

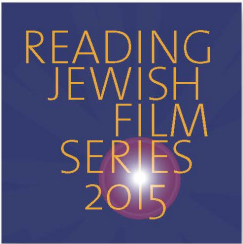
THE CENTERPIECE

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For Programming of the Jewish Cultural Center & Lakin Preschool news
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APRIL 2015

This film is the third in a series of four films which are co-sponsored by the Rubin Educational Fund of the Jewish Federation of Reading and Fox Theatres.



LITTLE WHITE LIE

Monday, May 4
7:00 pm
Fox East Theatre (next to Boscov's East)
\$5 Admission

Since childhood, Lacey Schwartz knew she was different: her dark complexion set her apart from the rest of her family, as did her boisterous, black curls. But it wasn't until her freshman year at Georgetown University that she began to understand why. Growing up, her parents never spoke about her origins, and Schwartz had no reason to think of herself as anything but white. In *Little White Lie*, the filmmaker bravely pulls back the curtain on her family secrets, raising larger questions through the frank and sometimes raw conversations with family and friends. In this deeply personal and riveting exploration of bi-racial identity, Schwartz asks: *What makes us who we are? And how do we rebuild our identities after learning that the assumptions underlying them are false?*

Filmmaker and star of *Little White Lie*, Lacey Schwartz, will be joining us after the film for a discussion and Q&A. Pastries from Sweet Street Desserts will be available for purchase after the film and all proceeds will be donated to the Central Pennsylvania African American Museum here in Reading.

Join us for this great evening and fundraiser with CPAAM!

Coming in April



From Underoos to Super Jews!

Thursday, April 23 at the JCC
5:30 pm - 7:00 pm Program

Alon Barzilay will lead a program "Underoos to Super Jews" where we will explore how we know that America's super-heroes share the same Jewish roots as the comic book artists who created them, such as immigration and antisemitism. Gain new perspective on how the true themes of superhero stories are rooted in Jewish American culture. Fun for older teens and adults! Register at alondas@jfreading.org by April 1.

***Please note this program is not intended for young children as it is an intellectual conversation on the Jewish influences on Super Heroes.

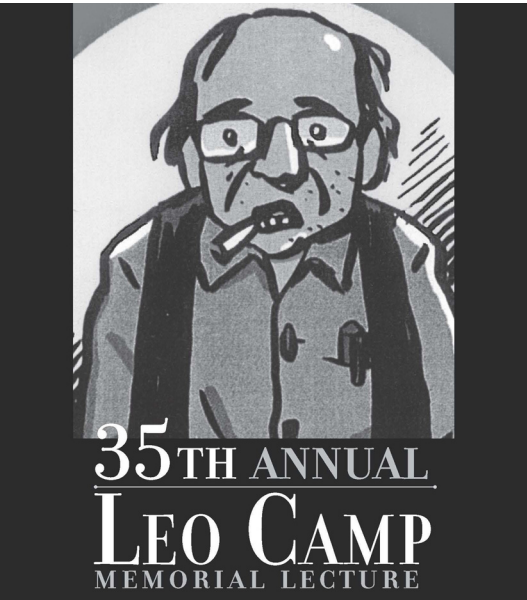
Yom Hashoah Commemoration

Thursday, April 16
7 pm at Chabad-Lubavitch of Berks County
Located at 2320 Hampden Boulevard, Reading



Reuwen "Ruby" Sosnowicz, on the accordion and Saul Dreier, on drums

Featuring Special Guests **The Holocaust Survivor Band** from Coconut Creek, Florida. Join us for this unique and special concert with the only band made up of Holocaust Survivors in the United States. Klezmer songs and pre-war favorites will be played. Join us in commemorating the 70 years since the end of World War II and Holocaust.
Free and open and welcome for all!

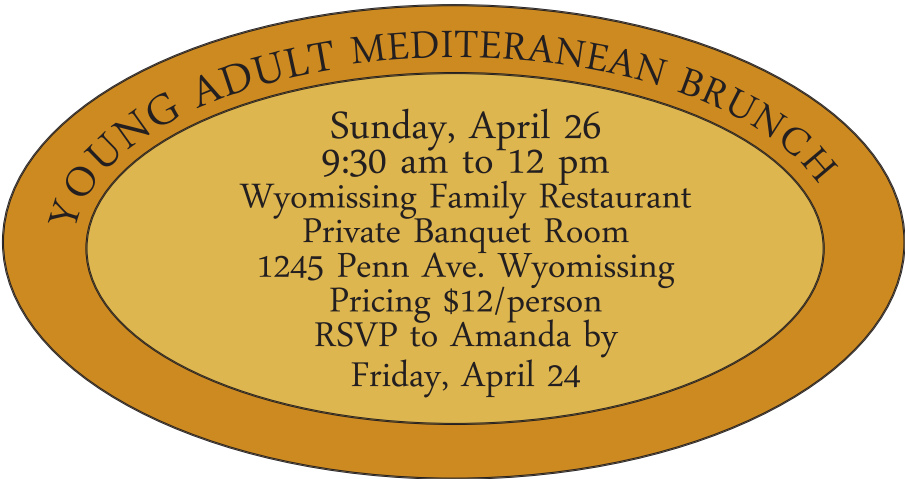


MetaMaus presented by Pulitzer Prize-winning artist, illustrator and author **Art Spiegelman**

Tuesday, April 21, 2015
7:30 PM at Wachovia Theatre, Albright College

This is a talk-with-images version of the *MetaMaus* book with—a focus on answering "why comics?" are the medium Art Spiegelman works in, showing historical and contemporary examples. Spiegelman takes on why the animal metaphor and racial caricature are at the heart of this genocidal project ("Why Mice?"); and talks about why his personal past—rather than, say, a desire to ride current cultural trends toward victim-culture and "holokitsch"—made *Maus* a necessary work.

The talk, like the book, ultimately concerns itself with the creative process: It's a plea for communication as an essential component of art (rather than the Modernist notion of the artist as shaman or the cynical devaluation of art as being just a rarefied form of commerce). This talk is entertaining as well as thought-provoking and moving.

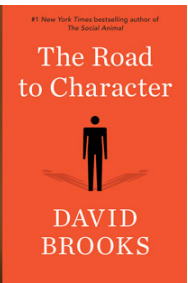


Sunday, April 26
9:30 am to 12 pm
Wyomissing Family Restaurant
Private Banquet Room
1245 Penn Ave. Wyomissing
Pricing \$12/person
RSVP to Amanda by
Friday, April 24

92Y

92nd St Y Live program recorded on an earlier date
will be shown on DVD at the JCC
Wednesday, April 29
7:00pm

David Brooks: On Character



Join New York Times columnist David Brooks for an in-depth discussion about what constitutes character, as explored in his new book, *The Road to Depth*. Some people seem to possess inner lives that are more substantive than the rest of ours. How do they do it? Depth, argues Brooks, is the core of our being and something we cultivate over time;

it's engraved by thought and action; it's built through commitments we make—to a nation, a faith, a calling or loved ones—and the sacrifices we endure because of those commitments.

EVENT FREE OF CHARGE

Next 92Y event: Kids from the Bronx
Saturday, May 16, 7pm, at Chef Alan's -- Dinner \$15/person

LAKIN PRESCHOOL



Spring Vacation: Friday, April 3
through Friday, April 10
Welcome back Monday, April 13

BIKE TOWN IS COMING!!

Always one of our most popular events!



Bring your bikes & scooters to ride at BikeTown!

Wednesday, May 27
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

Highlights at School

April 20: Joie Formandu, Wyomissing Public Library Children's Librarian will lead a lesson called "What I Want To Do"
Jennifer Brooks, Environmental Educator will visit to talk about:
Tues., April 28: Planting Thurs., May 21: Insects

Getting Ready to Read



Wednesdays, 12:30 to 1:30pm
April 15, 22, 29 May 6, 13, 20
Instructor: Sue Moll
Fee: \$80

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.



The **Lakin Preschool Snowball Dance** was held February 18. The theme was "Frozen". Anna and Elsa visited the dance. Mike Kindlick from Jam on Sound provided dance, music and games. Pizza, salad, veggies, fruit and cupcakes were served. The children, families and teachers all had a great time.

Adventurers Class

Purim fun was celebrated on March 4 in the preschool.



YOUTH NOTE:

The event scheduled for April 19 has been cancelled



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 Brian Snyder 484-838-0977. 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 Amanda Hornberger, AmandaH@JFReading.org

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 APRIL PROGRAMS

2: Pizza & Ice Cream party to welcome Richard Nassau, the new Federation Director of Development

Tuesday, April 7, 10:45am Passover Seder at Manor at Market Square (Please note date, time and location change) Sponsored by JFS and Manor at Market Square; led by Sari Incledon and Carole Robinson. Reservations required.

9: NO Friendship Circle

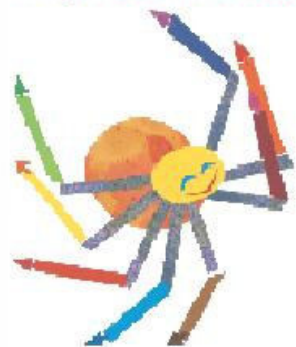
16: Observe Yom HaShoah with Thursday Film Festival "The Wonder and Grace of Alice Sommer Herz." Have your taxi pick you up at 3:00pm.

23: Celebrate Yom Ha'Atzmaut, Israel Independence Day, with Rebecca Robinson, and learn about her experiences as a Masa Israel teaching fellow in Be'er Sheva.

30: Do you make the grade? Join the fun and come play "Are You Smarter than a Fifth Grader?"

You're invited to a Sammy Spider BIRTHDAY PARTY!

Sammy Spider and the Shapiro Family have been teaching Jewish values for over 20 years. Join PJ Library and Keshar Zion Synagogue in Celebrating Sammy Spider's Birthday! We will read, do a Sammy craft, and celebrate in so many fun ways!



The PJ
Library
JEWISH BEDTIME STORIES
& SONGS FOR FAMILIES

Where:

Keshar Zion Synagogue
1245 Perkiomen Ave.
Reading, PA

When:

Sunday, April 19 2:00 pm

Who:

You!

This Special Event is Brought to You By The Jewish Federation Of Reading and Keshar Zion Synagogue. PJ Library in Reading is generously sponsored by George and Sue Viener. Lets keep reading, learning, celebrating, and growing together! RSVP to KZSecretary@Entermail.Net. 610-374-1763

Upcoming PJ Library Events: SAVE THE DATES

Saturday, May 16; 10 am -- Tot Shabbat at RCOS

Sunday, June 28; 2 – 3:30 pm -- Reading fun with our seniors!
at The Highlands, Berkshire Room.

UNDER THE INFLUENCE

Abstract Works by Amy Schade

Art Exhibit
March 16 to May 15



Thursday Film Festival

April 16, 1:45pm

**"The wonder and the grace of
Alice Sommer Herz"**

Sage, saint, mavin and subject of the best selling book "A Garden of Eden in Hell," Alice Sommer Herz was imprisoned in Theresienstadt and survived unspeakable atrocities. She was a pianist of distinction and it is no doubt that music saved both her sanity and her life.

She learned "to be grateful for everything, because life is beautiful and everything is a present." Alice Sommer Herz died in February at the age of 110, the world's oldest known Holocaust survivor. Share her inspiration and her "beautiful life." (1 hour)