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TICKETS

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- Regular festival films: \$15/ticket
- Special Events: \$18/ticket, and noted in the schedule
- All events are FREE for NJJFF Sponsors and All-Access Pass holders
- Advance registration preferred
- Limited tickets sold at the door
- Sorry, no refunds or exchanges

IN-PERSON VIEWING



Maurice Levin Theater
JCC MetroWest
760 Northfield Avenue
West Orange, New Jersey

JCC MetroWest is a mask-friendly environment. While masks and proof of COVID vaccination are not currently required inside JCC MetroWest, we remain compliant with all local guidelines and will update our policies as needed.

SEATING POLICY

Sponsor seating will begin 30 minutes prior to all screenings. General admission ticket holders will be admitted 20 minutes prior to all screenings. In the event of a sell-out, a wait list will be created for any further sales.

HOW TO VIEW VIRTUALLY

Available films and their regions of availability are noted in the schedule



Virtual films will be available on the **Elevent** platform and priced at \$18/view.

- Download **Elevent** application to your **Roku**, **Amazon Fire**, or **Apple TV** device
- Watch with **Chromecast** or **Airplay** OR stream films directly on your computer

More information and detailed directions can be found at jccmetrowest.org/njfff



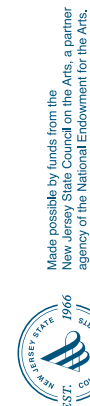
GENERAL INFO

Films are not rated and may contain violence, sexual content, and/or explicit language. Parental discretion is advised. All films with dialogue in a language other than English are presented with English subtitles.



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AWARD-WINNING FILMS IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL

Q&A SESSIONS WITH GUEST SPEAKERS,
SPECIAL PROGRAMS AND RECEPTIONS

America, 2022, Ofir Raul Graizer, Israel






All films will be screened at:
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JCC MetroWest
760 Northfield Avenue
West Orange, NJ 07052



Films available for virtual screening are noted with this icon



SUNDAY 3/12
OPENING DAY




3 PM
Only in Theaters
Raphael Sbage
2022
94 mins

DOCUMENTARY

This affectionate documentary follows four generations of the Jewish-American Laemmles, innovators in the world of cinema, who fight to keep their family-owned movie theaters open amidst industry and global challenges. Put on your best formal wear for an early Oscars party!

MONDAY 3/13



11 AM
Nelson's Last Stand
Avi Maor-Marzuk
2021
81 mins


DOCUMENTARY

Peace between Israel and Egypt in 1978 meant the eccentric Rafi Nelson would lose his popular Sinai resort village, so Nelson took his case to the public. A documentary retelling of the absurd, true story of how a group of beach-loving bohemians delayed and almost derailed a landmark peace agreement.



Virtual screening available in all states

WEDNESDAY 3/15



1 PM
Eva's Promise
Steve McCarthy
2022
60 mins


DOCUMENTARY

In this deeply personal documentary, Eva Geiringer Schloss, a neighbor and eventual stepsister of Anne Frank, tells her own story of surviving the Holocaust and retrieving the artwork her brother, Heinz, created while in hiding, to preserve his memory for generations to come.



POST-FILM Q&A with the filmmakers

WEDNESDAY 3/15



7 PM
Cinema Sabaya
Orit Fouks Rotem
2021
91 mins

FEATURE

A young filmmaker puts cameras into the hands of eight women, Jewish and Palestinian, from diverse backgrounds, in a filmmaking workshop and asks them to record their lives. As they share their footage, barriers are broken down, beliefs are challenged, and the women learn more about each other and themselves.




POST-FILM Q&A with Orit Fouks Rotem



Virtual screening available in NJ, AZ, & FL



THURSDAY 3/16




7 PM
Where Life Begins
\$18 Ticket
Stéphane Freiss
2022, 99 mins

FEATURE

Elio, the weary owner of a Calabrian *etrog* (citron) farm sells his harvest every year to a French Haredi rabbi and his family. This year, the rabbi's daughter, Esther, forms a tentative friendship with Elio as she struggles with her own feelings about her faith. A gentle drama with beautiful Italian vistas.



FRIDAY 3/17
11 AM
Total Run Time: 109 Mins



Broken Mirror
Israel Rinat Mazuz
13 mins

A Feminist Lens: The Art and Activism of Photographer Joan Roth
USA, Pamela French, 28 mins

Remnant

Israel, Avital Simckes, 29 mins



BrownWhite
Israel Ruchama Ehrenhalt,
10 mins


Dinking Across Faith: A Cross-Cultural Israeli Pickleball Adventure
Israel, Golan Ben-Chorin, 25 mins

Anatevka

USA, Danielle Durchslag, 4 mins



SATURDAY 3/18



8:30 PM
SHTTL
\$18 Ticket
Ady Walter
2022
114 mins

FEATURE

This drama, filmed in a single moving camera shot and spoken in Yiddish, captures the emotional and intellectual vibrancy of Jewish life in a Ukrainian shtetl over one day in 1941, on the eve of its destruction. Ticket sale proceeds will be donated to support the Jewish community of Ukraine.



SUNDAY 3/19



NOON
Mel Brooks: Disobedient Jew & Young Frankenstein
\$18 Ticket
Mel Brooks
1974
106 mins

FEATURE

\$18 Ticket
Mel Brooks
1974
106 mins

Mel Brooks, the comedy legend who made Hitler sing and cowboys fart, is profiled in an insightful new biography by Jeremy Dauber, a professor of Jewish Literature and American Studies at Columbia University. We will screen Brooks' classic *Young Frankenstein*, and Prof. Dauber will discuss the film and sign copies of his book.



4 PM
A Tree of Life/ From Darkness to Light
DOCUMENTARY

Trish Adlesic
2022
80 mins

This documentary and the JCC MetroWest Gaelen Art Galleries exhibit commemorate the October 27, 2018, mass shooting inside the Tree of Life synagogue, which killed 11 people as they prayed and wounded an entire community. The film and exhibit of mosaics speak to the Pittsburgh community's resilience and refusal to be divided by violent hatred. Gallery tours for the exhibit will be available before and following the film.

MONDAY 3/20



11 AM
The Way to Happiness
Nicolas Steil
2021
112 mins


FEATURE

As a child, Saül Birnbaum was sent on the Kindertransport to save him from the Nazis. In 1986, he is thriving as the owner of a deli, but the production of a film about his childhood and an elusive new love force Saül to finally come to terms with his past.



Virtual screening available in NJ

TUESDAY 3/21



7 PM
America
Ofir Raul Graizer
2022
127 mins

FEATURE

An Israeli swimming teacher living in Chicago returns to Israel after 10 years of absence to bury his father. An encounter with a beloved childhood friend and the friend's fiancée sets in motion a series of events that will affect all their lives. From the award-winning writer and director of *The Cakemaker*.



POST-FILM Q&A with Ofir Raul Graizer

THURSDAY 3/23



7 PM
Four Winters: A Story of Jewish Partisan Resistance
DOCUMENTARY

and Bravery in WWII


Julia Mintz
2022
90 mins

This documentary shatters the myth of Jewish passivity in World War II, featuring interviews with several of the last surviving Jewish partisans who fought the Nazis and their collaborators, survived the war, and made living well their best revenge.



POST-FILM reading of partisan poetry

FRIDAY 3/24



11 AM
Karaoke
Moshe Rosenthal
2022
100 mins

FEATURE

The life of a middle-class couple in their 60s (Sasson Gabay and Rita Shukrun) is shaken when they are drawn to their new neighbor (Lior Ashkenazi), a charismatic bachelor and bon vivant who hosts karaoke evenings in his penthouse apartment.




POST-FILM Q&A with Moshe Rosenthal



Virtual screening available in NJ & AZ

SATURDAY 3/25



8:30 PM
June Zero
Jake Paltrow
2022
105 mins

FEATURE

The trial, sentencing, and execution of Adolf Eichmann is revisited from multiple points of view in this drama, commemorating a decisive moment in Israeli history and illuminating the diversity of culture and experience among Israel's Jewish population.

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SUNDAY 3/26
CLOSING DAY



1 PM
Dead Sea Guardians
Ido Glass & Yoav Kleinman
2021, 75 min

DOCUMENTARY

The Dead Sea, one of the natural wonders of the world, is drying up. In a region of ongoing conflict, three people—an Israeli Jew, a Jordanian, and a Palestinian—join forces to try and stop the catastrophe.



Virtual screening available in NJ, AZ, & FL



4 PM
My Neighbor Adolf

FEATURE

\$18 Ticket
Leon Prudovsky
2022
96 mins

Rural Colombia, 1960: a lonely, embittered Holocaust survivor is convinced that his eccentric new neighbor is Adolf Hitler. When his suspicions are dismissed by the Israeli embassy, he seeks proof on his own, and a surprising friendship develops between the two neighbors.



Virtual screening available in NJ & AZ

Please check the NJJFF website
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or scan the QR code for all the latest details on guest speakers, special programs, and receptions

