JCC Mizel Arts and Culture Center Hosts 23 Events This Fall Bringing Renowned Jewish Talent in Arts, Authors, Movies and Music to Denver

Headliners include Emmy-winning comic, actress and producer Judy Gold; award-winning MSNBC journalist Ari Melber; a’cappella group The Maccabeats; and more

DENVER, Colo., September 10, 2019 – The JCC Mizel Arts and Culture Center is hosting 23 events this fall focused on Jewish arts, authors, movies and music, bringing nationally and globally recognized and acclaimed Jewish comics, authors, artists, musicians, actors and producers to Denver. The events are being hosted as part of the 12th annual Neustadt JAAMM Festival.

“Through our Jewish Arts, Authors, Movies and Music Festival, we bring a taste of national and global Jewish culture to Denver as one of the most comprehensive Jewish cultural arts festival in Colorado,” said Amy Weiner Weiss, JAAMM Festival Director at the JCC Mizel Arts and Culture Center. “We are proud to present a lineup that is diverse, innovative, forward thinking, immensely entertaining – and most significantly—intersects at the forefront of culture and community.”

“Through our support of the JAAMM Festival, we are continuing the legacy of literature and culture that that means so much to the Neustadt Family,” said Kathy Neustadt, whose Piñon Trail Foundation is the title sponsor of the festival. “Last year alone we sold more than 2,000 tickets to JAAMM events. We can’t wait to share with the greater Denver community all that the JAAMM festival has to offer this year.”

The festival kicks off on Friday, September 13 at 8 p.m. with a production of Dancing With Giants with Theatre Or, featuring Emmy and Tony nominated actress Tovah Feldshuh.

Headline events include:

- **Thursday, October 24, 7:30 pm:** Ben Sidran
  - In concert and conversation: Multimedia career retrospective of the legendary jazz and rock composer/author/producer/pianist; in partnership with Dazzle Jazz Club and the MAS Eclectic Concert Series. Ben Sidran has
played with or produced artists including Steve Miller, Diana Ross, Boz Scaggs, Van Morrison and other notable musicians.

- **Saturday, October 26, 7:30 pm:** **Judy Gold**
  - Stand-up comedy show from the Emmy-winning writer/producer, prolific television guest star, GLBT activist, and off-Broadway actor.

- **Sunday, November 3, 6:30 pm:** **Yemen Blues**
  - High-energy world music combining Yemenite Israeli Judeo-Arabic melodies with Afro-funk; considered by Time Out Chicago to be “one of the most exciting bands in world music right now”

- **Monday, November 4, 6:30 pm:** **Unorthodox podcast recording**
  - Live recording of Tablet Magazine's weekly podcast, a smart, fresh, fun take on Jewish news and culture, which has nearly 4 million downloads and is the #1 Jewish-interest podcast on iTunes

- **Saturday, November 9, 7:30 pm:** **Taali**
  - Taali is a producer, songwriter, and singer debuting a fresh and relevant sound: Jewish Contemporary Pop, a unique combination of Los Angeles pop sounds, Judaic harmony, and New York songwriter sensibility.

- **Sunday, November 10, 4:00 pm:** **The Maccabeats**
  - Orthodox Jewish all-male a cappella group with more than 20 million views on YouTube, numerous TV appearances, and proven success with four albums

- **Sunday, November 17, 6:30 pm:** **Ari Melber**
  - Lecture about contemporary news and media in today’s political climate with Emmy Award-winning journalist, writer and attorney; the host of MSNBC’s “The Beat with Ari Melber”

To view the full festival lineup, download the [JAAMM app](https://jccdenver.org/jaamm) or visit jccdenver.org/jaamm.

To purchase tickets and for more information, visit [jccdenver.org/jaamm](http://jccdenver.org/jaamm). Tickets can also be purchased by calling the box office at (303) 316-6360 or visiting the box office Monday through Friday from 1–5 p.m., or one hour before all events, at the JCC Mizel Arts and Culture Center at 350 S. Dahlia St. Denver, CO 80246.

### ABOUT JCC MIZEL ARTS AND CULTURE CENTER
As one of the Rocky Mountain region’s premier arts organizations, the [JCC Mizel Arts and Culture Center](http://maccjcc.org) illuminates the human experience through creative and cultural programs in the performing, visual, cinematic and literary arts for the Jewish community and the Denver community at-large. The Mizel Arts and Culture Center is a Tier II member of the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District (SCFD) and is guided by a mission that is focused specifically on arts and cultural programs. A variety of programs are offered throughout the year including Denver Jewish Film Festival, JAAMM Fest (Jewish Arts, Authors, Movies and Music Fest), Denver Children’s Theatre, Wolf Theatre Academy, Art Academy and adult art classes. The JCC Mizel Arts and Culture Center is located at 350 S. Dahlia Street in Denver. For more information, visit [www.maccjcc.org](http://www.maccjcc.org) or call 303-316-6360.

### ABOUT STAENBERG-LOUP JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER
The [Staenberg – Loup Jewish Community Center](http://www.jccdenver.org) (JCC Denver) serves the metro-Denver area through educational, social, cultural, fitness, sports and other programs that are rooted in Jewish values. The JCC Denver's mission is to create a vibrant and inclusive family and social gathering place, guided by these timeless Jewish values. The JCC Denver's four
program areas focus on connection, community and well-being and include: a robust fitness, sports, tennis and aquatic center; Early Childhood Engagement, including an Early Learning School and a variety of programs for families; the Mizel Arts and Culture Center which offers Denver Children’s Theatre, Jewish Arts, Authors, Movies & Music Festival (JAAMM Fest), Denver Jewish Film Festival, Wolf Summer Theater Academy, Art Academy and adult art classes; summer camps including Ranch Camp and Camp Shai; intergenerational and older adult programming like the Grandparent Connect Group and Jewish Aging Mastery Program (JAMP). The JCC Denver is located at 350 S. Dahlia Street in Denver. For more information, visit www.jccdenver.org, like us on Facebook and Instagram @jccdenver or call (303) 399-2660.

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