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The Palm Beach Jewish Film Festival strives to bring the finest examples of cinema from around the world to South Florida. The chosen films are as diverse as our community and explore the complexity of Jewish life and identity. Founded in 1990, the Festival continues to grow and evolve as we continue to expand our selection of narrative features, short films and documentaries to reflect the interests of our audience. In the spirit of tikkun olam, we continue to offer films which allow the opportunity to nurture optimism and foster levity in challenging times. *Am Yisrael Chai.*

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SNEAK PEEK



\$18 per person

MOVIES OF LAKE WORTH

January 14 at 7:00 pm

MANDEL JCC, PALM BEACH GARDENS

January 16 at 7:00 pm

To register visit JCCOnline.com/sneakpeek

THE SHADOW OF THE DAY

DRAMA | 125 MIN | DIRECTED BY GIUSEPPE PICCIONI
ITALIAN WITH ENGLISH SUBTITLES | 2022 | ITALY

Set in late 1930s Ascoli Piceno, *The Shadow of the Day* tells a poignant tale of love and conflict.

Luciano, a World War I veteran and restaurant owner, thinks he can control his fate as chaos unfolds around him. When Anna, a mysterious woman with a secret, seeks work, their bond forces him to face the complexities of love against the backdrop of impending war.

This gripping melodrama explores themes of passion, secrecy, and the dangers of oppressive ideologies.

Film Partner: Helen z"l & Harold Bix

SPOTLIGHT

THE ICE CREAM MAN

MANDEL JCC, PALM BEACH GARDENS

January 26 at 7:00 pm

Shortly after the Nazi invasion of the Netherlands, a popular Jewish ice cream parlor owner, Ernst Cahn, finds himself targeted by the infamous "Butcher of Lyon," Klaus Barbie. As his world crumbles, "The Ice Cream Man" must choose between resistance and death...a choice that will reverberate throughout the country. Renowned Actor Noah Emmerich, who received the Anne Frank Award for Lifetime Achievement in the Arts took the role out of a personal commitment to share this story and star in a film that illuminates the broader world of Anne Frank's Amsterdam.

We are thrilled to host a special event following the film with Noah Emmerich, Director Robert Moniot, Producers Greg Malone and Amy Pauszek, Executive Producer Arlene Grande, and Samantha Livoti of USC's Anne Frank Center.



OPENING FILM



Explore the Complexities of Love

Saturday, January 25, 7:00 PM

MANDEL JCC, PALM BEACH GARDENS | \$20 per person

MATCHMAKING 2

FEATURE FILM | 110 MIN | DIRECTED BY EREZ TADMOR
HEBREW WITH ENGLISH SUBTITLES | 2024 | ISRAEL

PALM BEACH COUNTY PREMIERE

In *Matchmaking 2*, the story continues to explore the complexities of love within the Orthodox Jewish community, focusing on arranged marriages that prioritize mutual consent.

The film opens with a young man and woman who find themselves stranded at an airport before the Sabbath, leading to an unexpected romantic connection despite the constraints of their culture. Balancing humor and heartfelt moments, the sequel deepens the themes of the original while introducing fresh perspectives on relationships and personal choices.

Film Partner: Carole Solomon & Charles Tapiero

CLOSING FILM



Torn Between Passion and Community

Thursday, February 13, 7:00 PM

MOVIES OF LAKE WORTH | \$20 per person

SODA

FEATURE FILM | 96 MIN | DIRECTED BY EREZ TADMOR
HEBREW WITH ENGLISH SUBTITLES | 2024 | ISRAEL

PALM BEACH COUNTY PREMIERE

A beautiful seamstress moves to a neighborhood of Holocaust survivors in 1956. Rumors about her past (as a Capo) shake up the neighborhood, and especially Shalom, the leader and a former brave resistance fighter, who is torn between his passion for the beautiful woman and his commitment to the community to reveal her past.

2025 FILM SCHEDULE

JANUARY 25 - FEBRUARY 13

	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
MANDEL JCC, PALM BEACH GARDENS	JAN. 25 7:00 pm Matchmaking 2	JAN. 26 4:00 pm The Pantone Guy 7:00 pm Lion of Zion The Ice Cream Man	JAN. 27 4:00 pm October H8TE 7:00 pm Avenue of the Giants	JAN. 28 4:00 pm Savoy 7:00 pm Home	JAN. 29 4:00 pm Gazozz 7:00 pm Listen	JAN. 30 4:00 pm Happy Birthgay (SHORT) This is My Mother 7:00 pm Air War
BOYNTON BEACH CINEMARK	FEB. 1 7:00 pm Home	FEB. 2 4:00 pm Gazozz 7:00 pm All about the Lefkoviches	FEB. 3 4:00 pm Girl No. 60427 (SHORT) The Grave Hunter 7:00 pm Unspoken	FEB. 4 4:00 pm Halakocha (SHORT) Savoy 7:00 pm Days Between Rest (SHORT) Running on Sand	FEB. 5 4:00 pm The Monkey House 7:00 pm Set Me Free	FEB. 6 4:00 pm The Last Recordings Tattooed for Life (SHORT) 7:00 pm Listen
MOVIES OF LAKE WORTH	FEB. 8 7:00 pm Martha Liebermann: A Stolen Life	FEB. 9 4:00 pm This is my Mother 7:00 pm The Blond Boy from the Casbah	FEB. 10 4:00 pm The Stronghold 7:00 pm Come Closer	FEB. 11 4:00 pm October H8te 7:00 pm Colleyville	FEB. 12 4:00 pm Mazel Tov 7:00 pm All about the Lefkoviches	FEB. 13 4:00 pm Beethoven's Nine: Ode to Humanity 7:00 pm Soda

FILM FESTIVAL HOW TO

TICKET INFORMATION

All Film Festival Passholders (including Hamsa, Chaverim, Star Arts, and Film Deluxe membership levels) may begin purchasing tickets and selecting seats on Monday, December 30 at 12pm ET.

Ticket sales will open to the general public at 12pm ET on January 6.

Tickets can be purchased Monday - Friday, 9:00 am -5:00 pm ET at 561-712-5233 or online at [PBJFF.org](https://pbjff.org) anytime.

Member or general tickets can be purchased in the theater lobby at the festival box-office if available. The physical box-office is open only during the festival on days we are at that specific theater, one hour prior to the first showtime.

There is no entry to any screening without an actual ticket or valid film badge.

All film member/sponsor badges and tickets will be scanned for entry to each film.

THEATER INFORMATION

MANDEL JCC, PALM BEACH GARDENS

5221 HOOD RD,
PALM BEACH GARDENS, FL 33418

SCREENINGS:
JANUARY 25 - JANUARY 30

BOYNTON BEACH CINEMARK

1151 N CONGRESS AVE,
BOYNTON BEACH, FL 33426

SCREENINGS:
FEBRUARY 1 - FEBRUARY 6

MOVIES OF LAKE WORTH

7380 LAKE WORTH RD,
LAKE WORTH, FL 33467

SCREENINGS:
FEBRUARY 8 - FEBRUARY 13

Tickets are non-refundable. All orders are subject to a 5%+99 cent processing fee. All sales are final. Most films are not rated and subject to parental discretion. Films may be cancelled or withdrawn without advance notice.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON TICKETS, THEATERS OR FILMS

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35TH FESTIVAL FILMS



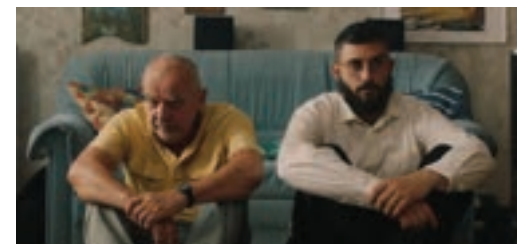
MANDEL JCC, PALM BEACH GARDENS: JAN. 30 | 7:00 PM

AIR WAR

DRAMA | 106 MIN | DIR. BY ROY HORNSHTEIN
HEBREW W. ENGLISH SUBTITLES | 2024 | ISRAEL

Air War is an Israeli film directed by Roy Hornshtein that explores the rivalry between two fighter pilots as they prepare for the Six-Day War. The film delves into their personal and professional struggles, highlighting themes of camaraderie and the emotional challenges of military life during this critical historical moment. It is inspired by true events and emphasizes the pilots' technical challenges and emotional toll.

Film Partner: Cyma & Edward Satell



BOYNTON BEACH CINEMARK: FEB. 2 | 7:00 PM

MOVIES OF LAKE WORTH: FEB. 12 | 7:00 PM

ALL ABOUT THE LEVKOVICHES

DRAMEDY | 85 MIN | DIR. BY ÁDÁM BREIER
HUNGARIAN AND HEBREW W. ENGLISH SUBTITLES | 2024 | HUNGARY

All About the Levkoviches is a bittersweet dramedy set in contemporary Budapest, focusing on Tamás, a stubborn boxing coach estranged from his son Iván, who now lives in Israel and follows a strict Orthodox lifestyle. The film explores their fractured relationship, delving into themes of grief, family dynamics, and the need to be right. With humor and heart, it highlights the complexities of love and misunderstanding in their pursuit of connection.

Film Partner: Barbara & Hal Danenberg



MANDEL JCC, PALM BEACH GARDENS: JAN. 27 | 7:00 PM

AVENUE OF THE GIANTS

DRAMA | 100 MIN | DIR. BY FINN TAYLOR
ENGLISH | 2023 | USA

A 74-year-old man carrying a haunting secret forms a friendship with a lonely teenager in a poignant tale of healing across generations. Herbert Heller, now a toy store owner in Marin County, California, survived the Holocaust as a child, escaping from Auschwitz-Birkenau at just 15 years old. When diagnosed with a terminal illness, he connects with Abbey, a teenager grappling with her own struggles, and together they share their stories, forging a bond that leads them both toward healing.

Film Partner: Marjorie & Barry S. Berg



MOVIES OF LAKE WORTH: FEB. 13 | 4:00 PM

BEETHOVEN'S NINE: ODE TO HUMANITY

DOCUMENTARY | 85 MIN | DIR. BY LARRY WEINSTEIN
ENGLISH | 2024 | CANADA

PALM BEACH COUNTY PREMIERE

Beethoven's Nine: Ode to Humanity is a documentary by Larry Weinstein that explores the impact of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony in the context of contemporary challenges. It follows nine diverse individuals, including Ukrainian musicians and a deaf composer, as they reflect on music's role as a source of hope and resilience amid war and adversity. The film highlights the enduring legacy of Beethoven's work and its ability to inspire humanity in dark times.

Film Partner: Cyma and Edward Satell



MOVIES OF LAKE WORTH: FEB. 9 | 7:00 PM

THE BLOND BOY FROM THE CASBAH

DRAMA | 126 MIN | DIR. BY ALEXANDRE ARCADY
FRENCH W. ENGLISH SUBTITLES | 2023 | FRANCE

The Blond Boy from the Casbah is a narrative feature film directed by Alexandre Arcady that follows the journey of passionate filmmaker Antoine in Algiers during the country's mid-20th-century civil war. As he reflects on his childhood, the film delves into Antoine's deep fascination with cinema and its power to shape his identity. Through his experiences, the story captures the complexities of growing up in a turbulent environment and the transformative role of art in times of conflict.

Film Partner: The Rubens Family Foundation/Jack & Helen Rubens



COLLEYVILLE

DOCUMENTARY | 70 MIN | DIR. BY DANI MENKIN
ENGLISH | 2024 | USA

Colleyville is a documentary that delves into a harrowing chapter of modern Jewish history, focusing on a hostage crisis that unfolded in Colleyville, Texas. The film recounts the dramatic events when a British man took four people hostage at gunpoint during Sabbath services at Congregation Beth Israel synagogue. Featuring never-before-seen security camera footage, it provides a gripping look at the realities of fear, faith, and resilience in the face of terror.

Live Q&A: with Director Dani Menkin



COME CLOSER

DRAMA | 102 MIN | DIR. BY TOM NESHER
HEBREW AND ENGLISH | 2024 | ISRAEL AND ITALY

Come Closer is a 2024 Israeli-Italian drama film that marks Tom Neshers directorial debut. The film tells a gripping tale of love and loss, captivating audiences from the very beginning and maintaining their engagement until the end. It centers on Eden's profound grief following her brother's death, which intensifies into obsession when she uncovers the existence of his secret girlfriend.

Film Partner:  



DAYS BETWEEN REST

SHORT FILM | 11 MIN | DIR. BY PETER DECHERNEY
ENGLISH | 2024 | USA

Rachel Namudosi, a third-generation Jewish Ugandan and lead singer of her musical family, appears in a Grammy-nominated album of Abayudaya music. The film follows her as she juggles taking her four children to school, making music, and leading Shabbat services. Rachel shares her experiences with antisemitism, her community's focus on inclusivity, and her hopeful view of the Abayudaya's connection to Israel.



GAZOZZ

DRAMA | 83 MIN | DIR. BY TOMMY LANG
HEBREW | 2023 | ISRAEL

Gazzo follows the story of a date that unfolds over one evening in the vibrant streets of Tel Aviv. Peter and Lily, both in their 60s, find themselves brought together by Lily's daughter, Nelly, who hopes to spark a connection between them. As the evening progresses, Lily grapples with a long-held secret, creating a tension that adds depth to their encounter.

Film Partner:  TEMPLE JUDEA
Palm Beach Gardens, FL



GIRL NO. 60427

SHORT FILM | 20 MIN | DIR. BY AVIAD BENSALOM
HEBREW W. ENGLISH SUBTITLES | 2023 | ISRAEL

Girl No. 60427 is a short film that captures the moment a 10-year-old girl uncovers her grandmother's diary, revealing haunting stories from her time at Auschwitz. Through this discovery, the film explores themes of memory, history, and the impact of the past on future generations. As the girl delves into her grandmother's experiences, she gains a deeper understanding of resilience and the importance of remembering the horrors of the Holocaust.



THE GRAVE HUNTER

DOCUMENTARY | 50 MIN | DIR. BY YOCHAY ROSENBERG
HEBREW, ENGLISH, POLISH | 2024 | ISRAEL

PALM BEACH COUNTY PREMIERE

The Grave Hunter is a documentary by Yochay Rosenberg that follows Meir Bulkah, known as the "Grave Hunter," as he works to preserve the remnants of Jewish history in Poland. Through his journey, Bulkah confronts the challenges of memorializing a lost culture and honoring the memory of those who once lived there. This film highlights the importance of remembrance and the enduring legacy of Jewish identity in a land marked by tragedy.



HALAKOCHA (THE CLIENT)

SHORT FILM | 16 MIN | DIR. BY NOA GUSAKOV
HEBREW W. ENGLISH SUBTITLES | 2022 | ISRAEL

Karin, an Israeli human rights lawyer named Karin finds herself unexpectedly babysitting Nasrin, the 12-year-old daughter of her Palestinian client, for a day. While navigating bureaucratic challenges, Karin fails to notice that Nasrin is in distress, prompting her to confront her own emotional barriers. To truly help Nasrin, Karin must discover a deep maternal empathy within herself that she never realized existed.



HAPPY BIRTHGAY

SHORT FILM | 16 MIN | DIR. BY NIV MANZUR
HEBREW W. ENGLISH SUBTITLES | 2023 | ISRAEL

In *Happy Birthgay*, Ronit organizes an extravagant surprise party for her son Nadav, marking the anniversary of his coming out. Despite her efforts, Nadav finds it difficult to engage with the celebration. The film unfolds as a poignant farce, revealing that the real struggle lies within Ronit, as she confronts her own issues of acceptance and identity.

Film Partner: Hope & Gene Silverman



HOME

ISRAEL FEATURE | 111 MIN | DIR. BY BENNY FREDMAN
HEBREW, YIDDISH W. ENGLISH SUBTITLES | 2024 | ISRAEL

A young and recently married Orthodox man's dream to open a computer store in an ultra-Orthodox neighborhood in Jerusalem turns into a violent nightmare when the entire neighborhood sees him as an existential threat. Turning his whole world upside down, the threat enters his home and puts his marriage to the test, as he faces the reality of his own free will within a predetermined world.

Film Partner: Linda & Ray Golden



THE ICE CREAM MAN

SHORT FILM | 33 MIN | DIR. BY ROB MONIOT
ENGLISH | 2024 | THE NETHERLANDS

PALM BEACH COUNTY PREMIERE

Shortly after the Nazi invasion of the Netherlands, a popular Jewish ice cream parlor owner, Ernst Cahn, finds himself targeted by the infamous "Butcher of Lyon," Klaus Barbie. As his world crumbles, "The Ice Cream Man" must choose between resistance and death...a choice that will reverberate throughout the country. Based on actual events.

Live Q&A: with Noah Emmerich, Director Robert Moniot, Producers Greg Malone and Amy Pauszek, Executive Producer Arlene Grande, and Samantha Livoti of USC's Anne Frank Center.

Film Partner: Cynthia & Peter Liebman



BOYNTON BEACH CINEMARK: FEB. 6 | 4:00 PM

THE LAST RECORDINGS

DOCUMENTARY | 70 MIN | DIR. BY HANAN SAVYON AND GUY AMIR
HEBREW W. ENGLISH SUBTITLES | 2023 | ISRAEL

PALM BEACH COUNTY PREMIERE

The Last Recordings is a documentary that reveals the harrowing experiences of Israeli youth trapped in a shelter after feeling from October 7th's Hamas attack on the Nova festival. The film features recordings by young journalist, Ayelet Arnin, who documented the chaos and fear around her on the phone while hiding from the violence.

Author of *10/7: 110 Human Stories* and Haaretz Journalist Lee Yaron will speak about October 7 at the screening.

Film Partner: Lisa Hadar & Family

LION OF ZION

DOCUMENTARY | 33 MIN | DIR. BY MIKE MUSIKANTO
ENGLISH | 2024 | USA

PALM BEACH COUNTY PREMIERE

Lion of Zion is a documentary that tells the inspiring story of Yuri Foreman, the only world champion boxer from Israel. The film explores his belief that balancing faith and determination can lead to true greatness in both sport and life.

Film Partner: Cynthia & Peter Liebman



MANDEL JCC, PALM BEACH GARDENS: JAN. 26 | 7:00 PM

LISTEN

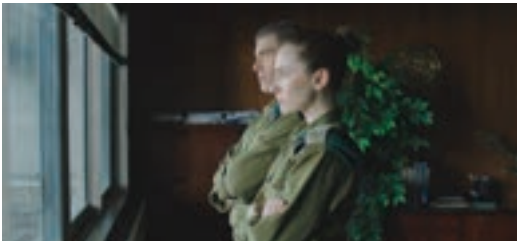
DRAMA | 96 MIN | DIR. BY OMRI BEZALEL
ENGLISH AND ARABIC W. ENGLISH SUBTITLES | 2024 | USA

PALM BEACH COUNTY PREMIERE

Listen is a poignant coming-of-age drama directed by Omri Bezael, exploring the moral complexities of love and loss in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The story follows a young officer in Israel's elite military intelligence unit, whose routine monitoring of a suspected terrorist's family shifts dramatically when she must find a captured Israeli soldier in Gaza.

Live Q&A: with the Producers, Ilan Arboleda and Vince Maggio

Film Partner:



MANDEL JCC, PALM BEACH GARDENS: JAN. 29 | 7:00 PM

BOYNTON BEACH CINEMARK: FEB. 6 | 7:00 PM

MARTHA LIEBERMANN: A STOLEN LIFE

DRAMA | 88 MIN | DIR. BY STEFAN BÜHLING
GERMAN W. ENGLISH SUBTITLES | 2023 | GERMANY

Martha Liebermann: A Stolen Life is set in war-torn 1943 Berlin, where Martha Liebermann, the wife of renowned impressionist Max Liebermann, battles to protect her husband's artistic legacy amid Nazi persecution. As a Jewish woman, she faces the harrowing choice of fleeing or risking deportation to a concentration camp. With her husband's valuable artwork offering some protection, the film poignantly portrays her courage and determination in the face of overwhelming adversity.

Film Partner: Sydelle Sonkin



MOVIES OF LAKE WORTH: FEB. 8 | 7:00 PM

MATCHMAKING 2

FEATURE FILM | 110 MIN | DIR. BY EREZ TADMOR
HEBREW W. ENGLISH SUBTITLES | 2024 | ISRAEL

PALM BEACH COUNTY PREMIERE

In *Matchmaking 2*, the story continues to explore the complexities of love within the Orthodox Jewish community, focusing on arranged marriages that prioritize mutual consent. The film opens with a young man and woman who find themselves stranded at an airport before the Sabbath, leading to an unexpected romantic connection despite the constraints of their culture. Balancing humor and heartfelt moments, the sequel deepens the themes of the original while introducing fresh perspectives on relationships and personal choices.

Film Partner: Carole Solomon & Charles Tapiero



OPENING FILM

MANDEL JCC, PALM BEACH GARDENS: JAN. 25 | 7:00 PM



MOVIES OF LAKE WORTH: FEB. 12 | 4:00 PM

MAZEL TOV

FEATURE FILM | 97 MIN | DIR. BY ADRIÁN SUAR
HEBREW W. ENGLISH SUBTITLES | 2024 | ISRAEL

Dario lives in the USA and is estranged from his father and brothers. He decides to travel to his country to attend his sister's wedding, where he sees his opportunity to rebuild his family ties. But his plan changes when he finds out his father died.

Film Partner: Irwin & Gail Cohen

THE MONKEY HOUSE

DRAMA | 121 MIN | DIR. BY AVI NESHER
HEBREW W. ENGLISH SUBTITLES | 2023 | ISRAEL

The Monkey House is an Israeli film directed by Avi Nesher, released in September 2023, inspired by the true story of Reuven Kritz. Set in the late 1980s, it follows a once-successful novelist struggling to regain his place in the literary world by launching an inventive scam. He recruits a reckless actress, training her to adopt the somber identity of a literature master's student, leading to unexpected consequences that will change their lives forever.



BOYNTON BEACH CINEMARK: FEB. 5 | 4:00 PM

OCTOBER H8TE

DOCUMENTARY | 100 MIN | DIR. BY WENDY SACHS
ENGLISH | 2024 | USA

From Executive Producer Debra Messing and Director Wendy Sachs, this documentary explores the rising tide of antisemitism on college campuses, social media and in American society. The film examines how certain social justice activists have allied themselves with a violent, reactionary, and anti-Western movement.

Film Partner: Susan & Ronnie Pertnoy



Film Partner:



MANDEL JCC, PALM BEACH GARDENS: JAN. 27 | 4:00 PM

MOVIES OF LAKE WORTH: FEB. 11 | 4:00 PM

THE PANTONE GUY

DOCUMENTARY | 90 MIN | DIR. BY PATRICK CREADON
ENGLISH | 2024 | USA

WORLD PREMIERE

At 95, Larry Herbert reflects on his life, from his Depression-era Brooklyn upbringing to creating the Pantone Matching System, which revolutionized color communication. A poignant part of the film explores his friendship with Elsie Williamson, who lent him money to start his business, driven by her guilt over WWII.

Live Q&A: with Larry Herbert (The Pantone Guy), Director Patrick Creadon, Producer Christine O'Malley, and Associate Producer Nelson Tracey

Film Partner: Vivian Lieberman



MANDEL JCC, PALM BEACH GARDENS: JAN. 26 | 4:00 PM

RUNNING ON SAND

DRAMA | 104 MIN | DIR. BY ADAR SHAFRAN
HEBREW, ENGLISH, AND TIGRENYA W. ENGLISH SUBTITLES | 2024 | ISRAEL

Running on Sand is a film directed by Adar Shafran, focusing on Aumari, a young Eritrean refugee facing deportation back to his home country. Mistaken for the new foreign player of a struggling football team, Aumari finds his survival intertwined with the team's success on the field. This poignant story highlights the challenges of displacement and the hope that arises through unexpected circumstances.



BOYNTON BEACH CINEMARK: FEB. 4 | 7:00 PM



MANDEL JCC, PALM BEACH GARDENS: JAN. 28 | 4:00 PM
BOYNTON BEACH CINEMARK: FEB. 4 | 4:00 PM

SAVOY

DOCUMENTARY/DRAMA | 78 MIN | DIR. BY ZOHAR WAGNER
HEBREW AND ARABIC W. ENGLISH SUBTITLES | 2022 | ISRAEL

PALM BEACH COUNTY PREMIERE

Savoy is a gripping hybrid documentary that recounts the 1975 terrorist siege at the Savoy Hotel in Tel Aviv. It follows Kochava Levy, a young housewife of Yemeni descent, who becomes a fearless hostage mediator when PLO gunmen seize the hotel. Using her fluency in Arabic, Levy relays messages between IDF negotiators and the terrorists, transforming into an unexpected heroine.

Film Partner: Marlene & Martin Silver



Film Partner: Beth David

SET ME FREE

DRAMA | 87 MIN | DIR. BY JAMES CARMAN AND ESTELLE KOHEN
ENGLISH | 2024 | USA

FLORIDA PREMIERE

A secular medical student falls in love with an attractive young rabbi. Her mom will do anything to save her from making the biggest mistake of her life...including risking her career as a celebrity therapist in the process.

Live Q&A: with Directors, Estelle Kohen and James Carmen



BOYNTON BEACH CINEMARK: FEB. 5 | 7:00 PM



CLOSING FILM

MOVIES OF LAKE WORTH: FEB. 13 | 7:00 PM

SODA

DRAMA | 96 MIN | DIR. BY EREZ TADMOR
HEBREW W. ENGLISH SUBTITLES | 2024 | USA

PALM BEACH COUNTY PREMIERE

A beautiful seamstress moves to a neighborhood of Holocaust survivors in 1956. Rumors about her past (as a Capo) shake up the neighborhood, and especially Shalom, the leader and a former brave resistance fighter, who is torn between his passion for the beautiful woman and his commitment to the community to reveal her past.

THE STRONGHOLD

WAR DRAMA | 107 MIN | DIR. BY ERAN RIKLIS
HEBREW W. ENGLISH SUBTITLES | 2023 | ISRAEL

The Stronghold is a gripping film that dramatizes the true story of an IDF outpost that faced devastating losses during the Yom Kippur War. After a surprise attack by Egyptian forces, the isolated Israeli outpost comes under siege, leaving the surviving soldiers to confront a dire choice. They must either engage in a seemingly hopeless battle or trust the Doctor's risky plan for survival, which comes at a significant cost.

Film Partner: Sheila & Robert Josephberg



MOVIES OF LAKE WORTH: FEB. 10 | 4:00 PM

TATTOOED FOR LIFE

SHORT DOCUMENTARY | 30 MIN | DIR. BY KINERET HAY-GILLOR
HEBREW W. ENGLISH SUBTITLES | 2024 | ISRAEL

PALM BEACH COUNTY PREMIERE

Liraz was one of the fortunate survivors of the massacre at the NOVA party on October 7th, which took her partner, friends, and dreams. Now, she is on a mission to create a fractal tattoo honoring the 364 souls lost that night.

Author of *10/7: 110 Human Stories* and Haaretz Journalist Lee Yaron will speak about October 7 at the screening.

Film Partner: Lisa Hadar & Family



BOYNTON BEACH CINEMARK: FEB. 6 | 4:00 PM



MANDEL JCC, PALM BEACH GARDENS: JAN. 30 | 4:00 PM
MOVIES OF LAKE WORTH: FEB. 9 | 4:00 PM

THIS IS MY MOTHER

DRAMEDY | 103 MIN | DIR. BY JULIEN CARPENTIER
FRENCH W. ENGLISH SUBTITLES | 2023 | FRANCE

When Pierre, a successful 33-year-old florist, is unexpectedly reunited with his mother Judith after two years, his orderly life is thrown into chaos. Judith, mercurial and extravagant due to her struggles with bipolar disorder, has just escaped from a clinic, and Pierre's only goal is to return her to safety and regain his normalcy. However, their explosive and heartfelt reunion challenges both of them in ways they never anticipated, leading to a transformative journey for mother and son.

Film Partner: Hope & Gene Silverman

UNSPOKEN

NARRATIVE FEATURE FILM | 91 MIN | DIR. BY JEREMY BORISON
ENGLISH | 2024 | USA

PALM BEACH COUNTY PREMIERE

Unspoken follows a closeted, religious teenager who discovers a love letter from before the Holocaust, written to his grandfather by another man. This discovery leads him to realize he may not be alone in his feelings. With the help of his high-school crush, he embarks on a journey to find the mysterious author of the letter, uncovering both his grandfather's hidden identity and his own in the process.



BOYNTON BEACH CINEMARK: FEB. 3 | 7:00 PM



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FOR THE NEXT GENERATION



Last year, thanks to the generosity of donors like you, 200+ children received nearly \$250,000 in scholarships from the Mandel JCC Scholarship Fund. These scholarships opened doors to enriching programs, friendships, and opportunities for personal growth.

Please help us continue to support so many families in need. Your contribution helps us provide even more children with the Jewish experiences that are so important to their development.



Together, we can build a brighter future!

Brooklyn Boys

A Tribute to Neil Diamond and Barry Manilow

Mandel JCC, Palm Beach Gardens | Saturday, March 8 at 7:00 pm

Mandel JCC, Boynton Beach | Friday, March 14 at 7:00 pm

\$25* per person

Join us for an exciting concert featuring a Jewish boy from Brooklyn, Jonathan Elgart, also known as Elton Jonathan, and his band! Enjoy an unforgettable evening of music and entertainment highlighting iconic songs by the legendary Jewish artists, Neil Diamond and Barry Manilow.

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OF THE GREAT AMERICAN SONGBOOK

Mandel JCC, Palm Beach Gardens
Sunday, February 23 at 3:00 pm

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In the words of Irving Berlin, "Songs make history and history makes songs."

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Stephanie Arnold Presents *37 Seconds*

Tuesday, February 11 | 11:00 am | \$18 | Mandel JCC, Boynton Beach

Stephanie is an award-winning, international bestselling author, inspirational speaker and thought leader whose story has inspired millions of people around the globe. It was during the birth of her second child that Stephanie suffered a rare—and often fatal—condition called an amniotic fluid embolism (or AFE) and died on the operating table for 37 seconds. Everything she does now is a direct result of her survival.

R. Derek Black presents *The Klansman's Son: My Journey from White Nationalism to Antiracism*

Monday, March 31 | 11:00 am | \$18 | Mandel JCC, Boynton Beach

In an era in which antisemitism seems to be everywhere, R. Derek Black's memoir, *The Klansman's Son*, is frighteningly timely. Black grew up as the ultimate white supremacist. Black's mother was once married to KKK Grand Wizard David Duke; their father, Don Black, was a proud KKK leader whose hero was Adolf Hitler.



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