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DECEMBER 2014

TRIVIA GAME NIGHT & DELI

Saturday, January 10, 2015

7:00 pm ... \$9 per person

Deli Dinner followed by

FUN TRIVIA GAME

hosted by
THE PARTY PEOPLE

Could it get any better? A fun night out with friends and a great deli dinner catered by Boscov ala Carte Catering. Test your knowledge on a wide range of topics. Invite your 'game night' friends to share in the fun, too!

92Y

92Y programs at
Jewish Cultural Center
7:00pm
All programs are Free

Monday, December 15, 2014

America and Israel: The Way Forward



Join Dalia Rabin, the former Israeli Deputy Minister of Defense and current chairperson of the Yitzhak Rabin Center, and Ambassador Dennis Ross, who played a leading role in shaping US involvement in the Middle East peace process, for an enlightening discussion with Ethan Bronner on the future of Israel.

Wednesday, January 7, 2015

World Religions: Spotlight on Judaism



Can religion be defined? Join our award-winning scholars as they tell a new story: traveling from prehistory to the present day illuminating how world religions came to be acknowledged and studied, with a focus on Judaism. How has this great civilization and religion been absorbed and altered, understood and misunderstood?

Art Exhibits at the Jewish Cultural Center

Marilyn J. Fox:
New Paintings

November 3 to December 29



Bob Woods

January 8 to March 6

Opening reception is January 8 -- 5:00 to 7:00 pm

BOB WOOD'S colorful farm and garden paintings, a reviewer notes, "Stripped of nonessentials these bold paintings present the artist's unique approach to visual representation." A well known vernacular artist, Wood's appropriation of farm and garden themes emerges from his life on the family farm.

Bob is a long time researcher, writer, and speaker on Pennsylvania Dutch (German) folk culture and has established himself as one of the foremost experts on the subject in this area. His longtime experience and expertise, along with his literary background, infuse themselves into art that presents a very contemporary take on established themes.

Lunch and Learn

December 12 -- 11:00am at the JCC

"Homeland for the Jewish Soul: The Jewish Deli"

Stay for a free deli lunch to follow presentation.

Call Jayne Kleinman for lunch reservations 610-921-0624.



TED MERWIN

During the interwar era in New York, as the children of Jewish immigrants began to move into the mainstream of American society, the Jewish deli became a popular gathering place in the burgeoning outer-borough Jewish neighborhoods, as well in the entertainment district in Times Square. The Jewish deli became a gathering place on par with the synagogue, one in which overstuffed pastrami or corned beef sandwiches symbolized nothing less than the achievement of the American Dream.

Over time, as delis sprouted up around the country, the deli also became an iconic part of American popular entertainment. From Yiddish vaudeville star Aaron Lebedeff's 1920s signature song, "Rumania, Rumania" to the John Belushi's 1976 SNL skit, "Samurai Deli," to Rob Reiner's 1989 film, "When Harry Met Sally," the Jewish deli and its fare became emblematic of Jewish culture for Jews and non-Jews alike.

Ted Merwin, Ph.D. is a professor, writer, journalist and noted public speaker. He is a dynamic, charismatic, entertaining lecturer on Jewish food, clothing and popular culture. He has given more than a hundred public lectures on Jewish culture in the last several years. He is the author of *In Their Own Image: New York Jews in Jazz Age Popular Culture*, as well as of a forthcoming book on Jewish food, *Pastrami on Rye: An Overstuffed History of the Jewish Delicatessen*.

"People fall into two distinct categories...people who like delicatessen and people who don't like delicatessen. A man who is not touched by the earthy lyricism of hot pastrami, the pungent fantasy of corned-beef, pickles, frankfurters, the great lusty impertinence of good mustard—is a man of stone and without heart."

—Herb Gardner, A Thousand Clowns

FREE event made possible by a grant from the
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LAKIN PRESCHOOL

Weather related closings & delays will be announced on local radio stations by 7:30am and the following Websites: www.readingeagle.com or www.wfmz.com -- Lakin Preschool. Please be sure to check one of these sources BEFORE bringing your child to school.



Lakin Preschool is participating in the Giant A+ School Rewards Program. Through March 31, 2015, our school can earn CASH through this exciting program.

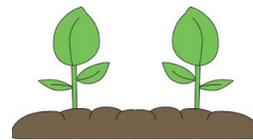
You can help!

Follow this link: <http://www.giantfoodstores.com/aplus/SchoolDesignationLogin.html> to register your BonusCard online. You will need our school ID # 05824. It takes just a minute. Then, each time you shop at Giant using your BONUSCARD, you will earn cash for our school which can be used for any of our school's educational needs! Sign-up sheets are also available in each classroom.

Taking just a minute of your time to register your card can make a huge difference to our school. We need your support! Also, please encourage your family and friends to do the same. We are hoping for excellent participation!

Please note that participation in this program is in addition to and NOT instead of any personal incentives through Giant (i.e. gas points). You will still get your own rebates!!!

Sprouts!



Lakin Preschool Sprouts programs are designed specifically for babies and children under 2 years old. These classes are designed to stimulate young children while bonding with parents or caregivers. We are currently accepting enrollment for both November 2014 and January 2015 sessions, and we look forward to hearing from you!

Sprouts (9months - 24 months)

Toddlers are great companions! Join Sprouts and discover lots of activities to help you teach and stimulate your child while enhancing the parent-child bond. This class will be your child's earliest experience of Preschool.

Sprouts Yoga (birth - 15 months)

Enjoy exercise with your baby!! Sprouts Yoga provides a bonding opportunity with your baby using poses, music and movement. Yoga can also help with sleep, digestion and body awareness. No previous yoga experience is necessary.

Structured for the needs and abilities of 9-24 month old toddlers, these classes provide both creative playtime as well as small and large muscle activity. Moms, dads or caregivers participate with their children.

This class is structured for babies (birth through 15 months). Moms, dads or caregivers participate with their children.

Days: Wednesday mornings
Time: 9:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.
Session 1: Nov. 5, 2014 – Jan 14, 2015
Session 2: Jan 21 – May 20, 2015
Fee: Session 1: \$88 (from Nov. 5)
Session 2: \$180

Days: Monday mornings
Time: 9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
Session 1: Nov. 3, 2014–Jan 5, 2015
Session 2: Jan 12–May 18, 2015
Fees: Session 1: \$88
Session 2: \$160

CHANUKAH CELEBRATION

Thursday, December 18
10:00am

The preschool children will eat latkes and sing, play the dreidel game and light the Chanukah candles.



WINTER BREAK SCHEDULE

School will be closed Wednesday, December 24 thru Friday, January 2nd. School reopens Monday, January 5th.

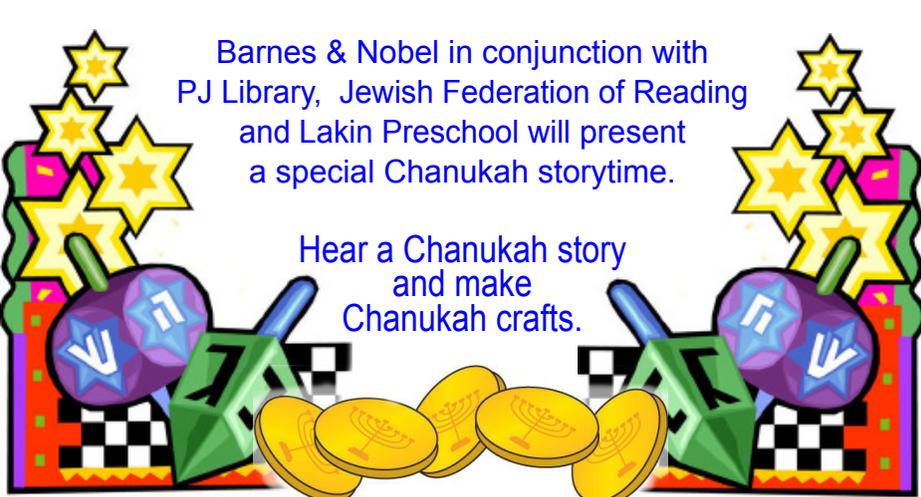
Chanukah Storytime

Sunday, December 7, 2014
1:00 pm

Wyomissing Barnes & Noble Store
2751 Paper Mill Road, Wyomissing

Barnes & Nobel in conjunction with PJ Library, Jewish Federation of Reading and Lakin Preschool will present a special Chanukah storytime.

Hear a Chanukah story and make Chanukah crafts.



Game Night at the JCC!

Interested in playing Mah Jongg, Canasta or another game? Please let me know if Monday nights or Thursday nights work for you?

Jayne Kleinman -- jayneklein@JFReading.org or call 610.921.0624

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 DECEMBER PROGRAMS

- 4 - Change of venue! Country Meadows, 1800 Tulpehocken Rd, Wyomissing. Friendship Circle has been invited to lunch and to play "The Price is Right." Lunch and program sponsored by Country Meadows.
- 11 -- Meet the artist Marilyn Fox and view her exhibit of "New Paintings"
- 18 -- Celebrate Chanukah with Friendship Circle! A Taste of Chanukah. Have your taxi pick you up at 3:00. Lunch sponsored by Manor at Market Square.
- 25 -- No Friendship Circle. (Christmas)

Thursday Film Festival December 18

"A Taste of Chanukah: A Celebration of the Joys and Music of the Holiday"

A spectacular holiday concert, hosted by stage legend Theodore Bikel and musical director Hankus Netsky, founder and director of the Klezmer Conservatory Band. The film brings together the Boston Community Gospel Choir, Cantor Morton Shames, Humorist Chasia Segal and 150 musicians from the New England Conservatory of Music. It features music from around the globe. 60 minutes

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, jayneklein@JFReading.org