOR



ARTIST
SUZANNE CRUMP

Exhibit through May 21
at the JCC

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

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 MAY

2: "Summer Safety" with Martha Sitler from Berks Encore. Protect yourself from hazards due to summer weather and other conditions, like burns, bites and heat-related problems.
9: Celebrate Shavuot (a week early) with Rabbi Minna Bromberg and and ice cream party! Lunch sponsored by Country Meadows
16: NO Friendship Circle....JCC CLOSED for Shavuot
23: Thursday Film Festival "Sholem Aleichem: Laughing in the Darkness" Have your taxi pick you up at 3:30.
30: It's graduation time! Bring in a photo of yourself as a graduate, or as a young adult. We will play a guessing game and also reminisce about the good old days.

Thursday Film Festival
May 23

Sholem Aleichem
LAUGHING IN THE DARKNESS

A film by JOSEPH DORMAN

Discover the man behind the musical "Fiddler on the Roof" in this biography of Sholem Aleichem. Vintage photographs, film clips, and interviews with historians reveal Aleichem's world and how he parlayed turmoil into a new Jewish cultural identity. 93 minutes.

Film Free ... Optional lunch at 1 p.m., $6. Movie begins at 1:45
For lunch reservations
Contact Carole Robinson at caroler@JFReading.org