REDISCOVER JEWISH LIFE. ONE MEMORABLE FILM AT A TIME.

AUSTIN JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL

NOVEMBER 12TH TO 19TH, 2026

*ALL EVENTS WILL BE IN THE **EVANS PERFORMANCE CENTER** AT THE DELL JCC, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.*

FULL DETAILS AT **AUSTINJFF.ORG/FESTIVAL**

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12

OPENING NIGHT

7:00PM | **RECEPTION**

BARBARA TOCKER EDUCATION CENTER AND KAUFMAN FAMILY LIVING ROOM AT THE DELL JCC.

OPENING NIGHT RECEPTION INCLUDING KOSHER FOOD FROM SHEVET CAFE AND AN OPEN BAR. LIVE 50s AND 60s MUSIC FROM KIM SIMPSON. ALL INCLUDED IN YOUR EVENT TICKET.

7:45PM | FILM: ***WE MET AT GROSSINGER'S***

2025 | DOC. | 104' | USA | ENGLISH

TEXAS PREMIERE

SPONSOR: Greater Austin Jewish Historical Society

COMMUNITY PARTNERS:

HADASSAH AUSTIN, NCJW AUSTIN SECTION, SHALOM AUSTIN INSPIRED AGING

AJFF INTERVIEW WITH DIRECTOR PAULA EISELT AND PRODUCER ROBERT FRIEDMAN

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13

11:30AM | ***WE MET AT GROSSINGER'S***

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SCAN FOR MORE INFORMATION

2:30PM | ***THE MAD DOG OF EUROPE***

2026 | DOC. | 83' | FRA, GER | ENGLISH

SOUTHWEST PREMIERE

SPONSOR: Honorary Consul of the Federal Republic of Germany Austin

COMMUNITY PARTNER:

GREATER AUSTIN JEWISH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

TO BE ANNOUNCED

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

4:00PM FREE* ***NEW SHORTS FROM SAPIR COLLEGE***

2026 | VARIOUS | 81' | ISR. | HEBREW, ENGLISH, RUSSIAN WITH ENGLISH SUBS.

INTERNATIONAL AND SOUTHWEST PREMIERES

COMMUNITY PARTNERS:

HADASSAH AUSTIN, IAC AUSTIN

MEMBERS OF SAPIR COLLEGE OF COMMUNICATIONS WILL BE COMING FROM ISRAEL FOR A Q&A AS A PART OF THIS FREE PROGRAM.

SPOTLIGHT PROGRAM

7:30PM | **SPECIAL MUSICAL PERFORMANCE**

BY STEINWAY ARTIST MONA GOLABEK



FILM: ***HOLD ON TO YOUR MUSIC***

CENTRAL TEXAS PREMIERE

2026 | DOC. | 77' | USA, UK | ENGLISH

SPONSORS: Congregation Agudas Achim; Steinway & Sons; Steinway Piano Gallery

COMMUNITY PARTNER: ADL AUSTIN

Q&A WITH MONA GOLABEK

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

11:30AM | ***FARAWAY HOME***

2026 | DRAMA | 97' | IRE, UK | ENGLISH, GERMAN, WITH ENGLISH SUBS.

SOUTHWEST PREMIERE

SPONSOR: An Ard-Chonsalacht na hÉireann | Austin / Consulate General of Ireland | Austin

COMMUNITY PARTNERS: ADL AUSTIN, RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS OF TEMPLE BETH SHALOM, CONG. AGUDAS ACHIM, CONG. BETH ISRAEL, CONG. TIFERET ISRAEL, CONG. SHIR AMI

Q&A DETAILS TO BE ANNOUNCED

2:00PM | ***HEAVEN AND EARTH***

2026 | DRAMA/MYSTERY | 106' | ISR. | HEBREW WITH ENGLISH SUBS.

TEXAS PREMIERE

COMMUNITY PARTNERS: IAC AUSTIN, TEMPLE BETH SHALOM SISTERHOOD, CONG. AGUDAS ACHIM SISTERHOOD



Q&A WITH ISRAELI DIRECTOR RUBY DOANIASS

5:00PM | ***THE SOUNDMAN***

2026 | DRAMA | 118' | BEL, DEN, NLD. | DUTCH WITH ENGLISH SUBS.

CENTRAL TEXAS PREMIERE

AJFF INTERVIEW WITH DIRECTOR FRANK VAN PASSEL

7:45PM | ***JUST AN ILLUSION***

2026 | COMEDY | 119' | FRA. | FRENCH, ITALIAN WITH ENGLISH SUBS.

SOUTHWEST PREMIERE

COMMUNITY PARTNER: NCJW AUSTIN SECTION

TO BE ANNOUNCED

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16

1:00PM | ***FARAWAY HOME***

2026 | DRAMA | 97' | IRE, UK | ENGLISH, GERMAN WITH ENGLSH SUBS.

SOUTHWEST PREMIERE

SPONSOR: Ard-Chonsalacht na hÉireann | Austin
Consulate General of Ireland | Austin

COMMUNITY PARTNERS: ADL AUSTIN, AUSTIN JEWISH ACADEMY

Q&A DETAILS TO BE ANNOUNCED

4:30PM **FREE*** ***SHORTS SHOWCASE: SHADOWS & RESONANCE***

2025/6 | VARIOUS | 63' | USA, ISR | ENGLISH, FARSI, GERMAN, HEBREW WITH ENGLISH SUBS.

WORLD, SOUTWEST, TEXAS, AND CENTRAL TEXAS PREMIERES

PANEL DISCUSSION WITH SHORT FILMMAKERS FEATURED IN THE SHOWCASE

7:30PM | ***ROSENTHAL: THE GREAT SHOWMAN***

2026 | DRAMA | 92' | GER. | GERMAN WITH ENGLISH SUBS.

SOUTHWEST PREMIERE

SPONSOR: Honorary Consul of the Federal Republic of Germany Austin

Q&A DETAILS TO BE ANNOUNCED

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17

2:30PM | ***WHERE TO?***

2026 | DRAMA | 95' | ISR, GER. | GERMAN, HEBREW, ARABIC, ENGLISH WITH ENGLISH SUBS.

TEXAS PREMIERE

SPONSOR: Honorary Consul of the Federal Republic of Germany Austin

COMMUNITY PARTNERS: IAC AUSTIN, AGLIFF

Q&A DETAILS TO BE ANNOUNCED

7:30PM | ***SAPIRO V. FORD***

2026 | DOC. | 68' | USA | ENGLISH

SOUTHWEST PREMIERE

SPONSOR: SCJS Schusterman Center for Jewish Studies
The University of Texas at Austin

COMMUNITY PARTNERS: TEXAS HILLEL, GREATER AUSTIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY, CONG. SHIR AMI




Q&A WITH DIRECTOR GAYLEN ROSS AND PRODUCER CAROL KING

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

11:30AM **FREE*** ***SAPIRO V. FORD***

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS GLICKMAN *(ROOM 1.302E IN PATTON HALL)*

SOUTHWEST PREMIERE

2026 | DOC.| 68' | USA | ENGLISH

SPONSOR: SCJS Schusterman Center for Jewish Studies
The University of Texas at Austin

COMMUNITY PARTNERS: TEXAS HILLEL, GREATER AUSTIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY, CONG. SHIR AMI




Q&A WITH DIRECTOR GAYLEN ROSS AND PRODUCER CAROL KING

SPECIAL SCREENING

(FOR UNIVERSITY STUDENTS, FACULTY AND STAFF ONLY)

7:00PM **FREE*** ***THE WEDDING ENTERTAINER***

TEXAS HILLEL

2026 | COMEDY | 102' | ISR. | HEBREW, YIDDISH, ENGLISH WITH ENGLISH SUBS.

SPONSOR: TexasHillel

COMMUNITY PARTNERS: IAC AUSTIN, SCHUSTERMAN CENTER FOR JEWISH STUDIES, AMERICAN FRIENDS OF MAGEN DOVID ADOM

AJFF INTERVIEW WITH DIRECTOR GIDI DAR AND LEAD ACTOR/WRITER SHULI RAND

TICKETING FOR THIS EVENT IS MANAGED BY TEXAS HILLEL. SEE WEBSITE FOR DETAILS.

7:30PM | ***THE WEDDING ENTERTAINER***

2026 | COMEDY | 102' | ISR. | HEBREW, YIDDISH, ENGLISH WITH ENGLISH SUBS.

SOUTHWEST PREMIERE

SPONSOR: TexasHillel

COMMUNITY PARTNERS: IAC AUSTIN, SCHUSTERMAN CENTER FOR JEWISH STUDIES, AMERICAN FRIENDS OF MAGEN DOVID ADOM

AJFF INTERVIEW WITH DIRECTOR GIDI DAR AND LEAD ACTOR/WRITER SHULI RAND

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19

2:30PM | ***HEROES OF THE LOUVRE***

2026 | DRAMEDY | 105' | FRANCE | FRENCH WITH ENGLSH SUBTITLES

US PREMIERE

AJFF INTERVIEW WITH DIRECTOR ÉLIE CHOURAQUI

CLOSING NIGHT
SPECIAL "CLUB GUTHRIE"

7:00PM | **PRE-FILM MUSICAL PERFORMANCE BY SARAH LEE GUTHRIE**

GRANDDAUGHTER OF WOODY GUTHRIE, GREAT GRANDDAUGHTER OF ALIZA GREENBLATT.

KOGUT TERRACE AT THE DELL JCC

LIGHT BITES AND OPEN BAR INCLUDED IN YOUR EVENT TICKET.

7:45PM | FILM: ***DUST BOWLS AND JEWISH SOULS***

2026 | DOC. | 89' | USA | ENGLISH

CENTRAL TEXAS PREMIERE

COMMUNITY PARTNER: JEWISH WAR VETERANS

Q&A WITH DIRECTOR STEVEN PRESSMAN, FAMILY MEMBER SARA LEE GUTHRIE, AND UT YIDDISHIST ADRIEN SMITH





SCHEDULE KEY

- SPOTLIGHT EVENTS
- FREE EVENTS
  **REGISTRATION REQUIRED*
- VENUE OTHER THAN THE EVANS PERFORMANCE CENTER AT THE DELL JCC

SCAN FOR THE 2026 DEMOGRAPHICS SURVEY. COMPLETE ONCE PER PERSON.

All events will take place at the Dell Jewish Community Center, 7300 Hart Lane, Austin, Texas 78731, unless otherwise noted. **Tickets must be obtained in advance.** Listed durations are approximate and do not include brief introductions or Q&As. A virtual section of the Festival will be available **November 20-29** and will include all Festival films, except ***The Wedding Entertainer***. Virtual section will also include many additional short films not playing in-person. Access to the virtual section will be limited to Texas-based viewers in accordance with the films' licensing terms. This schedule is subject to change—lastest information and full listings are available at **AustinJFF.org/event-grid.**

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