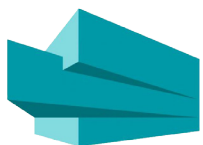




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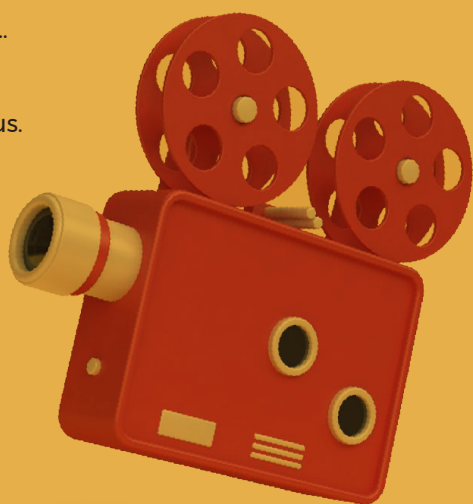
WELCOME TO AJFF 2023

IT'S TIME TO COME TOGETHER!

November 2-12, 2023

2023 Highlights:

- In-person film festival followed by online option for some films..
- Venue: Two screens at the Dell Jewish Community Campus.
- Two opportunities to see most films.
- On-site parties.
- Supporters and Passholders can guarantee their seating.
- Combo Pass gives access to everything AJFF programs for a full 12 months.



Key Questions

Where will AJFF be this year?

All events are at the Dell JCC. The box office will be in the Jennifer & David Kaufman Living Room and our primary venue will be the Gloria & Harvey Evans Performance Center. A second screen will be in the Linda & Keith Zimmerman Family Multipurpose Rooms off the lobby.

How do I use a 2023 Festival Pass?

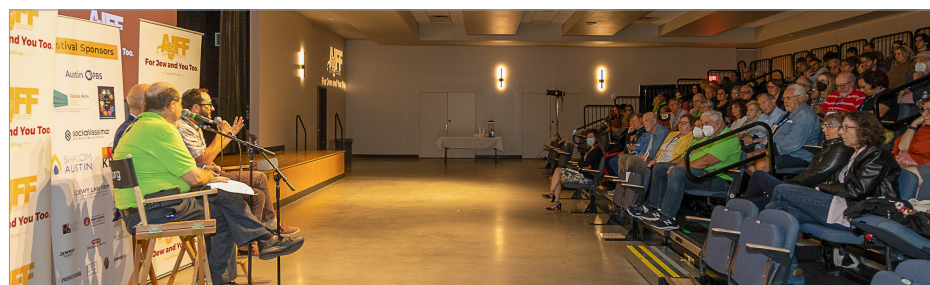
Festival tickets are free with the purchase of a Festival Pass and can be booked online. Reserve in advance to guarantee your seats as long as you are in line 20 minutes before the film starts. Tickets may also be available from our onsite box office if the event is not sold out. If you have difficulty with online ticketing, contact us at info@AustinJFF.org and we can process your ticketing over the phone.

For those films available online following the in-person section of the festival, log in to virtual.goevent.com and watch during the virtual section dates. No tickets required.

Pro tip: Instead of buying a Festival Pass, purchase a Combo Pass. Combo Passes include both a Festival Pass and an AJFF365 subscription for free entry to everything that AJFF programs for a full 12 months from the date of purchase.

What's the difference between a Festival Pass and a Supportership?

A Festival Pass provides access to all festival events. Supporterships include shareable free ticket benefits for the festival and AJFF365 events, early entry, and a tax deductible contribution to AJFF.



The AJFF 2022 audience hears from the director and executive producer of *Exodus 91* at the film's US premiere in the Evans Performance Center at the Dell JCC.

It's been an amazing year for AJFF, including becoming our own not-for-profit organization in January. Shalom Austin is still our close partner, and from a day-to-day perspective the main change will be that you can now make tax-deductible payments directly to AJFF.

Our 2022 festival inaugurated the new Gloria and Harvey Evans Performance Center at the Dell JCC. It was wonderful to have Gloria in attendance at our first event, the US Premiere of *Exodus 91*. Micah Smith, the director from Israel, also joined us, as did Gideon Naim, executive producer and son of Asher Naim, Israel's ambassador to Ethiopia in 1991, on whom the film's story is based. During the festival, cast members visited AJFF from the US, Israel, Austria, the Netherlands, and Poland, and even more participated via Zoom from several other countries. Most of the movies in the festival were Texas premieres as well as US premieres for opening and closing night events, which included fun receptions. A special advanced screening of the documentary

and a fun reception hosted at Ellen's congregation, Temple Beth Shalom.

At the prestigious 2022 Austin Film Festival, AJFF presented two Israeli movies and conducted the Q&As with international cast members. AJFF Director David Finkel was a panelist at SXSW this spring for the **Activating Diverse Communities Through Film** session.



AJFF audience members enjoy the Opening Night reception of AJFF 2022.

For Israel's 75th anniversary, on Yom Ha'Azma'ut AJFF presented a free program of diverse short films. Our Summer Series, held in collaboration with the San Antonio Jewish Film Festival, exhibited a collection of the latest and greatest Israeli movies. Coming this fall, AJFF is presenting the Israel@75 Film Series in collaboration with the Israeli American Council Austin and the Consulate General of Israel to the Southwest. The series will present classic Israeli movies from the 1960s through today.

We haven't even mentioned our AJFF365 year-round events—see page B5 for some highlights.

We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events as we celebrate our 21st year. Come enjoy the films and hang out with old friends, and maybe make some new ones!








Israeli director Moshe Rosenthal engages with the AJFF audience about his film *Karaoke*, Israel's submission for the 2023 Oscars.

Who Are the Marcuses featuring community member Ellen Marcus was the hit of the festival. The event was held in collaboration with Americans for Ben Gurion University and featured a post-film panel



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**AJFF has four distinct programs.
Our Annual Festival and AJFF365 are the main ones.**

Program	 AJFF FESTIVAL. FILMS FOR JEW AND YOU TOO.	  AJFF 365. UNIQUE MOVIES. MEMORABLE EXPERIENCES.	 CONNECT AJFF CONNECT. PARTNER PRIVILEGES.	 SNEAK PEEK AJFF SNEAK PEEK. WATCH IT BEFORE ANYONE ELSE.
	Film Festival: annual event with the latest Jewish/Israeli content, programs with cast members, and parties.	AJFF365: year-round film programming and special events in partnership with Shalom Austin.	AJFF Connect: partner programming with discounts for AJFF Supporters.	AJFF Sneak Peek: pre-release screenings of major studio films such as <i>The Fabelmans</i> and <i>Golda</i> .
How to participate	Become a supporter ¹ <i>or</i> Purchase a Festival Pass or Combo Pass ² <i>or</i> Buy tickets ⁴	Become a supporter ¹ <i>or</i> Purchase an AJFF365 subscription ³ <i>or</i> Buy a Combo Pass ² <i>or</i> Buy tickets ⁴	Varies. Determined by the event organizer (not AJFF).	Reserve a ticket. Supporters get advanced notification and early entry privileges.

¹Become a Supporter NEW!
Choose your Supportership level. All levels include access to BOTH the Festival AND AJFF365 events and the ability to include guests. Most of the contribution is recognized as a tax deductible donation. See AustinJFF.org/Supportership

²Purchase a Festival Pass or Combo Pass
Festival Passes allow access to Festival events only. Combo Passes allow access to Festival AND AJFF365 events, i.e., all AJFF programming for a full 12 months.

³Purchase an AJFF365 Subscription
Entry to AJFF365 events for 12 months from date of purchase. Excludes Festival events. See AustinJFF.org/AJFF365

⁴Buy Tickets
Purchase tickets to individual events. Ticketholders are admitted after supporters and passholders.

FILM, FOLKS, & FUN!

**Hang out between films with old friends and new in the
Jennifer & David Kaufman Family Living Room at the Dell JCC**

To make this all happen, we need your support!

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Things change Check AustinJFF.org for the latest information, film details, and festival policies.

Israel@75 Film Series



The Austin Jewish Film Festival in partnership with the Consulate General of Israel to the Southwest and the Israeli American Council Austin is proud to present the Israel@75 Film Series.

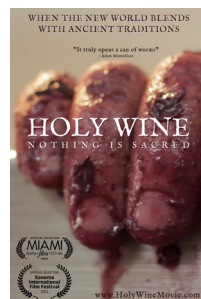
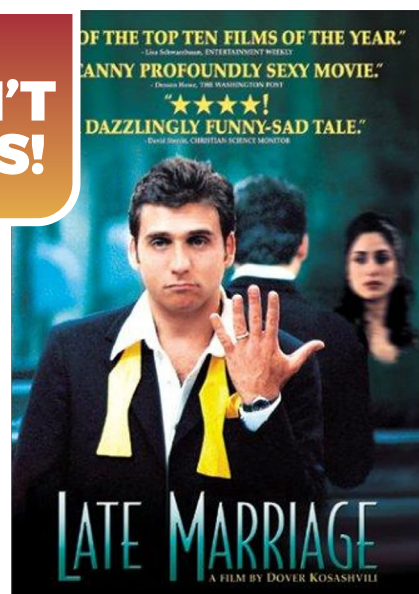
Beginning August 20, 2023, and running through April 14, 2024, the series will honor Israel's 75th anniversary by presenting a retrospective sampling of films from the country's history.

Enjoy classic comedies and dramas along with an opportunity to discuss the films after their presentation. Individual tickets are available, or you can buy an Israel@75 pass that includes the entire series. Another option is to buy an AJFF365 Subscription, which will give you free access to all of these movies plus all other AJFF365 events for a full twelve months from the date of purchase.

Israel@75 films will be shown only in person at the Evans Performance Center at the Dell JCC.

See AustinJFF.org/Israel75/ for full details.

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**The festival lineup, with details,
trailers, and more, will be posted
to AustinJFF.org in early October.**

The festival begins on November 2nd.

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AJFF365: OUR YEAR-ROUND PROGRAM

In January 2020 we launched the AJFF365 program in partnership with Shalom Austin to offer monthly events year-round in addition to the annual fall Film Festival.

"I love to attend the AJFF because I get to see films with Jewish content that I otherwise wouldn't know about. I find the films fun, thought provoking, enlightening, and entertaining." - Sigrid Levi-Baum

Highlights of recent AJFF365 programs include:

In May 2021 we ran our ***Dying Doesn't Seem Like What I'm Doing*** program in partnership with Jewish Family Service (JFS), which included a panel with the filmmaker and others. As a result of that program, we raised enough funds to pay for a JFS cabinet member's training, so JFS could offer a Mindful Aging program.



In collaboration with the Schusterman Center for Jewish Studies at the University of Texas, AJFF presented ***Jew Suss 2.0***, a film that documents the visual roots of new anti-Semitism. Following the screening was a panel discussion with experts from UT in the fields of Global Dis-Information, History, Journalism, and Jewish Studies.



Following a retrospective showing of ***Dolphin Boy***, AJFF had a panel discussion on mental health with director Dani Menkin; JFS Clinical Director Amanda Mills, LCSW-S; and mental health advocate and podcaster Valerie Milburn.

Since 2021 AJFF has partnered with the Barshop JCC of San Antonio to present a Summer Series featuring some of the hottest new pieces of content on the Jewish festival circuit. In addition to the films, the series presents excellent Q&As with directors, producers, and actors from all over the world.

AJFF365 continues to program great events each month. A subscription is good for 12 calendar months from the date of purchase. AJFF365 subscriptions can be purchased on their own or as part of a Combo



For International Holocaust Remembrance Day, AJFF in collaboration with KFMA presented the film ***We Left the Camp Singing***, followed by a live-over-Zoom Q&A with director and classical pianist Sofia Tapinassi from Berlin.

Pass, which also includes a Festival Pass, giving access to all AJFF-programmed content for a full year.

Pro tip: Supporterships now include access to AJFF365 events in addition to the Film Festival.



Just before Shavuot, AJFF presented the film ***Converts***, followed by a discussion with a diverse panel of local senior rabbis.

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What's the best way for me to participate?

Buy a Festival Pass to attend the Festival, or a Combo Pass for all events for a full 12 months.

"We started coming to the festival before we had even moved to Austin. AJFF shows quality films we wouldn't get to see anywhere else. The movies are wonderful and help keep us connected to the Jewish community."

- Michele and Marshall Missner

"Anybody can stream movies at home, but attending AJFF is worth the price of admission just for the talkbacks after the films. I believe that David Finkel is one of the best interviewers during post-screening Q&As!"

- Tobi Taub

"AJFF365 is amazing and gets better and better each month with top-notch, curated Jewish and Israeli-themed films you're unlikely to see anywhere else. Even better, you can now easily watch on your TV screen through Roku, AppleTV, FireTV, AirPlay, or ChromeCast. Give it a try. You won't be disappointed!"

- Jay Rubin

"I've enjoyed being a volunteer at AJFF for many years. It's great to see all the films, and I really enjoy serving the community and getting to socialize with our audience."

- Joe Winer

"I probably would not have seen many wonderful Jewish-related films if not for AJFF exhibiting them. Having the directors do Q&As adds to my understanding and appreciation of their movies. I miss the camaraderie of going to the theater with like-minded friends, and look forward to when we can do this together again."

- Melanie Lewis

"I love the Austin Jewish Film Festival. You get to see films you just can't see anywhere else."

- David Pinto

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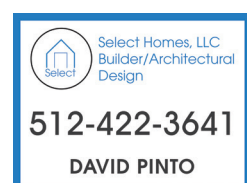
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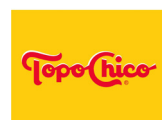
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