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Welcome to the 2026 New Hampshire Jewish Film Festival!

On behalf of the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire (JFNH), we are thrilled to welcome you to the 18th Annual New Hampshire Jewish Film Festival. This year, we are excited to present a multi-access experience, featuring both in-theater and virtual screenings of exceptional films from around the world. From March 15 to March 29, enjoy a curated selection of outstanding films that promise to entertain, enlighten, and provoke thought. As this is the festival's "Chai" year, many of our films reflect the full spectrum of the human experience of life, capturing stories of joy, struggle, love, and loss. Through different genres, cultures, and perspectives, these films highlight everyday moments as well as extraordinary events. Together, they create a shared space where audiences can see both their own lives and the lives of others represented on screen.

We extend our deepest gratitude to our Sponsors, Friends of the Festival, dedicated Volunteers, the JFNH Board, Executive Director Erik Martin, and the entire JFNH staff. Your ongoing support makes this event possible.

Join the New Hampshire Jewish community in celebrating the power of film, as we come together to enjoy a memorable lineup of films from around the globe.

See you at the movies!

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In-Theater:

Sunday, March 15, 7 PM
The Rex Theatre, Manchester, NH

Director: Oren Rudavsky
Documentary, 2024, USA
87 minutes
English

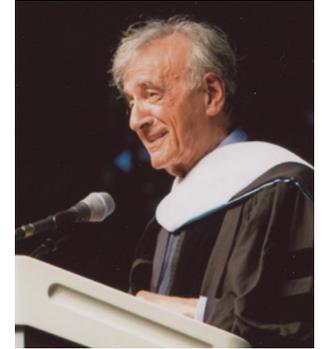
Opening Reception - Sunday, March 15, 5 PM

Join us at the Singer Center for the Arts for our Opening Reception to celebrate the start of our 18th Annual New Hampshire Jewish Film Festival, followed by the screening of *Eli Wiesel: Soul on Fire*, at The Rex Theatre (separate ticket required).

Opening Film

Elie Wiesel: Soul on Fire Sunday, March 15, 7 PM

Eighty years after his liberation from Buchenwald, we seek to understand the man behind Elie Wiesel's searing and widely read memoir "Night." Told largely through his own words and voice, this film seeks to penetrate to the heart of the known and unknown Elie Wiesel (1928-2016): his passions, his conflicts and his legacy as one of the most public survivors of the Holocaust. Using unique access to personal archives, original interviews and hand-painted animation, the film illuminates Wiesel's biography as a survivor, writer, teacher and public figure.



Rosenthal

New England Premiere

Virtual Screening:

March 15–March 29

Director: Oliver Haffner
Drama, 2025, Germany
92 minutes
German w/English subtitles

Germany, 1978. Hans Rosenthal is the country's most popular TV presenter, but few people know that he is Jewish and a Holocaust survivor. The 75th edition of his beloved live game show is about to be broadcast, but the celebratory mood is dampened by the air date: November 9. Exactly 40 years after the Nazi pogrom against the Jewish population, Hans is expected to entertain and distract an audience of millions with his harmless TV show, rather than attend the first official German memorial for the victims. Hans finds himself in a dilemma: Has the Jewish showman become a henchman of repression? Or will he find the strength to address his family trauma? Based on a true story.



The Sea

New England Premiere

Virtual Screening:

March 15–March 29

Director: Shai Carmeli Pollak
Drama, 2025, Israel
93 minutes
Arabic and Hebrew w/English subtitles

Khaled, a Palestinian boy, embarks on a dangerous journey to the sea for the first time in his life, despite Israeli authorities who deny his entry. His father, an undocumented laborer working in Israel, is trying to trace his whereabouts, risking arrest and job loss.

Official Israeli entry for 2026 Academy Awards, Winner of 5 Ophir Awards including Best Picture.



The Father, the Son and the Rav Kalmenson (Short)
New England Premiere

Virtual Screening:
March 15–March 29

Every Saturday, Yoel, a 30-year-old Orthodox Jew, goes to honor Shabbat with his 6-year-old son in his synagogue, a primary school set up for the occasion. On that day, the rabbi of the community, Rav Kalmenson, shocks Yoel by announcing that his son is exhibiting signs of enlightenment.

Director: Dayan D. Oualid
Comedy, 2023, France
15 minutes
French w/English subtitles



I'm Alright (Short)
New England Premiere

Virtual Screening:
March 15–March 29

A professional dancer falls from grace, losing both her solo debut and her boyfriend on the same day. A chance encounter with the grim reality outside the rehearsal studio gives her a fresh perspective and teaches her how to let go. Conceived and filmed during the October 7th war, *I'm Alright* reflects the tension between art and survival—onscreen and behind the scenes.

Director: Roiy Nitzan
Short Feature, 2025, Israel
12 minutes
Hebrew w/English subtitles



No Harm Done (Short)
New England Premiere

Virtual Screening:
March 15–March 29

A week after giving birth, Mila and her partner Joaquim prepare for a fateful moment: their son's circumcision. Although she had never questioned the practice, the arrival of her baby and the imminence of the ceremony shatter Mila's certainties.

Director: Sarah Stern
Comedy, 2023, France
18 minutes
French w/English subtitles



Tattooed4Life (Short)
New England Premiere

Virtual Screening:
March 15–March 29

Liraz, a survivor of the NOVA Music Festival massacre in Israel, wields her tattoo needle as a weapon against pain. Each inked line becomes a thread of healing, stitching together the wounds left by that fateful October 7th. Through her art, she finds solace and helps others find theirs.

Director: Kineret Hay-Gillor
Documentary, 2024, Israel
30 minutes
Hebrew w/English subtitles



The Road Between Us
NH Premiere

In-Theater:
Thursday, March 19, 7 PM
Chunky's Cinema Pub,
Manchester, NH
Sunday, March 22, 1 PM
The Showroom, Keene, NH

Director: Barry Avrich
Documentary, 2025, Canada
95 minutes
English

On Oct. 7, 2023, retired Israeli general Noam Tibon received a desperate text from his son: Terrorists had stormed his home, and he, his wife, and their two young daughters feared for their lives. With no time to spare, Noam and his wife, Gali, embarked on a 10-hour mission across a country under siege to save their family. This is both a gripping cinematic retelling of an extraordinary rescue and an unflinching look at the failures and resilience revealed on October 7. At its core, it is a profoundly human story about courage, family, and the power of love in the face of unimaginable terror.

Arrive at Chunky's Cinema at 6:15 PM and order dinner—delivered right to your seat before the film begins.

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The Other
NH Premiere

In-Theater:
Sunday, March 22, 10 AM
Nugget Theaters, Hanover, NH

Virtual Screening:
March 23–March 29

Director: Joy Sela
Documentary, 2024, USA, Israel, Palestine
104 minutes
English, Hebrew, Arabic w/English subtitles

A documentary, filmed between 2017 and 2024, explores the complex relationship of shared humanity, culture, and connection between Israelis and Palestinians, and the transformative journey that follows when they are faced with meeting "the other" amid the reality of conflict and occupation. The film provides an extraordinary example of what we are all capable of as humans.



Among Neighbors

NH Premiere

In-Theater:

Sunday, March 22, 1 PM
Novocure, Portsmouth, NH

Virtual Screening:

March 23–March 29

Director: Yoav Potash
Documentary, 2025, USA, Poland
100 minutes
English and Polish w/English subtitles

Combining magical realism and evocative hand-drawn animation, this film focuses on one of the last living Holocaust survivors from a small Polish town, where Jews and Polish Catholics lived side by side for centuries, and an aging eyewitness who saw Jews murdered there – not by Nazis, but by their Polish neighbors. Their heart-felt accounts lay bare how ordinary Poles made life and death choices about their Jewish neighbors, demonstrating the best and worst of human nature.

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Soul of a Nation

NH Premiere

In-Theater:

Sunday, March 22, 3:30 PM
Novocure, Portsmouth, NH

Virtual Screening:

March 23–March 29

Director: Jonathan Jakubowicz
Documentary, 2025, Israel, USA
107 minutes
English

An unfiltered look at Israel's most perilous chapter in recent history, a period defined by internal divisions and political extremism. Drawing on insights from Nobel laureates, Muslim leaders, peace activists, and other prominent figures, the film dismantles preconceived notions about one of the world's most scrutinized countries.

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Ethan Bloom

New England Premiere

In-Theater:

Tuesday, March 24, 7 PM
O'Neil Cinemas Londonderry,
Londonderry, NH

Director: Herschel Faber
Comedy, 2025, USA
95 minutes
English

After losing his mother, 13-year-old Ethan finds solace in the Catholic church—a refuge that feels like home, even though he was born into a Jewish family. When his father insists on a bar mitzvah and Ethan's secret unravels at his girlfriend's confirmation party, Ethan must confront the lies he's told and the grief he's been running from. Through the wisdom of an unconventional rabbi, the love of his complicated family, and his first romance, Ethan discovers that faith isn't about choosing sides—it's about honoring all the messy, beautiful pieces of who we are.

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Once Upon My Mother

New England Premiere

In-Theater:

Wednesday, March 25, 7 PM
Nugget Theaters, Hanover, NH

Virtual Screening:

March 23–March 29

Director: Ken Scott
Drama, 2025, France
102 minutes
French w/English subtitles

In 1963, Esther gives birth to Roland, the youngest in a large family. Roland's club foot prevents him from standing, but against everyone's advice, Esther promises her son that he will walk like everyone else and will have an extraordinary life. From then on, Esther stops at nothing to keep that promise. Spanning decades of trials and life's miracles, this film tells a true story, funny and moving, about an incredible destiny, built on a mother's love for her child.



The Stronghold

NH Premiere

In-Theater:

Thursday, March 26, 7 PM
Red River Theatres, Concord, NH

Director: Lior Chefetz
Drama, 2024, Israel
113 minutes
Hebrew w/English subtitles

Yom Kippur War, 1973. In a remote outpost in the Sinai desert, a company of Israeli soldiers are overwhelmed by a sudden Egyptian onslaught. After a week of ceaseless assaults, the survivors face imminent doom. With lives hanging by a thread, a young lieutenant and an army doctor confront a soul-shattering choice: a desperate last stand or a perilous gamble that could betray everything they stand for. Starring Michael Aloni ("Shtisel"), Daniel Gad ("The New Black"), and Uri Blufarb ("Pink Lady"), this riveting story of grace under fire will keep you on the edge of your seat.

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Hidden: The Kati Preston Story

In-Theatre:

Sunday, March 29, 1 PM
Red River Theatres, Concord NH

Special Guest NH Resident Kati Preston for Post-Film Discussion

Director: Daniel Matmor
Docudrama, 2025, Israel, Canada
75 minutes
English, Hungarian and Hebrew
w/English subtitles

Kati Preston recounts the shattering of her childhood during the 1944 Hungarian Holocaust and the brutal Stalinist years that followed. This is also an intimate family story—a poignant look at the bond between mother and daughter under the unimaginable strain of war. As a five-year-old, Kati hides in a barn as a courageous peasant woman risks everything to protect her. Her story exposes how a society, paralyzed by fear, poisoned by hatred, and complicit in silence, can descend into tyranny—a chilling reflection of the threats we face today.

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13: The Musical

Special FREE PJ Our Way Event

In-Theater:

Sunday, March 29, 1:30 PM
Red River Theatres, Concord NH

Director: Tamara Davis
Musical, 2022, USA
91 minutes
English

After his parents' divorce, Evan Goldman moves from NYC to small-town Indiana with his mother (Debra Messing). As his 13th birthday nears, he must master the complex social circles of his new school and win friends by turning his Bar Mitzvah into the coolest party ever. Based on the hit Broadway musical, this is a coming-of-age journey through the unforgettable ups and downs of preteen life.

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The Ring

NH Premiere

In-Theater:

Sunday, March 29, 3:30 PM
Red River Theatres, Concord NH

Directors: Adir Miller, Doron and Yoav Paz
Dramedy, 2024, Israel
122 minutes
Hebrew w/English subtitles

Closing Film, Followed by Wrap Party at 5:30 PM

Annon Noble is a religious man with a strong bond to his mother, a Holocaust survivor who has lectured for years about how she saved the lives of her baby boy and herself with the help of a thin gold ring. When his mother's health deteriorates, Annon travels to her old hometown, Budapest, to search for the mythological ring that saved her life in the past, enlisting the help of his estranged daughter, a TV researcher. Will the search for the ring be successful? Will the ring save his mother's life again, and will the same ring also save Annon's relationship with his own daughter?

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Advance purchase for ALL screenings suggested:

• Online at www.nhjewishfilmfestival.com

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

**Tickets for virtual screenings are per household.

TICKET PACKAGES

ALL ACCESS - 20-Ticket Package

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

\$240 (\$280 Value)

March 15 - March 29

ALL ACCESS - 10-Ticket Package

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

\$120 (\$140 Value)

March 15 – March 29

ALL ACCESS - 4-Ticket Package

(Includes 4 tickets for any in-theater or virtual film screenings.

Excludes Opening Reception.)

\$44 (\$48 Value)

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VIRTUAL-ONLY PASS

6-Ticket Package

(includes 6 tickets for any virtual film screenings)

\$90 (\$96 Value)

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INDIVIDUAL TICKETS

\$14 per In-theater ticket (per person), March 15 – March 29

\$14 per virtual ticket (per household), March 15 – March 29

\$18 Opening Reception

\$18 Closing Film and Wrap Party

GROUP RATES

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

ACCESSIBILITY

All venues are handicap-accessible.

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

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www.chunkys.com/movie-theater/chunkys-manchester

Novocure

180 Hanover St., Portsmouth, NH 03801

(603) 436-2809

www.novocure.com

Nugget Theaters

57 S. Main St., Hanover, NH 03755

603-643-2769

www.nugget-theaters.com

O'Neil Cinemas Londonderry

16 Orchard View Dr., Londonderry,

NH 03053

877-666-8437

<https://londonderry.oneilcinemas.com/home>

Red River Theatres

11 S. Main St., Concord, NH 03301

603-224-4600

www.redrivertheatres.org

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23 Amherst St., Manchester, NH 03101

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www.palacetheatre.org/rex-theatre

Showroom

20 Commercial St., Keene, NH 03431

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77 Amherst St., Manchester NH 03101

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2026 FESTIVAL AT A GLANCE

In-Theater Events

Sunday, March 15, 5 PM

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Singer Center for the Arts, Manchester, NH

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Red River Theatres, Concord NH

Sunday, March 29, 5:30 PM

Festival Wrap Party

Red River Theatres, Concord NH

VIRTUAL SCREENINGS

Virtual Screenings

Sunday, March 15 – Sunday, March 29

The following films will be available for 15 days:

Rosenthal

The Sea

Shorts Program

• I'm Alright

• The Father, The Son and The

Rav Kalmenson

• No Harm Done

• Tattooed4Life

After the virtual films are unlocked, you have 48 hours to screen.

