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OF READING, PA

SATURDAY, JAN. 23 | 7PM

THON NIGHT
POST-GAME JERSEY AUCTION
BENEFITS THE FOUR DIAMONDS FUND

PURCHASE TICKETS IN "GROUP CENTRAL" ON
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JCC Israel Book Club

Wednesday, January 20
7 pm at JCC

We'll be discussing
Daniel Gordis' book
**"Menachem Begin:
The Battle of
Israel's Soul"**

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10 — 7 PM
24 DAYS

France | 2014 | Narrative | 110 min | French w/
English subtitles | Director: Alexander Arcady



Alexandre Arcady's thriller **24 Days** is based on the real-life kidnapping of Ilan Halimi, a French Jew, from the harrowing perspective of his mother, Ruth Halimi. Ilan was a Jewish salesman living in Paris when he was kidnapped by African immigrants who were known as the "Gang of Barbarians." They held him captive for more than three weeks,

during which time they attempted to ransom him back to family. This event shocked the nation and forced a national conversation about anti-Semitism.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16 — 7 PM
ABOVE & BEYOND

USA | 2014 | Documentary | 87 min | English/
Hebrew w/ subtitles | Director: Roberta Grossman



Above and Beyond is the first feature-length documentary about the Jewish-American pilots who fought for Israel in the 1948 Arab-Israeli War. In secret and at great personal risk, they smuggled planes out of the U.S., trained behind the Iron Curtain in Czechoslovakia and flew for Israel in its War of Independence. As members of Machal – "volunteers from abroad" –


this ragtag band of brothers not only turned the tide of the war, they also embarked on personal journeys of discovery and renewed Jewish pride.

Art Exhibit "The Eye of The Collector: The Jewish Vision of Sigmund R. Balka"



Art Exhibit Schedule

- Penn State Berks Freyberger Gallery --**
Art exhibit opening **Thursday, January 21 from 5-8 pm**
Exhibit will be hosted by Penn State Berks from January 21 to March 3
- JCC --**
Art exhibit opening **Wednesday, January 27 from 5-7 pm**
Exhibit will be hosted at JCC from January 25 to March 25.
- Albright College Freedman Gallery --**
Art exhibit opening **Thursday, January 28 from 5-7 pm**
Exhibit will be hosted at Albright College from January 26 to March 11.
- Reading Public Museum Auditorium --**
Art exhibit opening and lecture **Sunday, January 31 from 3-5 pm**
Speaker: Laura Kruger, Curator from Hebrew Union College Museum who manages Balka's collection.
Reading Public Museum will host the exhibit January 30 to March 27.



March 4
*Community Shabbat
Service & Dinner*
at RCOS

March 7 through April 25
on Monday mornings
Great Decisions

CHEVRA MAHJONG



TUESDAY, JANUARY 5
7 P.M. AT THE JCC
\$2 PER PLAYER
SNACKS & DRINKS PROVIDED!




Join old and new friends for a fun evening playing the ancient game of Mahjong. No experience necessary!

Questions about Mahjong? Please talk to Michele Leisawitz, who is organizing the game.


Please email Brenda at brendas@jfreeding.org or call 610-921-0624 to RSVP



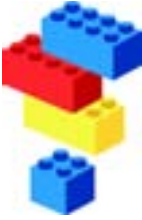
LAKIN PRESCHOOL



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.



LEGO LAND DANCE
“Everything is Awesome!”



Wednesday, March 9
(snowdate March 10)
5:30 - 7:30pm at RCOS Social Hall
\$5 per child (children under 2 are Free)
\$10 per adult with pizza (optional)



Children ages newborn to 12 (with their parents) are invited to join in the fun of a “just for kids” dance party. Locally renowned DJ Mike Kindlich from Jam on Sound will have the kids hopping with his energetic mix of kid’s music & interactive games (prizes, too!) Pizza, beverages and dessert will be provided. Parents are requested to stay with their children. Children are welcome to dress up in their holiday best - a great chance to wear those special outfits again before they get packed away.

...Dancing, Dinner, Games & Lots of Fun!!

Because our winter dance party is one of our most popular family events, *advance registration is required*. Please return this form with payment by February 12th.

We will attend Lakin Preschool LEGoland Dance Party

Name _____

adults _____ # children _____ \$ _____ enclosed (170MAR)

Check*payable to RCOS Lakin Preschool or credit card payment

Card # _____ Exp Date _____

Security Code _____ (3 digit # on back of card)

Name on Card _____

Signature _____



Sunday, January 24 at 1 pm at JCC

Tu B'Shevat Grandparent/Child activity with PJ Library.

We'll be planting parsley seeds and discussing Tu B'Shevat. Grandparents will help explain the importance of parsley for the Passover celebration in a few short months. We will also be reading PJ Library books on Tu B'Shevat and there will be snacks!

Please RSVP to Amanda
(amandah@jfreading.org) by January 22.

Children are enjoying Chanukah crafts and stories at a program at Barnes and Noble sponsored by PJ Library, Jewish Federation and Lakin Preschool.



Lakin Preschool Programs Children under 2 years

Kindermusik Village 0 mths. - 18 mths.	Monday	10:00 -10:45	1) Sept. 21 - Nov. 23	\$100
			2) Dec. 7 - Feb. 28	\$100
			3) Feb. 22- Apr. 11	\$100
Kindermusik Our Time 18 mths. - 3 yrs.	Monday	9:00 - 9:45	1) Sept. 21 - Feb. 1	\$200
			2) Feb. 8- June 6	\$200
Toy Library	Monday	9:00 - 11:00	1) Sept. 9 - Jan. 13	
			2) Jan. 21 - May 28	

ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS 2015 - 2016				
DAY		TIME	SESSION	FEE
MOMMY & ME PROGRAMS 0 - 3 Years Old				
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PRESCHOOL ENRICHMENT				
Kindermusik ABC Music & Me	Monday	1:00 - 1:30	2) Dec. 14 - March 21	\$160
			3) Mar. 28 - May 23	\$110
Soccer Shots	Tuesday	12:30 - 1:00	Jan. 12 - Feb. 22	
I Love Stories	Wednesday	12:30 - 1:30	2) Jan. 20 - May 28	\$170
Kaleidoscope	Thursday	12:30 - 3:00	Dec. 17 - Feb. 4: Adventure in Art	\$140
			Feb. 11 - Mar. 17 Mother Goose/ Dr. Seuss	\$140
			Mar. 24 - May 5:Famous Childrens Authors	\$140
Stay & Play	Everyday	12:30 - 3:00	As requested	\$7.50/hr

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 JANUARY PROGRAMS

7 – Jennifer Hetrick will do a reading from her poetry project on the manufacturing history of Berks County.

14 –To commemorate Martin Luther King Day, Thursday Film Festival “Guess Who’s Coming To Dinner?” Arrange taxi pick up at 3:30.

21 – Join Friendship Circle to celebrate Tu B’Shevat, the birthday of the trees, with a Tu B’Shevat seder.


28 – Amanda Smith, from Berks VNA, will present “Making the Most of Your Doctor visit.”



Thursday Film Festival
January 14, 1:45 pm


“Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner “

Two wealthy Californians consider themselves progressive until their only daughter brings home an African American fiancé in this snapshot of race relations in the late 1960’s. Starring Spencer Tracy, Katherine Hepburn and Sidney Poitier. (105 min)



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 CHANUKAH CELEBRATION
WITH ELIANA ALWEIS

