

**NOTICE**

**ALL SUBMISSIONS MUST BE EMAILED ONLY TO BVTIMES@RCN.COM BY FRIDAYS NOON**

**Mission of Love Food Bank**

Every Tuesday- Food Bank Program 555 North Main St., Bangor, 10am-12pm. All are invited Bilingual Services. Pastor Frank Pons. (570) 807-7794

**Explore Warren County Tourism at: ExploreWarren.org**

Located at 165 County Route 519 South - Belvidere, NJ 07823 908-475-6580 / 800-554-8540

**Portland Upper Mt. Bethel Food Bank**

Located at 111 State St. Portland Pa. and until further notice the PUMP will be open every Monday as normal, AM AND PM: 10 to 11:30 am & 6:00 to 7:30 pm but will deliver food to your car as your number is called in the parking lot. No one but workers will be allowed to go inside. There will be no access to restrooms. Your cooperation during this difficult time is greatly appreciated.

**Biking**

Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area - River Road Bushkill, PA (570) 426-2452 Levee Loop Trail - Biking East Stroudsburg, PA (570) 426-1512 info@srosr.org

**BIKE TRAIN**

**ALL ABOARD THE SCENIC BIKE TRAIN!**

Hop on the Bike Train and step back in time. Enjoy a relaxing 25 mile train ride through the Lehigh Gorge. Then, pedal your bike back down to Jim Thorpe at your own pace along the Lehigh Gorge Rail Trail.

Advance Tickets/reservations Are Required For The Bike Train And Can Be Made By Calling The Blue Mountain & Northern Railroad (Aka Lehigh Gorge Scenic Railway) Directly At

**Wineries in the Poconos**

Pocono wineries offer a unique and relaxing getaway.

Tour a winery and unwind while sampling the many varieties of vintages available at our vineyards. From hip downtown wine bars like RAW Urban Winery & Hard Cider, Tolino Vineyards and Wild Elder Wine and Cider Co. to scenic properties like Mountain View Vineyard Winery and Sorrenti Cherry Valley Vineyards where rows of grapes are spread out on the hill before you, these wineries are located throughout our four-county region, so a Pocono vineyard experience is close to you no matter where you travel.

Pocono wine tours, wine tastings and special wine pairing events and dinners make it easy to discover new, locally-crafted, one-of-a-kind flavors. Check out specials at Three Hammers Winery in Hawley, Soaked Winery in Milford, Eagles Rest Cellars in Stroudsburg and Wine & More on 1st in Lehighton. Whether looking for a bachelorette party or relaxing with your spouse, browse the wineries in the Poconos below to

**Bangor Area Ski Club**

is having an upcoming fundraiser and they need your help deciding which colors and style will win the vote.

Please choose which color combination should win. Pre-orders are available for those that can't wait to slip into some Slater Socks!!! \$15 for Knee High / \$13 for Crew

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1685762688660460/permalink/1685765401993522>

Speaker Series: Grouse and Woodcock in Pennsylvania

Wednesday, January 10, 2024 at 6:30pm to 7:30pm

Join Reina Tyl, Pennsylvania Game Commission's Woodcock and Grouse Biologist as she talks about the population status of and primary issues affecting two species of greatest conservation need in Pennsylvania: the Ruffed Grouse and the American Woodcock.

She will share interesting research being conducted to inform the management of these beloved species.

Family Science Night - Exploring Eclipses

Friday, January 19, 2024 at 6:30pm to 7:30pm Eclipses are a fascinating phenomenon with deep ties throughout humanity's history, culture, and scientific development that you can experience yourself. Join us to learn what causes eclipses and how to safely view them so that you can enjoy the upcoming total solar eclipse occurring on April 8th, 2024. Registration is required.

Winter Plant Walk

Wednesday, January 24, 2024 at 10:00am to 12:00pm

Join volunteer Doug Burton on a walk through the woods and fields of Jacobsburg in search of winter plants that provide food for birds and other animals. Learn how to identify plants in winter and enjoy the winter landscape. Dress for the weather and wear comfortable hiking shoes. If we have deep snow, we will walk in snowshoes! This program is for adults only. Registration is required.

Birding for Beginners

Wednesday, January 31, 2024 at 10:00am to 12:00pm

It's never too late to pick up a new hobby. The act of "birding" simply means to observe birds in their natural habitat. Conservation volunteer Doug will help you discover the entertaining aspects of looking and listening for birds while on a short hike around the center.

Please wear sturdy shoes and dress for the weather. If we have deep snow, we will walk in snowshoes! This program is for adults only. Registration is required.

You can view and register for community programs online at <https://events.dcnr.pa.gov/search/events?order=date&search=jacobsburg>. If you need an accommodation to participate in a program, please contact the park office at 610-746-2801 or [jacobsburgsp@pa.gov](mailto:jacobsburgsp@pa.gov). Interpreters for people who are deaf or hard of hearing are available for

educational programs with at least five days notice.

**The Northampton AARP Chapter**

**3915** will meet on Wednesday, January 10, 2024, at the Northampton Banquet and Events Center, 1601 Laubach Avenue, Northampton PA 18067. Doors will open at 11:00 a.m. We will meet in the Atlas Room. Please bring your favorite cake, cupcakes or cookies to share with everyone. All members are cordially invited to attend. We welcome any new members or visitors to attend or join. To see if we have a meeting due to inclement weather please check WFMZ TV. If the Northampton School District has a late start or closing we will not have a meeting. Individuals can call 610-837-0610 until 9:30 a.m. to check if a meeting is being held due to inclement weather.

**Jewish Federation of the Lehigh Valley**  
[www.jewishlehighvalley.org/](http://www.jewishlehighvalley.org/)

**TUESDAYS OR THURSDAYS THROUGH FEBRUARY 15**

Gaza in Jewish History: What's It All About?

9:30-10:30 a.m., JCC

Jeanette Eichenwald, former instructor for Yachad University, returns for the special series "Gaza in Jewish History: What's It All About?" This eight-session series runs as two separate classes, one that meets on Tuesdays and the other on Thursdays, in person in the JCC board room. The last classes are February 13 and February 15. A recording of each class will be available for those who cannot attend. The cost is \$100 per person. Registration is required to attend in person or to view the recordings.

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 19**

Shabbat of Love

Join the Jewish community across America in setting the table for the largest Shabbat dinner celebration in North American history. Jews of all ages, backgrounds, and identities are invited to come together with family, friends, and neighbors to experience the sacred joy of Shabbat. To learn more about this event and to register, visit [shabbatoflove.org](http://shabbatoflove.org).

**SUNDAYS, JANUARY 21, FEBRUARY**

**18, MARCH 17**

Israeli Film Club

1 p.m., via Zoom

Watch an Israeli film via Zoom as viewers in the Lehigh Valley's Partnership2Gether region, Yoav, Israel, do the same. Then discuss it with the group here and there. The films are "Blessed" in January, "Tateh" in February, and "The New Jew" in March. Visit the film club website for more information and to register.

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 28**

Super Sunday

9:30 a.m.-4 p.m., JCC

Come out for an unprecedented day of generosity with a Maimonides Brunch and Learn, a Women's Philanthropy

mitzvah day of cooking, and a PJ Library family event. Volunteers will make phone calls to raise funds for the Federation's Annual Campaign for Jewish Needs and the Israel Emergency Campaign. Lunch will be provided. Register.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3**

Family Movie Night and Havdalah

6:30 p.m., Jay's Local

Join the Young Leadership at the cafe-style eatery Jay's Local for a family-friendly movie and Havdalah. Snacks and drinks will be served. Come in your PJs and bring a blanket and pillow! Register.

**LOCAL & VIRTUAL EVENTS**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 1**

Roaring '20s Brunch and Talk 11:30 a.m., Congregation Brith Sholom The entire Lehigh Valley Jewish community is invited to help launch Brith Sholom's centennial year. Step back and visit the 1920s with brunch. The menu will feature many types of food diners might have seen then. A short program is included. Cost is \$18. To sign up, contact Tammy at the synagogue office at 610-866-8009 by December 15.

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 21**

KI Simmering Secrets Soup Event 10 a.m.-noon, Congregation Keneseth Israel Learn the secrets of great soup making at a demo with KI's Chef Eric. Enjoy his vegetarian corn chowder. Bread and salad will also be provided. If you'd like, you can also bring soup of your own to swap with others. Cost is \$5 per person. Register by January 15.

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31**

'Singfeld!' off-Broadway

9:30 a.m.-6 p.m., bus leaves from Keneseth Israel Ride along with Congregation Keneseth Israel's Women of KI to see the unauthorized musical parody about nothing, starring KI's own Hannah Hakim, at the Jerry Orbach Theater. The bus leaves KI at 9:30 a.m. and returns at 6 a.m. The show is at 2 p.m. Participants will have time for lunch or shopping in New York before the show. Cost is \$118. RSVP with payment by January 15.

**ONGOING EVENTS**

**FIRST OR SECOND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH**

Bnai Shalom Cash Bingo

1 p.m., Congregation Bnai Shalom Join Bnai Shalom for its monthly bingo games on the first Sunday of most months but on the second Sunday of September and December. There's no game in October. For more information call 610-258-5343.

**MONDAYS**

Yiddish Club

2-3:30 p.m., JCC via Zoom

Experience the joys of Yiddish via Zoom as part of Adults at the J. The group meets weekly to discuss topics like cooking, humor, music and all kinds of entertainment in the Yiddish language.

All are welcome to join this lively weekly discussion. There is something for everyone no matter if you know a few words or are a fluent speaker. Enjoy fun, fellowship, stories and more. Participants Zoom in from five states. No cost. Call 610-435-3571, ext. 501.

**MONDAYS AND THURSDAYS**

Online Jewish Yoga Studio

Mondays 11-11:45 a.m., Thursdays 4-4:45 p.m., Institute for Jewish Spirituality Mindful body practices help people find shelter right where they are, in their bodies, in this very moment. Join yoga teacher and IJS faculty member Rabbi Myriam Klotz or Cantor Lizzie Shammash as she guides you in an all-levels yoga and movement session informed by Jewish spiritual teachings and designed to relieve stress as participants increase awareness of breath and grounding through their bodies. Open to all. No experience needed. Sign up now.

**TUESDAYS**

Weekly Torah Study

11:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m., Institute for Jewish Spirituality Rabbi Jonathan Slater will lead the weekly program "Torah Study to Sustain the Soul," aimed at addressing an aspect of spiritual life that will help participants navigate this time of uncertainty and isolation. Open to all. No previous knowledge needed. Sign up now.

**WEDNESDAYS**

Yoga with Miriam Sandler: Chair-Supported Yoga 1-2 p.m., Congregation Brith Sholom Participants sit in a comfortable chair, preferably armless (folding works well). Some standing poses holding onto a chair are offered, though students may choose to remain seated. Modifications are given. Open to the public in person, and live stream available to all via Zoom. \$10 drop-in fee payable to Congregation Brith Sholom. For more information, email [mbserow@gmail.com](mailto:mbserow@gmail.com). Join the Zoom meeting here.

**WEDNESDAYS**

Torah Studies: A Weekly Journey into the Soul of Torah 7 p.m., Chabad of the Lehigh Valley in person and via Zoom Torah Studies by the Jewish Learning Institute presents Season One 5784, a 12-part series, in person and via Zoom. Cost is \$54 for the course, including textbook. For more information, call 610-351-6511 or email [rabbil@chabadlehighvalley.com](mailto:rabbil@chabadlehighvalley.com).

**EVERY OTHER WEDNESDAY**

Hadassah Study Group

12:30 p.m., via Zoom

The group discusses short stories from an anthology. Always welcoming new participants. Contact [mjclaire@gmail.com](mailto:mjclaire@gmail.com) or 610-972-7054 to sign up.