

# The Jewish Community News



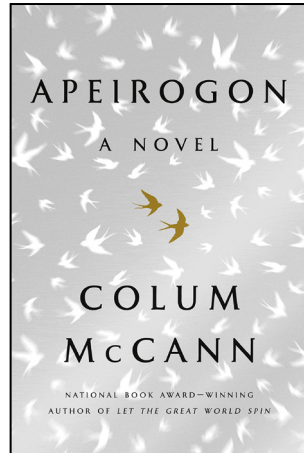
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## Upcoming Events

<p><b>Book Rap</b> Monday, Jan. 17 1:30 p.m. J.C.C. auditorium</p>
<p><b>2021-22 Preschool Registration</b> Friday, Jan. 18 <i>Members Only</i></p>
<p><b>Board Meeting</b> Thursday, Jan. 20 7:15 p.m. <b>ZOOM</b></p>
<p><b>Dinner and a Movie</b> Tuesday, Jan. 25 6 p.m. J.C.C. library</p>
<p><b>CLOSINGS:</b> Monday, Jan. 17 (no preschool)</p>

## Book Rap Discusses McCann's Novel on Jan. 17



Book Rap will meet on Monday, Jan. 17, at 1:30 p.m. in the J.C.C. auditorium. We will discuss Colum McCann's novel "Apeirogon."

Two men, a Palestinian and an Israeli, learn of each other's stories, recognizing the loss that connects them. Over one day, their lives intertwine as they attempt to

use their grief for peace. This novel won a National Jewish Book Award and was listed for a Booker Prize.

Readers are welcome to attend monthly book discussions. This novel is widely available in area libraries. Admission is free for center members and \$5 per discussion for nonmembers.

## Rock and Roll Giant Emerges in Jan. 25 Documentary

Dinner and a movie night begins at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 25, at 6 p.m. with Italian fare: eggplant parmigiana, salad, fruit, dessert and beverages. After dinner, we'll watch "A.K.A. Doc Pomus."

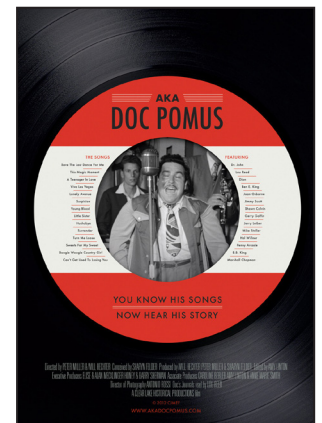
An unlikely rock and roll icon, Doc Pomus was paralyzed with polio as a child. Brooklyn-born Jerome Felder reinvented himself, first as a blues singer, renaming him-

self Doc Pomus, then as a songwriter, creating some of the greatest hits of the early rock and roll era: "Save the Last Dance for Me," "This Magic Moment," "A Teenager in Love" and 1,000 more.

"A.K.A. Doc Pomus" contains incomparable music and rare archival imagery. Pomus is a member of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

This program is sponsored by The Cultur-

al Arts Committee. Admission is \$10 for center members and \$15 for nonmembers. Reservations are due by Jan. 21.



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## J.C.C. Preschool Registration 2021 - 2022



The Jewish Community Center Preschool registration for the 2021 - 22 school year begins on Tuesday, Jan. 18, for all J.C.C. members. Starting on Monday, Feb. 21, registration will open to the public. Registration forms will be put in cubbies for all preschoolers. Forms will also be available on the Web site at [www.jccutica.net](http://www.jccutica.net). Registration forms will only be accepted along with the \$100 registration fee. Placement is on a first-come, first served basis, so please return your form and payment early to ensure your child's spot.

Call Lynne at (315) 733-2345 for more information.

### Did You Know???

Space at the J.C.C. is available for rent.

Host your next event, party, child's birthday party or fundraiser at the J.C.C.

Our newly air-conditioned gymnasium, auditorium, library and lobby are all available for your next function.

Contact Lindsay in the main office at (315) 733-2343 or [Lindsay@jccutica.net](mailto:Lindsay@jccutica.net) for availability and rental rates.

<http://jccutica.net/facility-rental/>



## Pickleball at the

**When:** Mondays and Wednesdays, 6 - 8 p.m.  
Sundays, 8 - 10 a.m.

**Cost:** \$6 per person, per session

**Members:** \$4 per person, per session

**Where:** J.C.C. gymnasium

**Who:** 18 and over - All fitness levels

**\*\*All equipment provided!**

> For more information, call (315) 733-2343, or e-mail David at [dmeislin@aol.com](mailto:dmeislin@aol.com)



## National Jewish News

The basketball team at Yeshiva University in New York City is the top-ranked NCAA Division 3 men's basketball team in the country, for the first time in the history of the Orthodox Jewish school — and boasts the longest winning streak in all of college basketball.

The Maccabees remain undefeated and have won 47 consecutive games dating back to 2019. The team's latest win took place on Monday in a matchup against Brooklyn College, 94-48, and their 46th victory happened Saturday night in a 2021 Skyline Basketball Conference matchup over SUNY Old Westbury, 105-77. The Maccabees remain undefeated at 7-0 in conference play.

The NCAA's Division 3 features typically smaller colleges, and mostly private institutions, while the Skyline Basketball Conference is open to schools in the New York metropolitan area.

"Everything is not just for us, you know, we are playing for a community, and that's the Jew-

ish community, no matter if they are religious," Maccabees player Ofek Reef told local NY1 news. "It's the whole faith of Judaism, so winning a national championship for us would be very important and cement ourselves as one of the greatest Jewish teams ever to play."

The Maccabees beat Farmingdale State College by a score of 80-66 on Dec. 1 and earlier took home a win against Manhattanville College 78-56 on Nov. 28, during which their shooting guard Ryan Turell scored 51 points, marking a Yeshiva University record.

Turell, a 22-year-old Yeshiva University senior, told NY1 that the team's success is "cool and all" but "at the end of the day, our goal is to win a national championship, and so we have to stay focused and stay humble, you know, you either are humbled or you get humbled."

Turell was awarded on

Monday another Skyline Conference Men's Basketball Player of the Week award for the second week in a row, and the third time this season. He also recently earned a national NCAA Division 3 Player of the Week award, recognizing his 21 point line against Farmingdale, and his 28 point and 12 rebound effort versus Old Westbury. The team's forward, Gabriel Leifer, also became the first Maccabees player to eclipse 500 career assists during the team's recent winning streak.

The Maccabees will go up against Washington College on Thursday night.



*Yeshiva University High School in the Washington Heights section of Manhattan. Photo: Screenshot.*

## Mini Spinach and Artichoke Kugels

**Duration: 40 min**

**Cook Time: 30 min**

**Prep Time: 10 min**

**Servings: 24 mini kugels**

### Ingredients

- 1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil, such as Colavit
- 1 cup onion, chopped
- 1 (10-ounce) pack frozen chopped spinach, defrosted
- 1 (8-ounce) pack frozen artichoke bottoms, defrosted and chopped
- 1 garlic clove, finely diced
- 3 eggs, beaten

- 1½ teaspoons kosher salt
- ½ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- ½ cup matzo meal or bread crumbs

### Preparation

1. Preheat oven to 350°F. Grease mini muffin pans with nonstick cooking spray, or line with disposable mini muffin papers.
2. Heat a large pan over medium heat, then add extra virgin olive oil and onion. Sauté 3 to 5 minutes, or until onions are translucent.

3. Add spinach and artichokes. Sauté 3 to 5 minutes, then add garlic, salt, and pepper. Remove from heat.

4. Add eggs and matzo meal; mix. Spoon batter into tin.

5. Bake 30 minutes at 350°F. Allow to cool 3 to 4 minutes and serve.



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