

2026 SEASON PROGRAM FOR THE EVERETT JEWISH LIFE CENTER

All programs will be at EJLCC except the following to be held at the Hall of Philosophy: Ambassador Stuart Eizenstat - August 4 @12:30pm and August 5 @12:30pm. For latest schedule changes, please see our website or Facebook page, or check for notices at EJLCC.

WEEK 1: June 28 – July 3

This week's program is generously supported by Dan Mansoor in honor of Marcia Rothschild and in memory of Jerry Rothschild.

Speaker: Izabella Tabarovsky, renowned scholar of Soviet antizionism and contemporary antisemitism; senior fellow with Z3 Institute for Jewish Priorities, Palo Alto, CA; fellow with Woodrow Wilson International Center (Wash., DC), London Centre for the Study of Contemporary Antisemitism, and Comper Centre for the study of Antisemitism and Racism (Univ. of Haifa); author of *Be a Refusenik: A Jewish Student's Survival Guide*; articles and essays published in *Tablet*, *Newsweek*, *Sapir*, *The Forward*, and others.

SUN 3:30 PM Jewish Film Series: Sapiro vs. Ford
A fascinating true story about the landmark libel lawsuit in the 1920s brought by Aaron Sapiro, a young Jewish lawyer, against Henry Ford, industrialist, regarding antisemitic articles in Ford's newspaper, the *Dearborn Independent*. A David and Goliath moment in American legal history on the struggle between free speech and hate speech. USA. 2026. English. 68 min. Documentary.



MON 3:30 – 4:30 PM: Lecture: From the USSR to American Campuses Today: The Ideological Roots of Contemporary Antizionism. *Book signing follows lecture.*

TUES 12:30 – 1:30 PM Lunch Talk: The New Refuseniks: Jewish Courage and Defiance in an Age of Antizionist Pressure

3:30 PM Jewish Film Series: Sapiro vs. Ford

WEEK 2: July 5 – July 10

Speaker: Rabbi Josh Stanton, Associate VP for Interfaith and Intergroup Initiatives at Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA), an umbrella organization of 141 Jewish Federations throughout North America; co-author of *American Jewish Transformations in Identity, Leadership and Belonging*, and the forthcoming book *Revival: Portraits of America's Spiritual Builders*; has spoken at the UN, White House, conferences around the world.

SUN 3:30 PM Jewish Film Series: You Had to Be There

The film centers on a 1972 production of the stage musical *Godspell* at the Toronto International Festival; cast members such as Martin Short, Gilda Radner, and Eugene Levy would have a transformative impact on Canadian and American comedy in Second City, Saturday Night Live, and more. Judd Apatow, Executive Producer. USA. 2025. English. 98 min. Documentary.



MON 4:00 – 5:00 PM (NOTE TIME) Lecture: The Jewish Awakening

TUES 12:30 – 1:30 PM Lunch Talk: Visions of Peoplehood

WED 3:30 PM Jewish Film Series: You Had to Be There

WEEK 3: July 12 – July 17

Speaker: Amanda Berman, Civil rights attorney and Founder/CEO of Zioness, working to empower progressive Zionists to stand proudly in social justice spaces as Jews and Zionists; published essayist on Jewish, social justice, and civil rights issues in variety of mediums and outlets; listed by the *Algemeiner* in the "Top 100 people positively contributing to Jewish life."

SUN 1:00 PM Richard Moschel Annual Memorial Concert
Sponsored by the Everett Jewish Life Center in collaboration with the Chautauqua Opera Company.

3:30 PM Jewish Film Series: The Road Between Us

The story of retired Israeli General Noam Tibon, along with his wife Gali, who saved their son and his family at their kibbutz during the Oct 7 attacks. A universal theme of mission and parental courage that includes graphic security camera footage from the kibbutz as well as publicly available Hamas bodycam footage. Canada. 2025. English. 95 min. Documentary.



MON 3:30 – 4:30 PM Lecture: Zionism and Progressivism: Twin Jewish Mandates of Particularism and Universalism

TUES 12:30 – 1:30 PM Lunch Talk: Jews as a Football: The Political Weaponization of Antisemitism on the Left and Right

WED 3:30 PM Jewish Film Series: The Road Between Us

THUR 12:00 – 5:00 PM Bird, Tree and Garden Club House and Garden Tour: The Everett Jewish Life Center will be one of the buildings featured in the Bird, Tree and Garden Club House and Garden Tour

WEEK 4: July 19 – July 24

Speaker: Dr. Yoni Applebaum, Deputy Executive Editor at *The Atlantic*; author of *Stuck: How the Privileged and the Propertied Broke the Engine of American Opportunity*, social and cultural historian; former lecturer on history and literature at Harvard University, Babson College, and Brandeis University.

SUN 3:30 PM Jewish Film Series: The Last Spy
The thrilling biography of a 102-year-old CIA spymaster who escaped from Nazi Germany as a young Jewish refugee to become the first CIA Station Chief in post-war Berlin, becoming a central player in the Cold War espionage. USA. 2025. English and German with English subtitles. 106 min. Documentary.



MON 3:30 – 4:30 PM Lecture: The Antisemitic Origins of American Zoning

TUES 12:30 – 1:30 PM Lunch Talk: The Jews Who Brought You the Weekend

3:30-4:30 PM Meet and Greet: Meet Chautauqua's Department of Religion Chaplain for Week 4 – Cantor Olivia Brodsky. *Co-sponsored with the Hebrew Congregation of Chautauqua.*

WED 3:30 PM Jewish Film Series: The Last Spy

WEEK 5: July 26 – July 31

Speaker: Dr. Rebecca Kobrin, the Russell and Bettina Knapp Associate Professor of American Jewish History at Columbia University, specializing in modern Jewish migration; Co-Director of the Institute for Israel and Jewish Studies at Columbia University; author of *Credit to the Nation: Eastern European Jews and American Banking 1873-1914*.

SUN 3:30 PM Jewish Film Series: Once Upon My Mother

An autobiographical story about the triumphant power of maternal love. Based on a novel by French lawyer and broadcaster Roland Perez, who is born with a clubfoot, and his Sephardic/ Moroccan Jewish mother's determination to not let his disability prevent him from leading a full and successful life. France/Canada. 2025. French with English subtitles. 102 min. Comedy/Drama.



MON 12:30 – 1:30 PM (NOTE TIME) Lecture: Credit to the Nation: Sender Jarmulowsky and his Bank on Orchard Street. *Book signing follows lecture.*

TUES 12:30 – 1:30 PM Lunch Talk: The Failure that Changed American Banking

WED 3:30 PM Jewish Film Series: Once Upon My Mother

WEEK 6: August 2 – August 7

This week's program is generously supported by Daniel Horowitz, Helen L. Horowitz, Benjamin Horowitz, and Sarah Horowitz in loving memory of Leonard Katz, husband of Judy Katz, who was the first program chair of the Everett Jewish Life Center in Chautauqua.

Speakers: Ambassador Stuart Eizenstat and Marion Ein Lewin (see below)

SUN 3:30 PM Jewish Film Series: The Sea

The story of a 12-year-old Palestinian boy, Khaled, who is determined to finally see the Mediterranean Sea, despite being turned away for invalid travel documents at a military checkpoint, during a school trip. The winner of 5 awards at the 2025 Ophir Awards in Jerusalem, including Best Picture. Israel. 2025. Arabic and Hebrew with English subtitles. 93 min. Drama.



TUES 12:30 – 1:30 PM (Hall of Philosophy) Ambassador Stuart Eizenstat, American diplomat and attorney; former Chief White House Domestic Policy Advisor (1977-81) under President Jimmy Carter; US Ambassador to the EU, Under Secretary of State for Economic, Business, and Agricultural Affairs, Deputy Secretary of the Treasury (1992-2001); Senior US Government official for Holocaust Justice in Clinton, Obama, Trump 1, and Biden administrations; Chair of the US Holocaust Memorial Museum (2022-present); Special Negotiator for the Jewish Claims Conference; author of numerous articles and 4 books, including *The Art of Diplomacy: How American Negotiators Reached Historic Agreements that Changed the World*; recipient of many honors and awards.

Lecture: The Art of Diplomacy: How American Negotiators Reached Historic Agreements that Changed the World From Kennedy to Trump. *Book signing follows lecture.*

3:30-4:30 PM Marion Ein Lewin, Health Policy expert and scholar; worked in the US Congress and at the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies; written extensively on the economics of health care and health care reform; author of *Inseparable: The Hess Twins' Holocaust Journey through Bergen-Belsen to America*.

Lecture: Inseparable: The Hess Twins' Holocaust Journey through Bergen-Belsen to America. *Book signing follows lecture.*

WED 12:30 – 1:30 PM (Hall of Philosophy) Ambassador Stuart Eizenstat

Lecture: The Holocaust: Past, Present, and Future

3:30 PM Jewish Film Series: The Sea

WEEK 7: August 9 – August 14

This week's program is generously supported by Saul Ludwig in memory of his wife Linda Ludwig.

Speaker: Sarah Hurwitz, award-winning author and White House speechwriter; NY Times bestseller *As A Jew: Reclaiming Our Story From Those Who Blame, Shame, and Try to Erase Us* won the Natan Notable Book Award, and *Here All Along: Finding Meaning, Spirituality, and a Deeper Connection to Life-In Judaism (After Finally Choosing to Look There)* was a finalist for 2 National Jewish Book Awards and the Sami Rohr Prize for Jewish Literature; senior speechwriter for President Barak Obama, First Lady Michelle Obama, and for Hillary Clinton during her presidential campaign; trained volunteer hospital chaplain.

SUN 3:30 PM Jewish Film Series: Neshoma
This documentary was inspired by two Amsterdam Jewish community testimonies about their rich and interconnected lives before WWII. *Neshoma* is the Yiddish word (*Neshama* in Hebrew) for soul or spirit. Netherlands. 2025. English and Dutch with English subtitles. 87 min. Documentary.



MON 3:30 – 4:30 PM Lecture: Reclaiming the Jewish Story From Those Who Blame, Shame, and Try to Erase Us
Book signing follows lecture.

TUES 12:30 – 1:30 PM Lunch Talk: The Radical, Counter-Cultural Wisdom of Jewish Tradition and Why the World Desperately Needs It Right Now

WED 3:30 PM Jewish Film Series: Neshoma

WEEK 8: August 16 – August 21

This week's program is generously sponsored by Sandra and Burt Zucker.

Speaker: Dr. David Bryfman, CEO of The Jewish Education Project, the leading national organization innovating Jewish education, supporting and elevating Jewish educators, and addressing the myriad challenges and opportunities in Jewish and Israel education today; leading expert on Jewish teen experience and Israel education; international speaker and author of numerous articles and his book *Heroism and Hope: Recharging Israel Education in a Post-October 7 World*; founder of annual Jewish Futures Conference; host of weekly podcast *Adapting: The Future of Jewish Education*.

SUN 3:30 PM Jewish Film Series: The Magic Lantern
A very personal story that begins with a letter received by Marijke Brown 30 years ago, revealing details about her rescue as an infant by the Dutch underground during



the Holocaust. It sparks a very emotional journey for both Marijke and her filmmaker son Eli as they try to piece together a previously unknown and complicated family history and her/their ultimate rescue. USA. 2026. English. 77 min. Documentary. *The filmmaker Eli Brown will be in attendance at the film on Sunday and Wednesday to answer questions.*

MON 12:30 – 1:30 PM (NOTE TIME) Lecture: From Surviving to Thriving: Reimagining Jewish Education for Today's Learners

TUES 12:30 – 1:30 PM Lunch Talk: Recharging Israel Education: Courage, Clarity, and Commitment in a Post-October 7 World

WED 3:30 PM Jewish Film Series: The Magic Lantern

WEEK 9: August 23 – August 28

Speaker:

TBD

SUN 3:30 PM Jewish Film Series: Among Neighbors
A Holocaust survivor and residents of Gniewoszow, Poland, discuss the complicated history of the town as well as the interplay of love and hatred that shaped the lives of Polish and Jewish neighbors during WWII. USA. 2025. English. 100 min. Documentary.



MON 3:30 – 4:30 PM Lecture: TBD

TUES 12:30 – 1:30 PM Lunch Talk: TBD

WED 3:30 PM Jewish Film Series: Among Neighbors

The Jewish Film Series was co-founded by Carol N. Hirsh & Margery Gootnick ^{Z^L} in 2009. For several years the series was funded by Carol and Michael Hirsh ^{Z^L}, and curated by Elliot Fix. We thank them all for making this film series possible.

About The Everett Jewish Life Center

The Everett Jewish Life Center in Chautauqua (EJLCC) is the Inclusive Center of Jewish Life in Chautauqua. The Center offers talks, films, and other Jewish and inter-religious activities.

EJLCC operates as a Bed & Breakfast, with 5 rooms and ensuite baths. The Library is open during house hours. The Porch is always available for great conversation. All Chautauquans are invited.

The Everett Jewish Life Center Needs Your Support

The Everett Jewish Life Center in Chautauqua was built and furnished with a generous gift by the Everett Family in memory of Henry Everett, loving husband and devoted father and frequent Chautauqua visitor. We rely on contributions from the community for ongoing operations, maintenance, and programming. **Please donate online at jewishcenterchautauqua.org/makeadonation** or by mail at address below. *We are a 501©3 not-for-profit and as such, all contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.*

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