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# WELCOME!

We are thrilled to have you as our guest for the 10th Annual Rehoboth Beach Jewish Film Festival! This year, we're celebrating a decade of partnership with Seaside Jewish Community to bring the world's best in Jewish cinema to our coastal community.



Writing about Jewish film in her 2021 book *Movie-Made Jews: An American Tradition*, Professor Helene Myers said, "What we watch helps to form our images of ourselves, others and the world." If that's true, then we're very fortunate indeed this year to have such a wide variety of expression on film, titles chosen by our wonderful festival planning committee.

I hope these selections make you think, make you feel, and most of all, inspire you. Thanks for being a part of this very special event!

Dave Bever

**Mission:** The RBFS celebrates independent film, supports emerging filmmakers, and engages the community through meaningful cinematic experiences that inform, inspire, and connect.

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## FILM SCHEDULE

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

- Dough** 6:00 pm - 7:34 pm  
*L'chaim to 10th Anniversary after the film*

### THURSDAY, MARCH 26

- The Road Between Us: The Ultimate Rescue** 1:00 pm - 2:35 pm  
 **SODA** 4:30 pm - 6:06 pm  
 **My Underground Mother** 7:30 pm - 8:59 pm

### FRIDAY, MARCH 27

- Short Film Block** 11:30 am - 1:07 pm  
 **The President's Tailor & Moses Ezekiel: Portrait of a Lost Artist** 3:00 pm - 4:55 pm  
 **31 Candles** 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm  
*Desserts & Reflections Reception after the film*  
To respect the Sabbath, Seaside Jewish Community is not hosting films on Friday night

### SATURDAY, MARCH 28

- Rosenthal** 10:00 am - 11:32 am  
 **The Last Twins** 1:00 pm - 2:20 pm  
 **No Harm Done & Ethan Bloom** 3:30 pm - 5:23 pm  
 **The Ring** 7:00 pm - 9:02 pm  
To respect the Sabbath, Seaside Jewish Community is not hosting films on Saturday afternoon

### SUNDAY, MARCH 29

- The Tasters** 10:30 pm - 12:33 pm  
*Bagels & Bubbly Reception after the film*  
 **For the Love of a Woman** 1:30 pm - 3:27 pm  
 **Frontier** 4:30 pm - 6:11 pm

**ADMISSION** Seating is limited. Purchase tickets at [rebothfilm.com](http://rebothfilm.com).

**VIP PASSES: \$200/RBFS MEMBERS \$250/General Admission**

VIP Pass includes complimentary tickets and priority seating for every festival film. Your VIP Pass also provides direct financial support to the festival and our partners at the Seaside Jewish Community.

**TICKETS: \$12/RBFS Members \$15/General Admission \$12/Active Military (with ID) \$9/Students (with ID) \$5/Youth (12 & under)**

## ***DOUGH***

**WED MARCH 25 6:00 pm - 7:34 pm**

**Film Host: Howie Hochman, President of Seaside Jewish Community & Elaine Hochman**

An old Jewish baker struggles to keep his business afloat until his young Muslim apprentice accidentally drops cannabis in the dough and sends sales sky high.

[2015, UK/Hungary, 94 min, Rated: NR]



*Join us after the film for L'chaim to 10th Anniversary with sparkling wine and brownies!*

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## ***THE ROAD BETWEEN US: THE ULTIMATE RESCUE***

**THUR MARCH 26 1:00 pm - 2:35 pm**

**Opening Remarks: Rabbi Arthur S. Rutberg, Temple Bat Yam**

Grandfather and retired Israeli general Noam Tibon rescues his family from Hamas terrorists invading their home during the October 7, 2023, massacre - a coordinated assault on Israel sparking an ongoing conflict.

[2025, Canada, 95 min, Rated: R]



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## ***SODA***

**THUR MARCH 26 4:30 pm - 6:06 pm**

**Film Host: Nina Galerstein**

In 1956, a seamstress arrives in a Holocaust survivor community. Rumors surface about her past as Kapo. Shalom, resistance fighter, torn between attraction and duty to expose her history. Community tensions rise over her true identity. This visually arresting, melancholic drama interweaves themes of love, guilt, and survival, inspired by filmmaker Erez Tadmor's grandfather's life. [2024, Israel, 96 min, Rated: R]

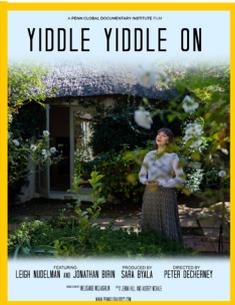
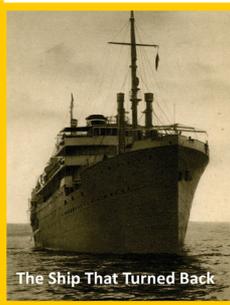
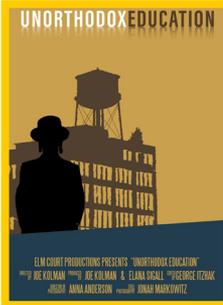


# MY UNDERGROUND MOTHER

THUR MARCH 26 7:30 pm - 8:59 pm

Film Host: Sandy Bieber & Linda Rosenzweig

Freedom fighter, spy, femme fatale — Tamar was never a victim. 20 years after her death, her writing appears in a journal written by prisoners of a Nazi women's camp, sparking a daughter's reckoning with hidden identity, trauma and truth. My Underground Mother is a gripping documentary feature that explores the daring sisterhood and hidden traumas of survivors of Jewish women's camps during the Holocaust through a daughter's unraveling of the stories her mother told. [2026, CANADA, 89 min, Rated: NR]



## Short Film Block (Total runtime 97 min)

FRI MARCH 27 11:30 am - 1:07 pm

Join us for a post- short film block virtual Q & A with *Yiddle Yiddle On* Actor Leigh Nudelman

### *Unorthodox Education*

Unorthodox Education exposes a shocking truth -- tens of thousands of Jewish schoolchildren graduate from ultra-Orthodox Brooklyn yeshiva high schools without the legally mandated education they need to become independent adults. Some are never even taught how to read, write, or speak English.

[2025, US, 40 min, Rated: NR]

### *The Ship That Turned Back*

Oscar® and Emmy winner Allie Light's *The Ship That Turned Back* draws on a mix of elements in letting late husband/collaborator Irving Saraf recall his Jewish family's harrowing flight from Nazi-occupied Poland. It took them from Vienna to Trieste to Malta, then finally Palestine, dodging bombs and the custody of opposing armies en route. [2024, US, 30 min, Rated: NR]

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## ***Days Between Rest***

Grammy-nominated Ugandan singer Rachel Namadosi reflects on growing up Jewish in Uganda, overcoming antisemitism, and the power of music as she goes about her busy day and looks forward to her day of rest, Shabbat.

[2024, US/Uganda, 12 min, Rated: NR]

## ***Yiddle Yiddle On***

In Johannesburg, Ashkenazi South African singer Leigh Nudelman revives Yiddish music as a soulful act of feminist resilience, bridging generations and inspiring her community to find strength and connection through song.

[2025, South Africa, 15 min, Rated: NR]



## **Short Film & Feature Film** (Total runtime 95 min)

**FRI MARCH 27 3:00 pm - 4:55 pm**

Film Host: Sara & Jeffrey Rosen

Join us for a post-film Q & A with *Moses Ezekiel's* Director Steve Pressman

### ***THE PRESIDENT'S TAILOR***

Martin Greenfield learned to sew while mending shirts for the Gestapo in Auschwitz when he was fifteen and went on to make suits for US presidents and stars. This is the story of America's greatest tailor, and the bespoke menswear empire he left behind. [2024, US/Germany, 39 min, Rated: NR]

### ***MOSES EZEKIEL: PORTRAIT OF A LOST ARTIST***

Though mostly forgotten today, American Jewish sculptor Moses Ezekiel (1844-1917) was a lauded 19th century sculptor and a complicated figure, one whose sculptures play a role in the current debate on the removal of Confederate monuments. [2024, US, 50 min, Rated: NR]

## 31 CANDLES

FRI MARCH 27 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Film Host: Fran Saltzman

Leo, a 30-year-old New Yorker who is having a Bar Mitzvah after meeting Eva, his longtime summer camp crush. In order to finish his mitzvah assignment and perhaps mature, he has to deal with, ex-partners, family members, and more.

[2025, US, 90 min, Rated: NR]



Join us after the film for a "DESSERTS AND REFLECTIONS" reception.



## ROSENTHAL

SAT MARCH 28 10:00 am - 11:33 am

1978: Jewish game show host Hans has a live show scheduled for November 9, the 40th anniversary of the notorious Nazi pogrom of 1938. Hans wants to attend the memorial event, but his TV boss forces him to do his job: the show must go on.

[2015, Germany, 93 min, Rated: NR]

## THANK YOU

### PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBERS!

The individuals who make this event happen are the volunteer members of the Planning Committee who spend many hours watching numerous films, discussing each film's suitability for this event, and then deciding on the final selection for your enjoyment. A special thanks to Sandy Bieber, Antonia Blucher, Shelby Cooke, Nina Galerstein, Marty Rosensweig, and Fran Saltzman for their commitment, time, and support.



## ***THE LAST TWINS***

**SAT MARCH 28 1:00 pm - 2:20 pm**

This is a never-before-told story of an unsung hero of the Holocaust, Erno “Zvi” Spiegel protected twin children from Mengele’s experiments at Auschwitz. Put in charge of young boys, he risked his life to shield them from brutal medical tests and death, saving dozens through courage and compassion. It is a testament to resilience, sacrifice, and the power of one person to make a difference, even in humanity’s darkest hour. [2025, US, 80 min, Rated: NR]



## **Short Film & Feature Film** (Total runtime 113 min)

**SAT MARCH 28 3:30 pm - 5:23 pm**

### ***NO HARM DONE***

A week after giving birth, Mila faces her son’s circumcision, a tradition she never questioned but now finds herself uncertain about. [2023, France, 18 min, Rated: NR]

### ***ETHAN BLOOM***

A coming-of-age comedy about a teen who wrestles with loss, spiritual identity, and first love. [2025, US, 95 min, Rated: NR]

## ***THE RING***

**SAT MAR 28 7:00 pm - 9:02 pm**

**Film Hosts:**

**Cynthia & Stanley Silverblatt**

Spanning generations and continents, *The Ring* begins in 1944 Budapest, where a young mother bribes a fascist soldier with a gold ring to save herself and her infant son. Decades later,

her son, now a devoutly religious man, embarks on a journey back to Hungary as his mother's health declines—determined to find the ring that once saved her life. Joining him, reluctantly, is his estranged daughter, whose closeness to her grandmother compels her to help, even as her father's inability to accept her identity threatens to tear them apart.

**[2015, Israel, 122 min, Rated: NR]**



## ***THE TASTERS***

**SUN MAR 29 10:30 am - 12:33 pm**

Seven women are forced to taste Hitler's food to check for poison. As they spend time together, their relationships evolve between loyalty and betrayal.

**[2025, Italy/Belgium/ Switzerland, 123 min, Rated: NR]**

*Join us after the film for a "BAGELS & BUBBLY" Reception*

## ***FOR THE LOVE OF A WOMAN***

**SUN MARCH 29 1:30 pm - 3:27 pm**

**Film Host: Antonia Blucher**

1970. Esther, a tormented American in her forties, receives a letter after the death of her mother: she must find a woman who lived in the 30s in Palestine and keeps a secret about her life. Esther begins her search in Israel helped by Zayde, a university professor with a particular background. Fast-forward to 1930 to a village of settlers, the atmosphere of a new world. Moshe, widower with two children, hires a woman to help him. The arrival of Yehudit changes the life of Moshe and two other men: Yaakov, a romantic farmer, and Globberman, a cattle dealer. An exciting and tragic love story begins. [2025, Italy, 117 min, Rated: NR]



## ***FRONTIER***

**SUN MAR 29 4:30 pm - 6:11 PM**

**Film Hosts: Marty Rosensweig & Diane Barlow**

1943. Franco has blocked the path of the Jews fleeing Nazi oppression over the Pyrenees mountains. At the border crossing in a small village, Manel Grau, a civil servant with a Republican past, decides to go against the orders of his superiors and aid the refugees across the border with the help of Juliana, a fellow inhabitant of the village, and Jérôme, a French smuggler. Between them, they will start a crusade to help as many Jews as they possibly can. It is then that Manel will find himself embroiled in a dangerous odyssey. [2025, Spain/Belgium, 101 min, Rated: NR]

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## Seaside Jewish Community

Seaside Jewish Community is a synagogue based in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, with more than 600 members, representing over 380 households and embracing all levels of Jewish observance.

We are unaffiliated, inclusive, and foster Jewish spiritual, cultural, educational, and social activities. Our community service projects remind us and our neighbors of our commitment to the welfare of the entire community.

Rabbi Julie Hilton Danan, who joined us in 2022, is the first full-time rabbi since Seaside began in 1997. Before coming to Seaside, Rabbi Danan served congregations and taught at Universities and Seminaries in Texas, California, and New York. She was ordained through the ALEPH Rabbinic Program, and she earned a PhD in Hebrew Studies (Rabbinic Literature and Culture) from the University of Texas at Austin.

Our synagogue was expanded and modernized in 2020 to meet the needs of the growing Jewish population in coastal Delaware. It includes a beautiful sanctuary from which we can stream our live services. There are classrooms, offices, and a large social hall with an adjoining modern kitchen.

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