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FILM FESTIVAL

APRIL 4-14, 2024



Jewish Federation
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A Multi-Access Festival Featuring Both In-Theater and Virtual Screenings

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PURCHASE TICKETS

Advance purchase for ALL screenings suggested

Online at <https://2024nhjff.eventive.org/welcome> Online at www.nhjewishfilmfestival.org

By phone at 603-627-7679, Jewish Federation office, Monday-Friday, 9 AM-3 PM



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Welcome to the 16th Annual 2024 New Hampshire Jewish Film Festival!

On behalf of the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire (JFNH), we are honored to welcome you to the 16th Annual New Hampshire Jewish Film Festival—presented this year as a multi-access experience, featuring both in-theater and virtual screenings of films from around the globe. We are exceedingly proud to present a premier lineup of 14 outstanding and diverse feature-length films that will excite, enlighten, and provoke you. From April 4 to April 14, films will be available for in-theater screenings, as well as some virtual streaming opportunities. Thereafter, a Bonus Week from April 14 through April 21 will allow our audience additional virtual streaming opportunities.

We extend our most heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all our Sponsors, Friends of the Festival, Festival Committee volunteers, the JFNH Board, Director Allyson Guertin, and the entire JFNH staff. Our Festival would not be possible without your continued support. This year's Festival is sponsored in part by the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts.

Join your New Hampshire Jewish community at the movies, and together, let us share the power of film.

See you at the movies!

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Opening Night Reception

Thursday, April 4, 2024 5:15 PM

Spotlight Room at the Palace

96 Hanover Street

Manchester, NH

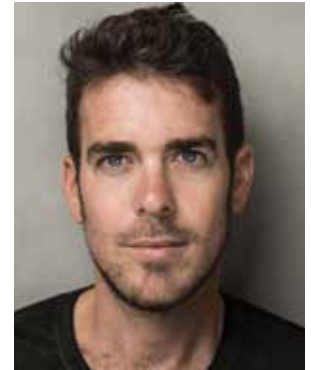


Join us at the Spotlight Room for our Opening Night Wine and Hors d'Oeuvres Reception to celebrate the start of our 16th Annual New Hampshire Jewish Film Festival followed by the screening of *Remembering Gene Wilder* at the Rex Theatre. (Separate tickets required for each event.)

Special Free Screening of *The Boy*

Join us for this special screening to honor the memories of those who lost their lives since October 7, 2023, and those who survived.

On Saturday, October 7, Hamas terrorists burst into filmmaker Yahav Winner's family bedroom in Kibbutz Kfar Aza in the south of Israel. Yahav tried with all his strength to block the terrorists, allowing his wife, Shaylee, and their one-month-old daughter, Shaya, to escape. Shortly afterward, Yahav was murdered in cold blood. Shaylee defended baby Shaya, with no food or water, for 27 hours until they were rescued.



Yahav Winner (above) and with his wife, Shaylee, and newborn daughter, Shaya (left).



Remembering Gene Wilder

Opening Night Film
NH Premiere

In-Theater Only:
Thursday, April 4, 7:00 PM
The Rex Theatre, Manchester, NH

Preceded by Opening Night Reception, Spotlight Room, Manchester, NH, 5:15 PM
Separate Tickets required for each event

Director: Ron Frank
Documentary, 2023, USA
90 minutes
English

Gene Wilder, the prolific actor and screenwriter, is known all over the world for his endearing roles in classic films such as *The Producers*, *Young Frankenstein*, *Blazing Saddles*, *Silver Streak*, *The Frisco Kid*, and *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory*. With rare, never-before-seen home videos and memorable scenes from our favorite Gene Wilder films, the documentary reveals intimate insights detailing his life and career. Guest appearances include Mel Brooks, Alan Alda, Carol Kane, and Harry Connick Jr.



The Boy

NH Premiere

In-Theater: Sunday, April 7,
6:30 PM, SNHU,
Mara Auditorium, Hookset, NH

Virtual Screening:
April 14–April 21, 2024

Director: Yahav Winner
Drama, 2023, Israel
25 minutes
Hebrew with English subtitles

In *The Boy*, Avinoam and Barak, father and son from a kibbutz near the Gaza strip, are each facing another round of combat in their own way. While Avinoam insists on continuing his routine and his work in the field, Barak finds it difficult to close his eyes and continue as usual. One night, Barak reaches a boiling point and Avinoam is forced to absorb the flames.

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999: The Forgotten Girls of the Holocaust

NH Premiere

Virtual Screening Only:
April 11–April 15, 2024

Director: Heather Dune Macadam
Documentary, 2023, USA
87 minutes
English
Warning: Contains material that may be disturbing. Viewer discretion is advised.



All About the Levkoviches

NH Premiere

In-Theater: Tuesday, April 9, 7:00 PM

Peterborough Community Theatre,
Peterborough, NH
and
3S Artspace, Portsmouth, NH

Virtual Screening:
April 14–April 21, 2024

Director: Ádám Breier
Drama, 2024, Hungary
85 minutes
Hungarian, Hebrew with English subtitles

This staggering film presents the previously untold story of 999 forgotten women of the Holocaust. In March 1942, nearly one thousand young Jewish women were deported in what was the first official Jewish transport to Auschwitz. Rather than focusing on the suffering and death experienced by most of the girls, Macadam tells the stories of a small group who survived against all odds, under unimaginable conditions that lasted more than three grueling years. This film of deep research and vivid detail ensures that these women will no longer be just a historical footnote.

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The generous but stubborn boxing coach, Tamás, gets along well with everyone but his own son. They have not spoken since the boy, Iván, moved to Israel and became religious, joining an Orthodox community. When Tamás's beloved wife dies unexpectedly, Tamas agrees to permit his son to sit shiva in his house as long as he brings his grandson, Ariel, with him. As past conflicts resurface, they embark on an unexpected journey of self-reflection and reconciliation.



Bella!

NH Premiere

In-Theater: Tuesday, April 9,
7:00 PM, SNHU, Mara Auditorium,
Hookset, NH

Virtual Screening:
April 14–April 21, 2024

Director: Jeff L. Lieberman
Documentary, 2023, USA
102 minutes
English



Call Me Dancer

NH Premiere

In-Theater: Thursday, April 11,
7:00 PM, Red River Theatres,
Concord, NH

Virtual Screening:
April 14–April 21, 2024

*Post Film Prerecorded Discussion with
director Leslie Shampaine and dance
instructor Yehuda Ma'or.*

Directors: Leslie Shampaine and Pip
Gilmour
Documentary, 2023, India, UK, Israel, USA
84 minutes
English, Hindi with English subtitles

In 1970, Bella Abzug entered Congress ready for a fight. With her trademark hat and Bronx swagger, the first elected feminist upended the Washington patriarchy, battling for women's equality, civil rights, and LGBTQ+ protections. She also became the target of a Washington establishment resistant to change. With her eyes set on breaking the boys' club of the U.S. Senate or becoming New York's first female mayor, Bella battled forces on both the right and the left, including the Nixon Administration, the CIA, the FBI, and even The New York Times. Using never-before-seen home movies, audio diaries, and rediscovered news footage, Bella! delves into a colorful and gritty era when one woman sacrificed her own political ambitions for future generations of female leadership.

When Manish, a hip hop dancer from Mumbai, meets 70-year-old Israeli-American Yehuda Ma'or, who is teaching ballet at a Mumbai dance school after losing his last teaching position, their lives are forever changed. In this story of hope, heartache, and hard work, Manish and Yehuda transform each other's lives, searching to uncover who and what they are.



Children of Nobody

NH Premiere

In-Theater: Sunday, April 7,
4:00 PM, SNHU, Mara Auditorium,
Hookset, NH

Wednesday, April 10, 7:00 PM
Nugget Theaters, Hanover, NH

Virtual Screening:
April 11–April 14, 2024

Director: Erez Tadmor
Feature, 2022, Israel
108 minutes
Hebrew with English subtitles
Warning: Contains adult language.

Living on the fringes of Israeli society, troubled boys must band together to save the shelter for at-risk youth that has kept them off the streets. For generations, altruistic surrogate mother Margalit provided loving refuge to victims of neglect and violence in a shabby house on Tel Aviv's outskirts. When tragedy strikes, it's up to right-hand man Jackie to keep the home from corrupt property developers and assuage a social worker's scrutiny. With tough love from "big brother" Jackie, the young men must now be accountable for their own lives and save their refuge from a dire fate. Inspired by a true story, this compassionate drama gives voice to those on the periphery, often unnoticed and uncared for.

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Home

NH Premiere

Virtual Screening Only:
April 4–April 21, 2024

Director: Benny Fredman
Feature, 2023, Israel
111 minutes
Hebrew, Yiddish with English subtitles

A young, 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 conflict enters his home and puts his marriage to the test, as he faces the reality of his own free will within a predetermined world.



Hotel Transylvania

PJ Library Free Event

In-Theater: Sunday, April 7,
3:00 PM

Jewish Federation of
New Hampshire, Bedford, NH

Director: Genndy Tartakovsky
Animated, 2012, USA
91 minutes
English
Rated PG

Dracula's plans to host a monsters-only celebration for his daughter Mavis's birthday are complicated when an ordinary human unwittingly checks into the luxurious Hotel Transylvania and falls for Drac's daughter. The all-star cast includes Adam Sandler, Selena Gomez, Andy Samberg, Kevin James, and Fran Drescher.

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Matchmaking

NH Premiere

In-Theater: Sunday, April 14, 3:30 PM
Red River Theatres, Concord, NH

Followed by Festival Wrap Party

Virtual Screening:
April 14–April 21, 2024

Director: Erez Tadmor
Romantic Comedy, 2022, Israel
98 minutes
Hebrew with English subtitles

Moti Bernstein is the son every mother wants, a student every rabbi loves to teach, the ideal Yeshiva study mate, the perfect match for every bride. He has it all: a good family, a brilliant mind, and he is not bad looking either. In search of a wife, he meets the best girls in the Jewish Orthodox world, but he falls for the one girl he can never have. Against everything he knows and every value he holds dear, Moti will be forced to go out on a limb in the most unexpected and unusual ways. All that remains is to see who will win: the system or the inner voice.



Rabbi on the Block

NH Premiere

Virtual Screening Only:
April 4–April 21, 2024

*Post-film live Zoom discussion with
Rabbi Tamar Manasseh and director
Brad Rothschild
Wednesday, April 10, 7:00 PM*

Director: Brad Rothschild
Documentary, 2023, USA
88 minutes
English

Tamar Manasseh, a charismatic rabbi and community activist from the south side of Chicago, wants African Americans and Jews to become closer allies. With one foot firmly in each of these communities, she is a natural bridge to help overcome decades of fear, misunderstanding, and lack of communication. This film shows how Manasseh brings together Jews of all colors and builds bridges to establish a revitalized alliance of African Americans and Jews while creating a new style of activist Judaism that takes religion out of the synagogue and into the streets.

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The Monkey House

NH Premiere

In-Theater: Sunday, April 14,
1:00 PM
Red River Theatres, Concord, NH

Virtual Screening:
April 14–April 21, 2024

Director: Avi Nesher
Drama, 2023, Israel
128 minutes
Hebrew, Italian with English subtitles

Amir Haddad, a Palestinian filmmaker, stumbles upon a complex scam concocted by Amitai Kariv, a left-wing Israeli novelist, and Margo Mai, a fast-talking young woman who is writing Kariv's biography. Haddad considers this encounter fodder for a docu-thriller rife with passion and deceit. But Kariv, not a nemesis to be taken lightly, takes exception to Haddad's investigation, and Margo Mai seems to be playing both sides. When narratives collide, truth is an immediate victim.



The Story of Annette Zelman

NH Premiere

Virtual Screening Only:
April 4–April 21, 2024

Director: Philippe Le Guay
Drama, 2023, France
93 minutes
French with English subtitles

This engaging and handsomely produced drama brings to light the tragic love story of Annette Zelman and Jean Jausion, whose affair in Nazi-occupied Paris was denounced to the Gestapo. While students at a French art school, Annette and Jean met and fell in love, and fate seemed to be smiling on them. But Jean's father could not tolerate the idea of their romance and, unbeknownst to Jean, reported Annette's Jewish identity to the Gestapo. After she was arrested and deported to Auschwitz, Jean was driven to despair by her disappearance and his father's responsibility for it. A quintessential statement on love and romance in wartime, this riveting drama is based on actual events recounted in the book *Dénoncer les Juifs sous l'Occupation (Informing on Jews during the Occupation)* by Laurent Joly.



The Way to Happiness

NH Premiere

In-Theater: Sunday, April 7,
10:00 AM
Nugget Theaters, Hanover, NH

Virtual Screening:
April 14–April 21, 2024

Director: Nicolas Steil
Drama/Comedy, 2023, Belgium, France,
Luxembourg
115 minutes
Yiddish, German, French with
English subtitles

Saül Birnbaum is an aspiring film producer who owns a popular cinema-themed deli in 1986 Brussels. While helping a young Chilean refugee to write and direct the story of his childhood, Saül unexpectedly falls in love and is forced to confront his past as a "hidden child" who escaped the Holocaust, traveling from Vienna to Brussels with the Kindertransport at age 6.

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- Online at www.nhjewishfilmfestival.org

• By phone at 603-627-7679, Jewish Federation office, Monday–Friday, 9 AM–3 PM

*Additional tickets for in-theater screenings may be available at the door prior to the show.

**Tickets for virtual screenings are per household

FILM PASSES

ALL ACCESS

20-Ticket Package

(includes 20 tickets to be used for any in-theater or virtual film screenings)

\$200 (\$240 Value)

April 4 – April 14, Bonus Week: April 14 – April 21

ALL ACCESS

10-Ticket Package

(includes 10 tickets for any in-theater or virtual film screenings)

\$100 (\$120 Value)

April 4 – April 14, Bonus Week: April 14 – April 21

ALL ACCESS

4-Ticket Package

(includes 4 tickets for any in-theater or virtual film screenings)

\$44 (\$48 Value)

April 4 – April 14, Bonus Week: April 14 – April 21

VIRTUAL-ONLY PASS

8-Ticket Package

(includes 8 tickets for any virtual film screenings)

\$90 (\$96 Value)

April 4 – April 14, Bonus Week: April 14 – April 21

INDIVIDUAL TICKETS

\$12 per In-theater ticket (per person), April 4 - April 14

\$12 per virtual ticket (per household), April 4 - April 14 and April 14 - April 21

\$18 Opening Night Reception

GROUP RATES

Contact us via email at filmfest@jewishnh.org for groups of more than 10 people.

ACCESSIBILITY

All programs are handicap-accessible.

PARKING

Parking is available in public lots at all in-theater venues.

PHOTOGRAPHY & RECORDING

By attending an in-theater screening, you consent to be photographed, filmed, and/or otherwise recorded, and that we may use such recordings for any lawful purposes, including without limitation in our marketing materials.

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319 Vaughan St., Portsmouth, NH 03801, 603-766-3330, www.3sarts.org

Jewish Federation of New Hampshire

273 South River Rd. #5, Bedford, NH 03110, 603-627-7679, www.jewishnh.org

Nugget Theaters

57 S Main St., Hanover, NH 03755, 603-643-2769, www.nugget-theaters.com/

Peterborough Community Theatre

6 School St., Peterborough, NH 03458, 603-924-2255
www.pctmovies.com/

Red River Theatres

11 S. Main St., Concord, NH 03301, 603-224-4600
www.redrivertheatres.org

The Rex Theatre

23 Amherst St., Manchester, NH 03101, 603-668-5588
www.palacetheatre.org/rex-theatre

Spotlight Room at the Palace

96 Hanover St., Manchester NH 03101, 603 668-5588
<https://palacetheatre.org/venues/the-spotlight-room/>

Southern New Hampshire University

Webster Hall: Mara Auditorium - Rm 110, 2546 North River Rd., Hooksett, NH 03106
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In-Theater Events

Thursday, April 4, 5:15 PM
Opening Night Gala Reception
Spotlight Room at the Palace,
Manchester, NH

Thursday, April 4, 7:00 PM
Remembering Gene Wilder
Opening Night
The Rex Theatre, Manchester, NH

Sunday, April 7, 10:00 AM
The Way to Happiness
Nugget Theaters, Hanover, NH

Sunday, April 7, 3:00 PM
PJ Library Free Event
Hotel Transylvania
Jewish Federation of New Hampshire
Bedford, NH

Sunday, April 7, 4:00 PM
Children of Nobody
SNHU Mara Auditorium, Hookset, NH

Sunday, April 7, 6:30 PM
Special Free Event: The Boy
SNHU Mara Auditorium, Hookset, NH

Tuesday, April 9, 7:00 PM
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Peterborough, NH
and
3S Artspace, Portsmouth, NH

Tuesday, April 9, 7:00 PM
Bella!
SNHU Mara Auditorium, Hookset, NH

Wednesday, April 10, 7:00 PM
Children of Nobody
Nugget Theaters, Hanover, NH

Thursday, April 11, 7:00 PM
Call Me Dancer
Red River Theatres, Concord, NH

Sunday, April 14, 1:00 PM
The Monkey House
Red River Theatres, Concord NH

Sunday, April 14, 3:30 PM
Matchmaking
Red River Theatres, Concord NH

Sunday, April 14, 5:30 PM
Wrap Party
Red River Theatres, Concord NH

Virtual Screenings

April 4 – April 21

The following films will be available for 18 days, except 999 (see below).

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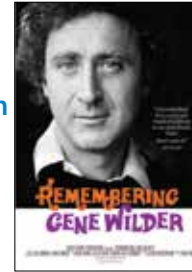
(only available April 11 – April 14)

Home

Rabbi on the Block

The Story of Annette Zelman

After film is unlocked you have 48 hours to screen.



Virtual Post-Film Discussions
Wednesday, April 10, 7:00 PM

Rabbi on the Block
Live Zoom discussion with Rabbi Tamar Manasseh and director Brad Rothschild



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