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Dear Friends,
I'm thrilled to welcome you to the Mandel JCC's 36th Annual Jewish Film Festival—truly our strongest lineup yet. This year brings something for everyone, from comedy and drama to powerful documentaries, short films, and engaging talk-backs. We're introducing our first-ever Family Day at the Movies, along with a rich collection of Israeli films and stories of courage, resilience, love, and connection. I'm especially proud of the documentary featuring our own Palm Beach teens interviewing Holocaust survivors—a moving reminder of why films like these matter. By coming together as a community to experience these stories, we create a space where everyone feels a sense of belonging. Thank you for being part of this journey and helping us bring meaningful Jewish storytelling to our community.

Warmly, **Samantha Klein** | Chief Executive Officer

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\$18/person

MOVIES OF LAKE WORTH

Tuesday, January 13 at 7:00 pm

MANDEL JCC, PALM BEACH GARDENS

Wednesday, January 14 at 7:00 pm

To register visit [JCOnline.com/sneakpeek](https://www.jcconline.com/sneakpeek)

MIDAS MAN

BIOGRAPHICAL DRAMA | 112 MIN | DIRECTED BY JOE STEPHENSON
ENGLISH | 2024 | UNITED KINGDOM

The film follows Brian Epstein, the visionary who helped launch The Beatles and reshape modern music. Beginning with his Liverpool record shop, Epstein quickly became a key figure in defining the sound of the 1960s. Jacob Fortune-Lloyd captures his ambition and vulnerability as he faces fame, personal struggles, and a rapidly changing cultural landscape. The story reveals a man longing for acceptance and love while making history behind the scenes.

Film Partners: Hope & Gene Silverman

Talkback with Gene Silverman after the January 14 screening

SPOTLIGHT ON ISRAEL

Two Powerful Films Making Waves on the Festival Circuit:
The Sea and **The Road Between Us: The Ultimate Rescue**



MOVIES OF LAKE WORTH February 7 at 7:00 pm

THE SEA

The Sea follows a 12-year-old Palestinian boy who, after being denied a travel permit, sets out alone to reach the Mediterranean. The film traces his journey and his father's desperate search across the West Bank. With striking realism and emotional depth, it reveals how longing and hope coexist in moments of uncertainty. It won multiple Ophir Awards, including Best Picture, making it Academy Award-eligible.



MANDEL JCC, PALM BEACH GARDENS January 25 at 7:00 pm

THE ROAD BETWEEN US: THE ULTIMATE RESCUE

From acclaimed Canadian filmmaker Barry Avrich comes this real-life rescue thriller. On October 7, 2023, author Amir Tibon and his family were trapped in their home on Kibbutz Nahal Oz as Hamas militants closed in. His father, retired general Noam Tibon, raced 85 kilometers from Tel Aviv through chaos and gunfire to save them.

Opening Film



ONCE UPON MY MOTHER

DRAMA | 102 MIN | DIRECTED BY KEN SCOTT
FRENCH (WITH ENGLISH SUBTITLES) | 2025 | FRANCE/CANADA

Palm Beach County Premiere
Once Upon My Mother tells the true story of a determined French mother who refuses to accept that her son, born with a clubfoot, will never walk. Set in the 1960s, she embarks on a relentless journey to find alternative treatments and give her child a normal life. The film captures her unwavering spirit, deep love, and the emotional highs and lows of defying medical expectations. It is a moving tribute to maternal strength and the power of hope.

Film Partner: Carole Solomon

Heartfelt • Poignant • Uplifting
Saturday, January 24 at 7:00 pm
MANDEL JCC, PALM BEACH GARDENS | \$25/PERSON

Closing Film



THE RING

FAMILY DRAMA | 120 MIN | DIRECTED BY ADIR MILLER, DORON PAZ, YOAV PAZ | HEBREW, ENGLISH, HUNGARIAN (WITH ENGLISH SUBTITLES) | 2024 | ISRAEL

Arnon Noble is a deeply religious man with a close relationship to his mother, a Holocaust survivor who shares stories of how a thin gold ring saved her and her baby boy during the war.

When his mother’s health begins to fail, Arnon travels to her childhood home in Budapest to find this legendary ring. He enlists the help of his estranged daughter, a TV researcher, and invites her to join him on the journey. As they search for the ring, they hope it will not only save his mother’s life but also heal the fractured bond between father and daughter.

Film Partners: Cyma & Edward Satell

Haunting • Resilient • Unforgettable
Thursday, February 12 at 7:00 pm
MOVIES OF LAKE WORTH | \$25/PERSON

2026 FILM SCHEDULE

JANUARY 24 - FEBRUARY 12

	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
	JAN. 24	JAN. 25	JAN. 26	JAN. 27	JAN. 28	JAN. 29
MANDEL JCC, PALM BEACH GARDENS		1:00 pm Sky Raiders	1:00 pm Labors of Love: The Life and Legacy of Henrietta Szold		1:00 pm Set Me Free	1:00 pm *The Wall Sapiro v. Ford: The Jew Who Sued Henry Ford
		4:00 pm *Crimes of the Big Leagues Baseball Mensch - The Marty Lurie Story	4:00 pm Marlee Matlin: Not Alone Anymore	4:30 pm Voices to Remember	4:00 pm Elie Wiesel: Soul on Fire	4:00 pm *Safeguard Holding Liat
	7:00 pm Once Upon my Mother	7:00 pm *Making Awareness The Road Between Us: The Ultimate Rescue	7:00 pm I Had the Heart	7:00 pm The Property	7:00 pm *Teenage Waistband Ain't No Back to a Merry-Go-Round	7:00 pm The Floaters
NORTON MUSEUM OF ART Friday, January 30 at 1:00 pm The True Story of Tamara De Lempicka & the Art of Survival						
	JAN. 31	FEB. 1	FEB. 2	FEB. 3	FEB. 4	FEB. 5
BOYNTON BEACH CINEMARK		4:00 pm The Legend of Juan Jose Mundo	4:00 pm The Last Twins	4:00 pm Riot in Bloom	4:00 pm Honorable Mr. Morgenthau	4:00 pm Sapiro v. Ford: The Jew Who Sued Henry Ford
	7:00 pm For the Love of a Woman	7:00 pm The Floaters	7:00 pm Forever One (Sequel to Set Me Free)	7:00 pm Holding Liat	7:00 pm The Property	7:00 pm Pink Lady
MOVIES OF LAKE WORTH	FEB. 7	FEB. 8	FEB. 9	FEB. 10	FEB. 11	FEB. 12
		1:00 pm Sky Raiders				
			4:00 pm Among Neighbors	4:00 pm Marlee Maitlin: Not Alone Anymore	4:00 pm Burt	4:00 pm Fantasy Life
	7:00 pm The Sea		7:00 pm I Had the Heart	7:00 pm The Future Awaits	7:00 pm Ain't No Back to a Merry Go Round	7:00 pm The Ring

*Short Film

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 Tuesday, December 30 at 12pm ET.

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

Tickets can be purchased Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm ET at 561-712-5233 or online at 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.



1:00 PM SHOWTIMES : \$12.00

4:00 - 7:00 PM SHOWTIMES : \$18.00

OPENING AND CLOSING FILMS : \$25.00

THEATER INFORMATION

MANDEL JCC, PALM BEACH GARDENS 5221 HOOD RD PALM BEACH GARDENS, FL 33418 SCREENINGS: JANUARY 24 - JANUARY 29	NORTON MUSEUM OF ART 1450 S DIXIE HWY WEST PALM BEACH, FL 33401 SCREENINGS: JANUARY 30	BOYNTON BEACH CINEMARK 1151 N CONGRESS AVE BOYNTON BEACH, FL 33426 SCREENINGS: JANUARY 31 - FEBRUARY 5	MOVIES OF LAKE WORTH 7380 LAKE WORTH RD LAKE WORTH, FL 33467 SCREENINGS: FEBRUARY 7 - FEBRUARY 12
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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 are 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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36TH FESTIVAL FILMS



AIN'T NO BACK TO A MERRY-GO-ROUND
DOCUMENTARY | 89 MIN | DIRECTED BY ILANA TRACHTMAN
ENGLISH | 2024 | USA

MANDEL JCC, PALM BEACH GARDENS: JAN. 28 | 7:00 PM

MOVIES OF LAKE WORTH: FEB. 11 | 7:00 PM



AMONG NEIGHBORS
DOCUMENTARY | 101 MIN | DIRECTED BY YOAV POTASH
ENGLISH, POLISH (WITH ENGLISH SUBTITLES) | 2024 | USA

MOVIES OF LAKE WORTH: FEB. 9 | 4:00 PM



BASEBALL MENSCH - THE MARTY LURIE STORY
DOCUMENTARY | 61 MIN | DIRECTED BY RANDY FIELD
ENGLISH | 2025 | USA

MANDEL JCC, PALM BEACH GARDENS: JAN. 25 | 4:00 PM



BURT
DRAMEDY | 78 MIN | DIRECTED BY JOE BURKE
ENGLISH | 2025 | USA

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



OUTLAWED BY BASEBALL!
SHORT DOCUMENTARY | 10 MIN | DIRECTED BY RANDY FIELD
ENGLISH SUBTITLES | 2016 | USA

MANDEL JCC, PALM BEACH GARDENS: JAN. 25 | 4:00 PM



AIN'T NO BACK TO A MERRY-GO-ROUND
DOCUMENTARY | 89 MIN | DIRECTED BY ILANA TRACHTMAN
ENGLISH | 2024 | USA

Ain't No Back to a Merry-Go-Round is a documentary that uncovers the story of a 1960 civil rights protest at Glen Echo Amusement Park. Five Howard University students challenged segregation by sitting on a whites-only carousel, sparking a key interracial movement. The film explores the alliance between black students and white community members, including Jewish activists, in their fight for equality.
Film Partners: Temple Israel, Inner City Innovators, Sheila & Robert Josephberg
Talkback with Rabbi Ryan Daniels of Temple Israel and Rickey Aiken, Founder and Executive Director of Inner-City Innovators

AMONG NEIGHBORS
DOCUMENTARY | 101 MIN | DIRECTED BY YOAV POTASH
ENGLISH, POLISH (WITH ENGLISH SUBTITLES) | 2024 | USA

Among Neighbors is a powerful documentary that investigates the post-Holocaust murder of Jews in the Polish town of Gniwoszów. Directed by Yoav Potash, the film sheds light on the 1946 Kielce pogrom, where 42 Jewish men, women, and children were killed following the spread of false rumors. The story unfolds through the eyewitness accounts of local Catholic residents and the last surviving Holocaust survivor from the town. Through their testimony, the film offers a poignant reflection on the lingering effects of historical trauma and the fragile nature of coexistence.
Film Partners: The Rubens Family Foundation/Jack & Helen Rubens

BASEBALL MENSCH - THE MARTY LURIE STORY
DOCUMENTARY | 61 MIN | DIRECTED BY RANDY FIELD
ENGLISH | 2025 | USA

SPECIAL EVENT
Baseball Mensch tells the story of Marty Lurie, a top criminal defense attorney who left a thriving legal career to pursue his lifelong passion: talking about baseball. More than just a sports documentary, it's a moving portrait of transformation, resilience, and connection. The film highlights how Marty's journey has inspired a diverse group of people whose lives have been enriched through knowing him.
Film Partners: Patricia & Anthony Lampert
Talkback with Marty Lurie, Hall of Famer Art Shamsky, and Edward Schauder

BURT
DRAMEDY | 78 MIN | DIRECTED BY JOE BURKE
ENGLISH | 2025 | USA

PALM BEACH COUNTY PREMIERE
Burt, a 69-year-old street musician battling Parkinson's disease, is surprised when a young drifter named Sammy arrives from New York, claiming to be his son. Burt welcomes Sammy into his life and invites him to spend the weekend at his home. There, they're joined by Steve, Burt's landlord, who isn't thrilled about the new guest. As the weekend unfolds, tensions and unexpected bonds begin to surface.
Film Partners: Marlene & Martin Silver
Talkback with Director Joe Burke

CRIMES OF THE BIG LEAGUES
SHORT DOCUMENTARY | 10 MIN | DIRECTED BY RANDY FIELD
ENGLISH SUBTITLES | 2016 | USA

PALM BEACH COUNTY PREMIERE
This short documentary is about Lester Rodney, the sports editor of the *Daily Worker* and unsung hero in the fight to desegregate America's national pastime of baseball. The film is on permanent display at the Negro League Museum in Kansas City and is part of the Cooperstown Hall of Fame's archives.
Film Partners: Patricia & Anthony Lampert



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

ELIE WIESEL: SOUL ON FIRE

DOCUMENTARY | 88 MIN | DIRECTED BY OREN RUDAVSKY
ENGLISH | 2024 | USA

Elie Wiesel: Soul on Fire explores the life and legacy of Holocaust survivor, author, and Nobel Peace Prize laureate Elie Wiesel. Through archival footage, rare interviews, and Wiesel's own words, the film traces his journey from the horrors of Auschwitz to his lifelong mission of bearing witness and fighting indifference. It examines his faith, activism, and moral influence on global human rights movements. The result is an intimate portrait of a man whose voice became a conscience for humanity.

Film Partner: Temple Judea
Talkback with Rabbi Yaron Kapitulnik



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

FANTASY LIFE

DRAMEDY | 91 MIN | DIRECTED BY MATTHEW SHEAR
ENGLISH | 2025 | USA

After losing his job, a thirty-something paralegal in New York takes on a babysitting gig for his therapist's three granddaughters and unexpectedly develops feelings for their mother, an actress stuck in a troubled marriage.

Film Partners: Lisa Hadar & Family



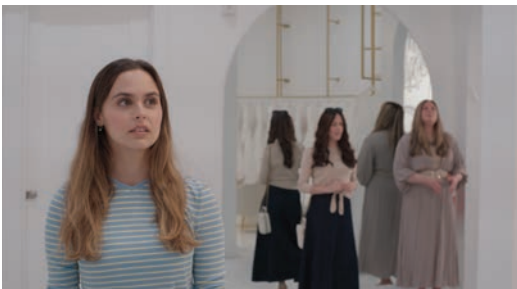
BOYNTON BEACH CINEMARK: JAN. 31 | 7:00 PM

FOR THE LOVE OF A WOMAN

DRAMA | 117 MIN | DIRECTED BY GUIDO CHIESA
ENGLISH, HEBREW | 2025 | ITALY

In 1970, Esther, a troubled American woman, receives a letter after her mother's death that leads her to Israel in search of a woman from 1930s Palestine who holds a secret about her past. With the help of Zayde, a university professor with a mysterious background, Esther begins to uncover the truth. Decades earlier, the arrival of Yehudit in a settler village changes the lives of three men and sparks a tragic love story. As past and present come together, Esther and Zayde discover a revelation that changes everything.

Film Partners: Linda & Ray Golden



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

FOREVER ONE (SEQUEL TO SET ME FREE)

FEATURE-LENGTH NARRATIVE | 90 MIN | DIRECTED BY JAMES CARMAN & ESTELLE KOHEN
ENGLISH | 2025 | USA

PALM BEACH COUNTY PREMIERE

Forever One, the sequel to *Set Me Free* from the 35th Palm Beach Jewish Film Festival, follows Alexandra and Eli as they navigate their engagement and the many challenges leading up to their wedding. As they work to build a future together, they must confront the tensions between their contrasting lifestyles, religious traditions, and family expectations.

Film Partners: Nancy & Mark Sims

Talkback with Director Estelle Kohen



MANDEL JCC, PALM BEACH GARDENS: JAN. 29 | 4:00 PM

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

HOLDING LIAT

DOCUMENTARY | 97 MIN | DIRECTED BY BRANDON KRAMER
ENGLISH | 2025 | USA / ISRAEL

PALM BEACH COUNTY PREMIERE

On October 7th, Israeli-American Liat Atzili is kidnapped during a Hamas raid on her kibbutz, prompting an urgent campaign by her family to secure her release. As her father Yehuda travels to Washington D.C. with relatives to advocate for her freedom, the family navigates grief, fear, and moral complexity amidst an international crisis. Directed by Brandon Kramer, the documentary offers a real-time portrait of parents Yehuda and Chaya as they confront uncertainty.

Film Partners: Marjorie & Barry Berg



MANDEL JCC, PALM BEACH GARDENS: JAN. 27 | 4:30 PM

VOICES TO REMEMBER

DOCUMENTARY | FILM LENGTH IN MIN | DIRECTED BY TEENS AT MANDEL JCC
ENGLISH | 2025 | USA

This moving documentary follows a group of teens in Palm Beach, Budapest, Hungary, and Kryvyi Rih, Ukraine to sit face-to-face with nine Holocaust survivors. Through intimate interviews, the teens hear stories of loss, bravery, and unimaginable resilience—stories the world must never forget. The teens become the new witnesses, carrying these voices forward with love, responsibility, and the promise to keep their stories alive.

Film Partner: Vivian Lieberman

Talkback with Joanne Baseman and Jesse Berg



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

HONORABLE MR. MORGENTHAU

DOCUMENTARY | 95 MIN | DIRECTED BY HILAN WARSHAW
ENGLISH | 2024 | USA

PALM BEACH COUNTY PREMIERE

Honorable Mr. Morgenthau is a historical documentary directed by Hilan Warshaw that explores the moral awakening of Henry Morgenthau Jr., the only Jewish member of Franklin D. Roosevelt's Cabinet. As he witnesses the U.S. government's indifference to Jewish refugees during the Holocaust, Morgenthau is compelled to act.

Film Partners: Pauline & Dr. Arnold Maerov

Talkback with Director Hilan Warshaw



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

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

I HAD THE HEART

MUSICAL DRAMA | 107 MIN | DIRECTED BY OLIVER KOLKER & HERNÁN FINDLING
SPANISH (WITH ENGLISH SUBTITLES) | 2024 | ARGENTINA

PALM BEACH COUNTY PREMIERE

This heartfelt film centered around music draws you into the passionate world of tango. Moti Cohen, a music promoter, once rejected tango, his parents' favorite dance, in favor of rock 'n' roll. Now middle-aged, divorced, and facing financial struggles, Moti finds a chance to revive his career when he discovers a promising new tango star.

Film Partners: Vicki & Stephen Wildstein

Tango Demonstration and Talkback with Actor, Writer, Director Oliver Kolker



MANDEL JCC, PALM BEACH GARDENS: JAN. 26 | 1:00 PM

LABORS OF LOVE: THE LIFE AND LEGACY

OF HENRIETTA SZOLD

DOCUMENTARY | 79 MIN | DIRECTED BY ABBY GINZBERG
ENGLISH & HEBREW (WITH ENGLISH SUBTITLES) | 2025 | USA

Henrietta Szold was a visionary leader and one of the most influential yet overlooked American Jewish women of the 20th century. She founded Hadassah in 1912, connecting American women with communities in Palestine and helping to build a healthcare system that served both Arabs and Jews. Directed by Peabody Award-winner Abby Ginzberg, this powerful documentary brings long-overdue attention to a woman who helped shape history through compassion and courage.

Film Partner: Hadassah Dorot Bat Gurion



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

MAKING AWARENESS

DOCUMENTARY SHORT | 8 MIN | DIRECTED BY SUSAN WASSERMAN
ENGLISH | 2025 | USA

PALM BEACH COUNTY PREMIERE

Two Israeli street artists spread awareness through their "Kidnapped from Israel" poster campaign on the streets of New York to aid in the release of hostages taken on October 7th, 2023.

Film Partners: Susan & Ronnie Pertnoy



MANDEL JCC, PALM BEACH GARDENS: JAN. 26 | 4:00 PM
MOVIES OF LAKE WORTH: FEB. 10 | 4:00 PM

MARLEE MATLIN: NOT ALONE ANYMORE

DOCUMENTARY | 98 MIN | DIRECTED BY SHOSHANNAH STERN
ENGLISH | 2025 | USA

PALM BEACH COUNTY PREMIERE

Marlee Matlin: Not Alone Anymore explores the groundbreaking journey of the first Deaf actor to win an Academy Award, tracing her rise to fame and her impact as a trailblazing performer and advocate. At just 21, Matlin became a household name, representing the Deaf community to millions of Americans for the first time. Featuring never-before-seen home videos, the film offers intimate behind-the-scenes glimpses from her 37-year career.
Film Partners: Barbara & Michael Wildstein



MOVIES OF LAKE WORTH: JAN. 13 | 7:00 PM
MANDEL JCC, PALM BEACH GARDENS: JAN. 14 | 7:00 PM

MIDAS MAN

BIOGRAPHICAL DRAMA | 112 MIN | DIRECTED BY JOE STEPHENSON
ENGLISH | 2024 | UNITED KINGDOM

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Film Partners: Hope & Gene Silverman



MANDEL JCC, PALM BEACH GARDENS: JAN. 24 | 7:00 PM

ONCE UPON MY MOTHER

DRAMA | 102 MIN | DIRECTED BY KEN SCOTT
FRENCH (WITH ENGLISH SUBTITLES) | 2025 | FRANCE/CANADA

PALM BEACH COUNTY PREMIERE

Once Upon My Mother tells the true story of a determined French mother who refuses to accept that her son, born with a clubfoot, will never walk. Set in the 1960s, she embarks on a relentless journey to find alternative treatments and give her child a normal life. The film captures her unwavering spirit, deep love, and the emotional highs and lows of defying medical expectations. It is a moving tribute to maternal strength and the power of hope.
Film Partner: Carole Solomon



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

PINK LADY

DRAMA | 106 MIN | DIRECTED BY NIR BERGMAN
HEBREW (WITH ENGLISH SUBTITLES) | 2024 | ISRAEL/ITALY

Pink Lady is a drama set in an ultra Orthodox Jewish community in Jerusalem where Bati lives what appears to be a happy life with her husband and three children, until Lazer is blackmailed and Bati discovers his secret same sex affair. She strives to protect her family and the man she loves while facing her own suppressed desires. The film examines themes of faith, identity, and marital bonds under pressure. It is a quiet but intense study of love, secrecy, and redemption.
Film Partners: Bonnie & Martin Gregge



BOYNTON BEACH CINEMARK: FEB. 3 | 4:00 PM

RIOT IN BLOOM

ROM COM | 82 MIN | DIRECTED BY BRETT LEVNER
ENGLISH | 2025 | USA

PALM BEACH COUNTY PREMIERE

Riot in Bloom is a feature film directed by Brett Levner that explores themes of personal growth and reinvention after divorce. The story follows Rose, who, on her 40th birthday, discovers her husband's infidelity and sets out to reconnect with her past and embrace her true self. The film highlights the resilience and creativity of women navigating major life changes. Through Rose's journey, *Riot in Bloom* celebrates strength, self-discovery, and new beginnings.



MANDEL JCC, PALM BEACH GARDENS: JAN. 29 | 4:00 PM

SAFEGUARD

DRAMA SHORT | 5 MIN | DIRECTED BY MILA BRENER RUBENSTEIN
ENGLISH | 2023 | USA

PALM BEACH COUNTY PREMIERE

In this short drama, a young Jewish girl is on her way home from synagogue when she witnesses a disturbing incident unfolding in front of her. Confronted by this threat, she must make a brave decision that challenges her sense of safety and her assumptions about the world around her. The film probes themes of vulnerability, courage, and moral action in a fraught moment. The story underscores how ordinary moments can turn into tests of character.
Film Partners: Marjorie & Barry Berg



MANDEL JCC, PALM BEACH GARDENS: JAN. 29 | 1:00 PM
BOYNTON BEACH CINEMARK: FEB. 5 | 4:00 PM

SAPIRO V. FORD: THE JEW WHO SUED HENRY FORD

DOCUMENTARY | 65 MIN | DIRECTED BY MICHAEL L. ROSE & GAYLEN ROSS
ENGLISH | 2025 | USA

PALM BEACH COUNTY PREMIERE

Sapiro v. Ford: The Jew Who Sued Henry Ford tells the story of Aaron Sapiro, a Jewish lawyer who sued Henry Ford for libel in the 1920s. After Ford's Dearborn Independent published antisemitic claims accusing Sapiro of a global conspiracy, Sapiro fought back in court. The film captures this landmark case and a defining moment of resistance against hate in American Jewish history.
Film Partners: Stacey Levy & Jourdan Levy-Bizanes



MANDEL JCC, PALM BEACH GARDENS: JAN. 28 | 1:00 PM

SET ME FREE

DRAMA | 87 MIN | DIRECTED BY JAMES CARMAN & ESTELLE KOHEN
ENGLISH | 2024 | USA

AS SEEN AT THE 35TH PALM BEACH JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL

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.
Film Partners: Nancy & Mark Sims
Talkback: with Director Estelle Kohen



MANDEL JCC, PALM BEACH GARDENS: JAN. 25 | 1:00 PM
MOVIES OF LAKE WORTH: FEB. 8 | 1:00 PM

SKY RAIDERS

FAMILY ADVENTURE DRAMA | 103 MIN | DIRECTED BY LIOR CHEFETZ
HEBREW (WITH ENGLISH SUBTITLES) | 2019 | ISRAEL

ISRAELI FAMILY FILM DAY

Thirteen-year-old Yotam dreams of flying, but his protective mother keeps him grounded, haunted by the loss of his father in a plane crash years earlier. When Yotam and his classmate Noa stumble upon a vintage aircraft in a scrapyard, they join forces with Morris, a reclusive 80-year-old former pilot. The unlikely trio sets out to fix up the old plane in time for the upcoming Annual Air Show.
Film Partners: Cynthia & Peter Liebman



MANDEL JCC, PALM BEACH GARDENS: JAN. 28 | 7:00 PM

TEENAGE WAISTBAND

SHORT DRAMEDY | 8 MIN | DIRECTED BY LEE WILCOF & LIZ BOREN
ENGLISH | 2025 | USA

PALM BEACH COUNTY PREMIERE

This is the coming-of-age tale of Kippy Weinberg, a Jewish teenager growing up in 1967 Ohio. Bullied by his brothers and father, Kippy's only real friend is his grandparent's maid, Josephine, who has always seen something more in him.



THE FLOATERS

COMEDY | 101 MIN | DIRECTED BY RACHEL ISRAEL
ENGLISH | 2025 | USA

PALM BEACH COUNTY PREMIERE

The Floaters is a heartfelt comedy about Nomi, a struggling musician who reluctantly takes a job supervising a group of misfit campers at her childhood Jewish summer camp. As the camp prepares for a high-stakes competition against a rival, Nomi and her quirky team must come together to save the place they’ve all come to love.

Film Partners: Vivian & Brian Lemelman

Talkback with Actor Ben Kreiger



THE FUTURE AWAITS

DRAMA | 91 MIN | DIRECTED BY NILS TAVERNIER
FRENCH (WITH ENGLISH SUBTITLES) | 2025 | FRANCE

PALM BEACH COUNTY PREMIERE

The Future Awaits takes place in July 1942 in occupied Paris, where 13 year old Tauba and her family, who are Polish Jews, hide in a tiny space under constant fear of discovery. The film follows their emotional and physical struggle as Tauba fights to maintain hope in brutal and suffocating conditions. As despair grips her parents, Tauba’s youthful resilience and inner world provide moments of light in the darkness. It is a poignant drama about endurance, family, and survival.

Film Partners: Irwin & Gail Cohen



THE LAST TWINS

DOCUMENTARY | 80 MIN | DIRECTED BY PERRI PELTZ & MATTHEW O’NEILL
ENGLISH | 2025 | USA

The Last Twins is a powerful documentary that tells the story of Erno “Zvi” Spiegel, a Holocaust survivor who bravely saved dozens of young twins from death at Auschwitz. Amid the terror of Dr. Josef Mengele’s cruel experiments, Spiegel risked everything to protect the children most at risk. Directed by Emmy Award winners Perri Peltz and Matthew O’Neill and narrated by Liev Schreiber, the film brings this remarkable act of courage to life. It stands as a moving tribute to resilience, compassion, and the extraordinary impact of one person’s bravery.

Film Partners: Barbara & Hal Danenberg



THE LEGEND OF JUAN JOSE MUNDO

ROM COM | 92 MIN | DIRECTED BY MICHAEL WALKER
ENGLISH | 2025 | USA

PALM BEACH COUNTY PREMIERE

The Legend of Juan Jose Mundo is a coming-of-age romantic comedy set in the New York suburbs of 1984. Sixteen-year-old Julie Gornick finds her world turned upside down when her family hosts Juan Jose Mundo, a charming and confident Spanish exchange student. As Juan Jose quickly becomes popular and romantically involved with several girls at school, Julie begins to believe she’s falling in love with him.

Talkback with Director Michael Walker and Co-Writer Susan Gomes



THE PROPERTY

NARRATIVE FEATURE | 108 MIN | DIRECTED BY DANA MODAN
HEBREW, POLISH, ENGLISH (WITH ENGLISH SUBTITLES) | 2024 | ISRAEL / POLAND

In this romantic dramedy, Regina and her granddaughter Mika travel to Poland to reclaim family property lost during World War II, but their journey takes an unexpected turn. When Regina suddenly abandons their mission, Mika is left frustrated and adrift, further annoyed by the reappearance of an overbearing distant relative. As Mika begins to fall for a charming tour guide, Regina quietly sets out on her own quest to reunite with a long-lost love from decades past.

Film Partners: Cindy & Allan Schlossberg



THE RING

FAMILY DRAMA | 120 MIN | DIRECTED BY ADIR MILLER, DORON PAZ, YOAV PAZ
HEBREW, ENGLISH, HUNGARIAN (WITH ENGLISH SUBTITLES) | 2024 | ISRAEL

Arnon Noble is a deeply religious man with a close relationship to his mother, a Holocaust survivor who shares stories of how a thin gold ring saved her and her baby boy during the war. When his mother’s health begins to fail, Arnon travels to her childhood home in Budapest to find this legendary ring. He enlists the help of his estranged daughter, a TV researcher, and invites her to join him on the journey. As they search for the ring, they hope it will not only save his mother’s life but also heal the fractured bond between father and daughter.

Film Partners: Cyma & Edward Satell



THE ROAD BETWEEN US: THE ULTIMATE RESCUE

DOCUMENTARY | 95 MIN | DIRECTED BY BARRY AVRICH
ENGLISH | 2025 | CANADA

FLORIDA PREMIERE

From acclaimed Canadian filmmaker Barry Avrich comes this real-life rescue thriller. On October 7, 2023, author Amir Tibon and his family were trapped in their home on Kibbutz Nahal Oz as Hamas militants closed in. His father, retired general Noam Tibon, raced 85 kilometers from Tel Aviv through chaos and gunfire to save them.

Film Partners: Susan & Ronnie Pertnoy



THE SEA

DRAMA | 93 MIN | DIRECTED BY SHAI CARMELI POLLAK
ARABIC AND HEBREW (WITH ENGLISH SUBTITLES) | 2025 | ISRAEL

PALM BEACH COUNTY PREMIERE

The Sea follows 12 year old Khaled, a Palestinian boy who joins a school trip to visit the Mediterranean for the first time only to be stopped at a military checkpoint when his permit is declared invalid. When his classmates continue on without him, he embarks on his own journey to reach the sea despite not knowing the route or speaking Hebrew. The film is a moving portrait of longing, barriers, and the costs of separation. It won multiple Ophir Awards, including Best Picture, making it Academy Award-eligible.



THE TRUE STORY OF TAMARA DE LEMPICKA & THE ART OF SURVIVAL

DOCUMENTARY | 96 MIN | DIRECTED BY JULIE RUBIO
ENGLISH | 2024 | USA

This documentary chronicles the life of Polish-born painter Tamara de Lempicka, tracing her rise to fame in 1920s Paris, her escape to the United States as fascism rose in Europe, and her later rediscovery. It explores her identity as a bisexual Jewish woman and the ways her art and lifestyle both reflected and defied the social norms of her time. The film uses never-before-seen archival 8 mm home movies and newly discovered documents to reveal hidden aspects of her heritage and identity.

Film Partners: Lainey & Beryl Simonson



THE WALL

SHORT DOCUMENTARY | 13 MIN | DIRECTED BY DOVI ROZENBERG
HEBREW WITH ENGLISH SUBTITLES | 2025 | ISRAEL

PALM BEACH COUNTY PREMIERE

Generations of IDF soldiers vaulted the dreaded “wall” in training with the aim of passing but came up empty handed. The film tells the story of those who failed, soldiers who were tasked with passing the test but came up short time after time. A comical but moving glimpse into the psychological stress that soldiers undergo during training.

Film Partners: Stacey Levy & Jourdan Levy-Bizanes



Artist **Serge Strosberg**



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Wednesday, January 14 at 6:00 pm
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Acclaimed portrait artist Serge Strosberg will present his emotionally powerful and psychologically rich work in a 45-minute talk, followed by a 15-minute art viewing and sales opportunity. A wine and cheese reception with the artist will follow. Strosberg's Art will be showcased in the Bente S. & Daniel M. Lyons Art Gallery through the end of the 36th Palm Beach Jewish Film Festival.

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OF THE GREAT AMERICAN SONGBOOK



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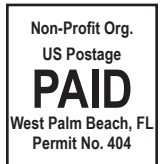
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