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**25th Annual Denver Jewish Film Festival On Demand Held Virtually
February 8-17, 2021**

Festival includes broad range of film topics, films by 15 female filmmakers and more than a dozen filmmaker Q&As

DENVER, Colo., January 12, 2021 – The 25th Annual [JCC Mizel Arts and Culture Center's Denver Jewish Film Festival](#) powered by The Chotin Foundation will be held entirely virtually and “on demand” from February 8-17, 2021. The Festival includes 21 feature films and 10 shorts showcasing Israeli and Jewish cinema from 14 countries. Films cover a variety of topics and many will also include Q&A sessions with filmmakers as bonus content. Nearly half of the Festival line-up includes films by female filmmakers.

“In a year like no other, we are excited to present a lineup of films that are as high-quality and entertaining as ever that, as always, appeal to a broad range of audiences,” said Amy Weiner Weiss, Denver Jewish Film Festival Director. “The films we selected for the Festival this year embrace several topical themes including social justice, culinary films and documentaries, films that highlight queer narratives, films about Israel, and more. We are thrilled that nearly half of the films are by female filmmakers.” Some of the featured films based on these themes include:

- **Support women in filmmaking** by viewing films by female filmmakers including *Call to Spy*, *All Her Dying Lovers*, *Asia*, *Breaking Bread*, *Broken Bird*, *Black Hat*, *The Euphoria of Being*, *Honeymoon*, *Mum's Hairpins*, *Next Generation*, *Pop 30*, *Shared Legacies*, *Shiva Baby*, *The Rabbi Goes West* and *'Til Kingdom Come*.
- **Viewers can eat their way through culinary films** like family-friendly drama *Abe*, the mouthwatering documentary *Breaking Bread*, and the hilarious *Chewdaism: A Taste of Jewish Montreal* featuring YidLife Crisis.
- **Become inspired by powerful stories of social justice**, seen in documentaries *Shared Legacies: The African-American Jewish Civil Rights Alliance*, *Healing from Hate: Battle for the Soul of a Nation* and *They Ain't Ready For Me*.
- Enjoy heartwarming (and heartstring-pulling) **films that highlight queer narratives**, such as *Army of Lovers in the Holy Land* and *Sublet*.

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- **Discover emerging filmmakers** with powerful feature-film debuts *Shiva Baby* and *God of the Piano*, or in *Short Film Package: Small Bites* featuring “bite-sized” content.
- **Travel to Israel without ever leaving the comfort of your couch** with ten diverse feature-length films by and about the State of Israel from biographical documentaries about important figures such as former Prime Minister Menachem Begin in *Upheaval* to new works from prominent contemporary Israeli filmmakers such as *Honeymoon*.

Several films will end with bonus content via a previously recorded conversation between film notables and festival staff including *Shared Legacies: The African-American Jewish Civil Rights Alliance*, *Shiva Baby*, *Upheaval: The Journey of Menachem* and *They Ain't Ready for Me* to name a few. YidLife Crisis will be hosting a livestream Q&A on Sunday, February 14 at 11:00 a.m. MST around their film *Chewdaism: A Taste of Jewish Montreal*.

“We are thrilled to sponsor the Denver Jewish Film Festival,” said Robin and Steven Chotin, Directors of The Chotin Foundation. “Our goal as a foundation is to support organizations that provide expanded access of arts and cultural programs to Colorado communities, and fund programs that create cultural and educational experiences for families, children and individuals with emphasis on the Jewish community. The Denver Jewish Film Festival fits perfectly into this by providing diverse and thought-provoking films that enrich the lives of children, families and individuals.”

The Festival includes films in 12 different languages and five debut films by first time feature filmmakers including *Asia*, *God of the Piano*, *Shared Legacies*, *Shiva Baby* and *Though Shalt Not Hate*.

Tickets to each film cost \$12 per household and are available for purchase starting on Feb. 8. Most films are available for the entirety of the Festival. A limited number of All Access Passes are available and cost \$180. These include access to every film. Ten-Pack Passes are also available for \$100 for 10 films. Passes are available for purchase starting January 18. To view the Festival lineup and purchase tickets visit www.jccdenver.org/film. Films can easily be viewed by Chromecasting to your TV, or via the Eventive Smart TV apps for Roku or Apple TV.

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://www.jccdenver.org/arts-culture) 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 festivals are offered throughout the year including Denver Jewish Film Festival, JAAMM Fest (Jewish Arts, Authors, Movies and Music Fest), and ReelAbilities Film Festival. The JCC Mizel Arts and Culture Center is located at 350 S. Dahlia Street in Denver. For more information, visit www.jccdenver.org/arts-culture 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

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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 Jewish Arts, Authors, Movies & Music Festival (JAAMM Fest), Denver Jewish Film Festival, and ReelAbilities Film Festival; summer camps including Ranch Camp and Camp Shai; engagement programming for teens, young adults, seniors and the LGBTQ+ community. 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.

ABOUT THE CHOTIN FOUNDATION

The Chotin Foundation is a private foundation established in 1994 as the charitable giving organization for the Steven B. Chotin and Robin D. Chotin family and The Chotin Group Corporation. The Foundation is dedicated to improving and enriching the lives of individuals, children and families with particular interest in Jewish community causes as well as secular charitable initiatives in the areas of arts and culture, education, and health and wellness.

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