

## WEEK 7: August 4 – August 10

**Speaker: Rabbi Laura Geller**, first woman Senior Rabbi of a major synagogue, twice named one of *Newsweek's* "most influential rabbis in America", and co-author with her late husband Richard Siegel of *Getting Good at Getting Older*

**SUN** 3:30 P.M. **Jewish Film Series** - Double Feature: *The Twinning Reaction* and *The Number on Great-Grandpa's Arm*

*The Twinning Reaction* explores the unscrupulous Neubauer-Bernard 1960's study of "nature vs. nurture" separating Jewish twins and triplets given up for adoption. Placed in separate homes, and never informed about the other siblings, they always felt "something missing." USA, 2017. 55 mins. English. Documentary.



*The Number on Great-Grandpa's Arm* is an endearing film featuring 10-year-old Elliott Saiontz and his 90-year-old great grandfather, Rochesterian Jack Feldman. When Elliott asks Jack about the number tattooed on his arm, he sparks an intimate conversation which will warm your heart. Produced by HBO. USA, 2017. 19 mins. English. Documentary.



**MON** 3:30 – 4:30 P.M. **Lecture:** Wise Aging: Acquiring a Heart of Wisdom

4:30 P.M. **Book Signing** by Rabbi Laura Geller

**TUES** 12:30 – 1:30 P.M. **Brown Bag Lunch Talk:** From Equality to Transformation: How Jewish Feminism Changed the World

**WED** 3:30 P.M. **Jewish Film Series:** *The Twinning Reaction* and *The Number on Great-Grandpa's Arm*

**THURS** 12:15 – 1:15 P.M. **Brown Bag Lunch and Yiddish Language Conversation** with Sol Messinger

## WEEK 8: August 11 – August 17

**Speaker: Jonathan D. Pollack**, Non-Resident Senior Fellow in the Center for East Asia Policy Studies at the Brookings Institution, member of the Council on Foreign Relations, author of *Endangered Order: Leadership, Identity and Strategic Risk in Northeast Asia*

**SUN** 3:30 P.M. **Jewish Film Series:** *The Last Suit*  
An 88-year-old Holocaust survivor refuses to bow to pressure from his adult children to move into a retirement home in Buenos Aires. Instead he plots a secret one-way trip to Poland to find the friend who saved him from certain death at the end of WWII. Spain, Argentina, 2017. 86 mins. Spanish, German, Polish, Yiddish with subtitles. Narrative.



**MON** 12:30 – 1:30 P.M. **Lecture:** North Korea: America's Eternal Adversary?

**TUES** 12:30 – 1:30 P.M. **Brown Bag Lunch Talk:** The United States and a Rising China: How Should America Respond?

**WED** 3:30 P.M. **Jewish Film Series:** *The Last Suit*

**THURS** 12:15 – 1:15 P.M. **Brown Bag Lunch and Yiddish Language Conversation** with Sol Messinger

## WEEK 9: August 18 – August 24

**Speaker: Ruth Messinger**, former CEO of American Jewish World Service (AJWS), current Finkelstein Institute Social Justice Fellow at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, has served on the State Department's Religion and Foreign Policy Working Group and the World Bank's Moral Imperative Task Force to End Extreme Poverty

**SUN** 3:30 P.M. **Jewish Film Series:** *Body and Soul: An American Bridge*  
Winner of the Best Music Documentary Award at the San Francisco Black Film Festival. The story of one of the most popular songs in the jazz repertoire "Body and Soul", composed by Jewish songwriter Johnny Green and recorded as a jazz piece by Louis Armstrong. The screening coincides with the Jazz, Race and Culture theme of Week Nine. USA, 2017. 58 mins. English. Documentary.



**MON** 3:30 – 4:30 P.M. **Lecture:** The Jewish Commitment to Social Justice

**TUES** 12:30 – 1:30 P.M. **Brown Bag Lunch Talk:** Our History as a Nation of Immigrants

**WED** 3:30 P.M. **Jewish Film Series:** *Body and Soul: An American Bridge*

The Jewish Film Series was co-founded by Carol N. Hirsh & Margery Gootnick<sup>n'y</sup> in 2009. The first full film series was presented to Chautauqua audiences in the 2010 season. This season's films were curated by Elliot Fix. The introductions that precede each film were written by Elliot. We thank Elliot for all his work to make this film series possible.

**This season's Film Series is funded by a generous donation from Carol & Mike Hirsh. Thank you.**

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*Our beautiful art collection is on display in the Community Room and our Library is open to all during house hours.*

*Our Porch is always available for great conversation.*

# The Everett Jewish Life Center in Chautauqua

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# 2019 Schedule



# 2019 SEASON PROGRAM FOR THE EVERETT JEWISH LIFE CENTER

For latest schedule changes, please see our website or check for notices at the EJLCC.

## WEEK 1: June 23 – June 29

**Speaker: Benjamin Carter Hett**, Professor of History at Hunter College and CUNY, author of *The Death of Democracy*, *Burning the Reichstag*, *Crossing Hitler*, *Death in the Tiergarten*

**SUN** 3:30 P.M. **Jewish Film Series: Itzhak**  
The life and music of Israeli-born Itzhak Perlman, widely considered the greatest living violinist. Itzhak overcomes obstacles of childhood polio and life struggles with humor and talent. Conversations with masterful musicians, family and friends, and his devoted wife, Toby, give us an intimate view of this extraordinary artist. USA, Israel, 2017. 83 mins. English, Hebrew with subtitles. Documentary.



**MON** 3:30 – 4:30 P.M. **Lecture:** The Beginning of the Reckoning: Democracies Confront Fascism, 1933-1941

4:30 P.M. **Book Signing** by Benjamin Carter Hett

**TUES** 12:30 – 1:30 P.M. **Brown Bag Lunch Talk:** Making Democracy Safe for the World: The Revival of Democracy, 1941-1955

**WED** 3:30 P.M. **Jewish Film Series: Itzhak**

## WEEK 2: June 30 – July 6

This week is sponsored by the generous donation of Norman Ornstein and Judith Harris in memory of their son Matthew Ornstein

**Speaker: Kenneth Paul Rosenberg**, MD, Clinical Associate Professor of Psychiatry, Weill Cornell Medical College and New York Presbyterian Hospital, and *New York Magazine's* Top Addiction Psychiatrist and award-winning documentary producer for PBS and HBO

**SUN** 3:30 P.M. **Jewish Film Series: 93Queen**  
The inspiring story of how Rachel Freier, an attorney and mother of six, enlists a group of tenacious ultra-Orthodox women to create New York's first all-female ambulance corps in keeping with their religious sense of modesty. An uphill battle results that challenges the gender roles held by the observant men in their Borough Park enclave in Brooklyn, NY. USA. 2018. 85 mins. English, Hebrew, Yiddish. Documentary.



**MON** 3:30 – 4:30 P.M. **Lecture:** Bedlam: Mental Illness – the National Health Crisis – (Part 1) Living in the Emergency Room

**TUES** 12:30 – 1:30 P.M. **Brown Bag Lunch Talk:** Bedlam: Mental Illness – the National Health Crisis – (Part 2) Crises in the LA Jail

**WED** 3:30 P.M. **Jewish Film Series: 93Queen**

**THURS** 12:15 – 1:15 P.M. **Brown Bag Lunch and Yiddish Language Conversation** with Sol Messinger

## WEEK 3: July 7 – July 13

**Speaker: Jeremy Ben-Ami**, President of J Street, White House Advisor to President Bill Clinton, and published author and expert on foreign policy, national security, and the US-Israel relationship

**SUN** 3:30 P.M. **Jewish Film Series: Heading Home**  
The underdog journey of Israel's national baseball team competing for the first time in the prestigious 2017 World Baseball Classic. Their lineup included several Jewish American Major League players – like Davis, Josh Zeid, and Ryan Lavarney – who discover the pride of representing Israel on the world stage. USA, 2017. 86 mins. English. Documentary.



**MON** 3:30 – 4:30 P.M. **Lecture:** The Growing Threat to Pro-Israel Centrist Part 1: Look Right - The implications of ever-tightening bonds between Netanyahu, Trump, and ethno-nationalists globally

**TUES** 12:30 – 1:30 P.M. **Brown Bag Lunch Talk:** The Growing Threat to Pro-Israel Centrist Part 2: Look Left - The implications of growing progressive criticism of Israel and its policies and the end of unquestioning bipartisan support for Israel

**WED** 3:30 P.M. **Jewish Film Series: Heading Home**

**THURS** 12:15 – 1:15 P.M. **Brown Bag Lunch and Yiddish Language Conversation** with Sol Messinger

## WEEK 4: July 14 – July 20

**Speaker: Rabbi Shira Stutman**, Senior Rabbi at Washington, DC's innovative Sixth & I Historic Synagogue, and named one of "America's Most Inspiring Rabbis" by *The Jewish Forward*

**SUN** 3:30 P.M. **Jewish Film Series: The Cakemaker**  
This award-winning drama about a closeted love affair explores the connection between a German pastry chef and the Israeli widow of the man they both loved. The bereaved pair forges a bond that blurs lines of nationality, religion and sexuality. Israel, Germany, 2017. 105 mins. German, Hebrew with subtitles. Narrative.



**MON** 3:30 – 4:30 P.M. **Lecture:** Stand Your Ground. Share Your Space?

**TUES** 12:30 – 1:30 P.M. **Brown Bag Lunch Talk:** Universalism and Particularism in 21st-Century Religious Life

**WED** 3:30 P.M. **Jewish Film Series: The Cakemaker**

**THURS** 12:15 – 1:15 P.M. **Brown Bag Lunch and Yiddish Language Conversation** with Sol Messinger

## WEEK 5: July 21 – July 27

**Speaker: Rabbi Jonah Dov Pesner**, Director of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism, Senior Vice President of the Union for Reform Judaism, and one of *Newsweek's* "most influential rabbis in America"

**SUN** 3:30 P.M. **Jewish Film Series: A Bag of Marbles**  
Based on a true story about the escape and journey of two Jewish brothers in Nazi-occupied France. Forced to flee their home, they make their way south to the demilitarized zone, overcoming extraordinary odds to avoid capture in hopes of one day reuniting with their family. Canada, Czech Republic, France, 2017. 108 mins. French, German, Russian, Yiddish with subtitles. Narrative.



**MON** 3:30 – 4:30 P.M. **Lecture:** Anti-Semitism, White Supremacy and Bigotry in Policy and Practice: How the Jewish Community can Respond, and Create a More Just Society for All

4:30 P.M. **Book Signing** by Rabbi Jonah Dov Pesner

**TUES** 12:30 – 1:30 P.M. **Brown Bag Lunch Talk:** The Ancient and Timeless Legend of the Exodus: Lessons for Our Own Lives

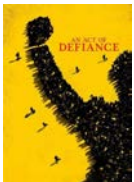
**WED** 3:30 P.M. **Jewish Film Series: A Bag of Marbles**

**THURS** 12:15 – 1:15 P.M. **Brown Bag Lunch and Yiddish Language Conversation** with Sol Messinger

## WEEK 6: July 28 – August 3

**Speaker: Angela Himsel**, has written for *The New York Times*, *The Jewish Week*, *Forward*, *Lilith Magazine*, recipient of the American Jewish Press Association's Rockower Award for Excellence in Commentary

**SUN** 3:30 P.M. **Jewish Film Series: An Act of Defiance**  
A historical thriller set in South Africa's incendiary apartheid era. This is the true story of how the sympathetic white Jewish lawyer, Bram Fischer defends Nelson Mandela and nine other resistance leaders, including Jewish anti-apartheid fighters after their arrest during a summer 1963 raid. Africa, Netherlands, 2018. 123 mins. English, Afrikaans with subtitles. Narrative.



**MON** 3:30 – 4:30 P.M. **Lecture:** The Long Road from Jesus to Judaism: Facing Doubt, Arriving at Love

4:30 P.M. **Book Signing** by Angela Himsel

**TUES** 12:30 – 1:30 P.M. **Brown Bag Lunch Talk:** Who Are You? The Thorny Question of Identity

**WED** 3:30 P.M. **Jewish Film Series: An Act of Defiance**

**THURS** 12:15 – 1:15 P.M. **Brown Bag Lunch and Yiddish Language Conversation** with Sol Messinger

**FRI** 12:30 – 1:30 P.M. **Concert: Hidden Treasures**  
Clarinet and String Quartet by Chautauqua Symphony orchestra members Daryl Goldberg, Jonathan Richards, Anton Shelepov, Daniel Spitzer, Eva Stern