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*presents*

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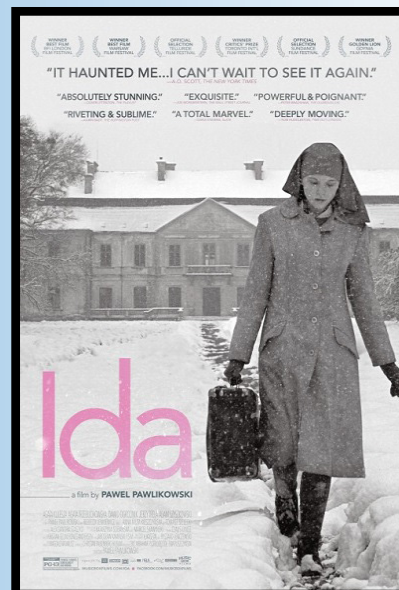


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## A PANEL DISCUSSION OF THE FILM **IDA**

*Ida*, receiving a 2015 Academy Award for the best foreign language film, is directed by Polish born British filmmaker, Pawel Pawlikowski. Set in 1962 Communist Poland, it follows a young girl who is about to take her vows as a Catholic nun. Orphaned as an infant during the German occupation, she meets her only surviving relative, a smoking, drinking, well-connected Party insider, a local judge, and here Ida learns her story.



The film explores the death of an old era in Europe and the beginning of a new one yet avoids being an ideological tract.

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## A PANEL DISCUSSION OF **LEONA**

Based on actual events, this film takes place in a Jewish community in Mexico City. A young Mizrahi woman, a bit of a cultural rebel who paints original wall murals and whose people arrived in Mexico in the early 20th century from Syria, escaping persecution, racism, and civil war. Leona struggles to come into her own as she is torn between her family and a non-Jewish man, and risks leaving behind her Jewish religion and traditions.



This is a personal journey of self-discovery in which Leona makes her own mistakes, discovers her own truths, and transitions into the woman she is meant to be.

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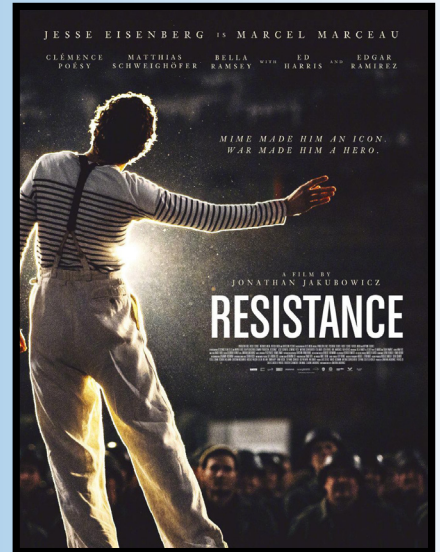


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## A SOCIAL JUSTICE PANEL DISCUSSION OF **RESISTANCE**

A 2019 biographical drama, written and directed by Jonathan Jakubowicz, a Venezuelan filmmaker of Polish-Jewish descent. Inspired by the life of Marcel Marceau, originally Marcel Mangel, an aspiring Jewish actor, the 20th century's only universally beloved mime, who began working in the French Resistance as a young teen and helped save the lives of thousands of children orphaned at the hands of the Nazis.



Sunday  
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## **FABRIC MEMOIRS**

Gifted artist Susan Rivers invites you to capture memories and tell your story in a hands-on workshop.

Learn techniques for printing photographs on fabric and re-purposing clothing for inclusion in fiber art pieces.



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## SONGS OF LIGHT AND HOPE: A CHANUKAH CONCERT & SING-ALONG

Join us as we celebrate the Festival of Lights with an uplifting and joyous evening of song. Rabbi Jonathan Kligler will lead us on guitar, joined by Rabbi Zoe Zak on accordion and keyboard, and Robert Bard on stand-up bass.

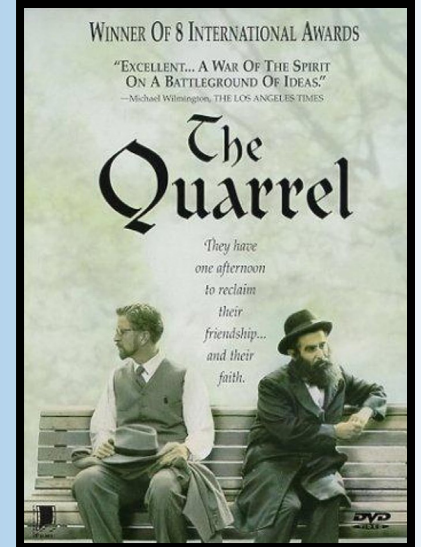


We will begin with a beautiful and melodic Havdalah ceremony, a celebration of the senses that marks the end of the Sabbath. We will then light the Chanukah candles and enjoy Chanukah melodies from around the world, along with other inspiring songs both in Hebrew and in English.

Tuesday  
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### A PANEL DISCUSSION OF **THE QUARREL**

A film taking place in Montreal 1948, where a chance reunion of two Holocaust survivors, one a deeply religious man, the other a skeptical journalist who has turned his back on God, leads to a searing examination of good and evil. One reveals that he lost his wife and sons, the other divulges he too lost his relatives in warfare and is the only surviving member.



The tremendous agony they have suffered has left a rage fuming within both of them and manifests itself in their harsh words. The film takes an intimate view of friendship to attempt to understand what links two individuals.

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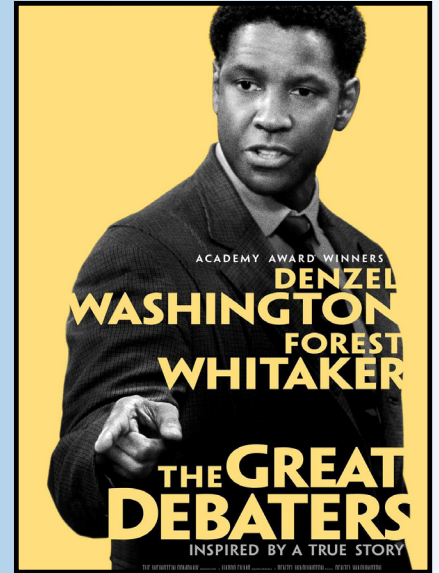
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A SOCIAL JUSTICE PANEL DISCUSSION  
**THE GREAT DEBATERS**

Inspired by a true story of a radical debate coach from Wiley College, Texas, in Jim Crow South of the 1930's, and a taskmaster, used words to transform a group of underdog African American college students into an historical powerhouse to take on the Harvard elite. The movie is mainly about how its members, its coach, its school and community believe that an education is their best way out of the morass of racism and discrimination.



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**THE BRAID:  
I LOVED JEW, I LOVED  
JEW NOT**

Gripping personal stories of philosemitism and antisemitism, and everything in between.

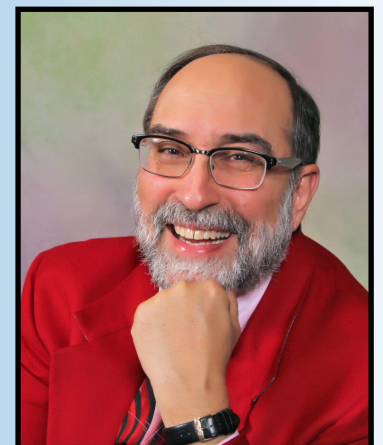


\**The Braid*, formerly Jewish Women's Theater, is a Jewish story company creating, curating, producing and preserving stories grounded in Jewish culture and experience.

Fri-Sun  
Feb  
9-11

**JEWISH VIEWS  
ON END OF LIFE**

Dr. Simcha Raphael presents wisdom for encountering the reality of death, loss, and afterlife; mourning with integrity and peacefulness while enmeshed with complex family dynamics.



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(other locations TBD)

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FALSTAFF  
BUILDING,  
SKIDMORE  
COLLEGE  
815 N Broadway,  
Saratoga Springs

Thursday  
**Mar**  
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10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MATTHEW M. NEUGROSCHEL

## JEWISH STORYTELLING PROGRAM

*Named in memory of Matthew M. Neugroschel,  
a most creative and remarkable storyteller,  
whose life was cut short in 2020.*

***Presented Hybrid: Featuring a talented group of  
regional storytellers emceed by Beth Sabo Novik***



Storytelling is not just a reading or recitation of a story. It is an enthusiastic interpretation of a tale so that the listeners are transported through time and to places they have never been. So many are of the opinion that storytelling is for children. But stories of centuries past tell us something different. In fact, almost every culture has storytelling in it from long ago.

It was the way, long before books were available, that custom, culture, and morality passed from one generation to the next. Listening to stories connects us to the vast possibilities that life can hold. The love for storytelling is what storytellers have in common and they come to SJCA to share their passion with you.

## THE BRAID: YEARNING TO BREATHE FREE



Experience the untold drama of leaving one's country and settling in a new one in these amusing and profound true stories.

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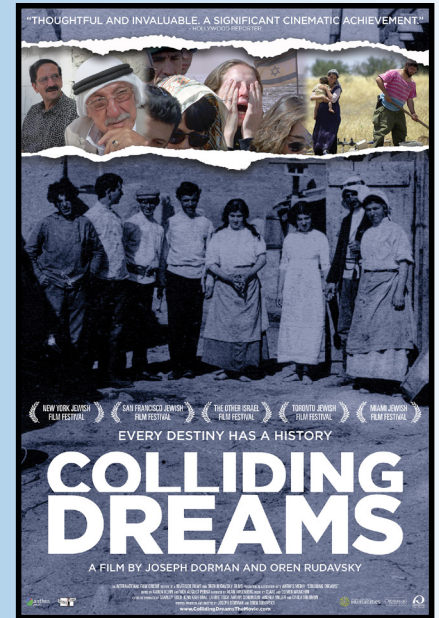


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*A PANEL DISCUSSION OF*  
**COLLIDING DREAMS**

A feature length documentary of sensitivity and depth. The film begins by underlining how crazy the dream of a homeland for the world's dispersed Jews was when it began in the 19th century. To be a Zionist it is not necessary "to be mad," Chaim Weismann, Israel's first president, memorably said. "But it helps." This is a searching and dramatic exploration of the dream of a Jewish state and its impact on both Jews and Arabs over one hundred and fifty years of history.



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*A PANEL DISCUSSION OF*  
**FOUR SEASONS LODGE**

Holocaust survivors gather each summer at an idyllic hideaway in the Catskills where they savor tightly bonded friendships, find new love, and celebrate their survival. Several believe they survived through God's help or because they were poor and knew better than the rich how to endure; others are convinced that dumb luck saved them. What can Holocaust survival possibly mean but the awesome spectacle of life triumphing over? This film grew out of a series of articles by Andrew Jacobs, a reporter for The New York Times and a novice director.



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## THE BRAID: WHAT DO I DO WITH ALL THIS HERITAGE?



A whimsical and thought-provoking journey into the lives of Asian Jews as they reveal their true stories of struggle and triumph holding two age-old traditions in their heart.

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Registration is required for events by email:  
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