



SJCC ARTS + IDEAS

Connect to Jewish Life + Culture

2026-2027

FOODS OF LA FRONTERA



Recipes and New
Taste Frontiers
from Both Sides
of the Border



KLEZMATIC2



KETUBAH RENAISSANCE

The Artful Modern Revival of the Jewish Marriage Contract



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Everyone is welcome.



Everyone belongs at the J!

Enjoy captivating concerts, family shows, scintillating speakers, authors and thought leaders, and tasty chefs—plus evocative exhibits and the annual Seattle Jewish Film Festival. Our season amplifies profound Jewish connections to global Jewish life, conversations, cinema and culture for everyone.

Blueprint for Belonging is an SJCC-wide initiative woven throughout all programs and experiences, and is the theme of this year's *Chew on This!* Speaker Series. The J and SJCC Arts + Ideas create welcoming spaces where people of all ages, backgrounds and perspectives can gather to share experiences, strengthen relationships, deepen understanding and cultivate a community where everyone knows they are valued.



SEATTLE JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL

MARCH 6-20, 2027

Join us for the 32nd annual festival, showcasing global Jewish life and cinema: “Belonging on the Big Screen.” NEW this year: Closing Night Purim Disco Party!



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Thurs Oct 1 • 7 pm *Chew on This!*

Chefs of “Honey & Co. Daily” Middle Eastern Cookbook Talk + Tasting

UK-based Israeli restaurateurs in conversation with luminary Seattle chef Renee Erickson



Sun Oct 11 • 4:30 pm

“Humans of October 7th” free Israeli Photojournalist Presentation + Exhibit

Part of “Many Voices, One Heart” October 7 Commemorative Events • *Exhibit on display Oct 1–11*



Sun Oct 18 • 4 pm

Cinema Song Circle: A JOURNEY OF SPIRIT

Celebrate Debbie Friedman’s music and legacy with song leader Chava Mirel and Ann Coppel’s documentary



Sun Nov 1 • 2 pm *Chew on This!*

“HYPHEN” Graphic Novel: Stories of Jewish Diversity Exhibit + Speaker/Curator Julian Voloj

Celebrate modern multicultural Jewish identity with story panels from Laos, Japan, Uganda and more
Exhibit on display Oct 12–Dec 6



Sat Nov 7 • 7 pm

Moms Unhinged Stand-Up Comedy Show + Cocktails

Hysterical lineup of (*meshugge*) comedians exploring motherhood to midlife crisis—not just for moms!



Sat Nov 21 • 7 pm

Joe Buchanan + The Family Band Jewish Country Music Concert

Boot-stomping, backyard boogying evening of soulful country music, healing and line dancing with the Boot Boogie Babes



Sat Dec 5 • 7 pm

The Klezmatics Hanukkah + 40th Anniversary Concert

Grammy superstars with songs of radical joy and resilience from both their new and beloved Hanukkah albums



Sun Dec 6 • 3 pm

Shine Bright Family Hanukkah Show Mark Nizer 4D: Juggling + Lasers

A “new dimension” of holiday family entertainment with juggling, laser beams and 3D glasses; arrive at 1:30 pm for Hands on Hanukkah crafts and latkes



Sun Dec 13 • 2 pm *Chew on This!*

“A Joyful Noise” Klezmer Photography Exhibit + Author

Award-winning photographer Lloyd Wolf exhibit and book documenting klezmer musicians
Exhibit on display Dec 5–March 31



Tues Dec 15 • 7 pm *Chew on This!*

Laurie Frankel, “Enormous Wings” SJCC Book Club Author

Join the SJCC Book Club discussion with Seattle’s NYT bestselling author’s latest book



Thurs Jan 21 • 7 pm *Chew on This!*

Mexican-Jewish Chef + PBS TV Star Pati Jinich Cookbook Talk + Tasting

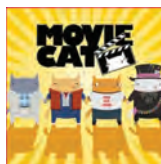
“Foods of La Frontera” cookbook, TV clips and tasting; moderated by Rachel Belle of Cascade PBS’s “The Nosh”



Sun Jan 31 • 2 pm

“Different Ships, Same Boat” A Jazz/Slam Poet Musical Journey

Guy Mendilow Ensemble and MA Poet Laureate Regie Gibson’s stirring multidisciplinary collaboration for civic healing about becoming American



Sun Feb 7 • 4 pm

MovieCat Trivia

Hosts: Jessica Aceti + Rachel Belle

Movie trivia with multimedia clips, brain-busters, belly laughs and community fun—with prizes!



March 6–20, 2027

32nd Seattle Jewish Film Festival

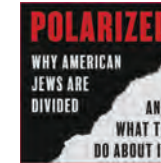
March 6 Opening Night Film + Festivities
March 20 Closing Night Purim Disco Party



Sat March 27 • 7:30 pm *Chew on This!*

Alicia Jo Rabins Memoir + Indie Music

Writer, filmmaker, musician, and Torah teacher’s memoir and “Girls in Trouble” Biblical women song cycle



Thurs April 1 • 7 pm *Chew on This!*

Prof. Roberta Kwall Author of “Polarized”

“Polarized: Why American Jews are Divided and What to Do About It”—a blueprint for productive discourse



Sun April 11 • 3 pm

CineBeliefs: SPIRITED AWAY Film + Faith

Miyazaki’s classic screens with Jewish, Christian and Shinto faith leaders in conversation



Wed May 5 • 6:30 pm • virtual event *Chew on This!*

Elaine Culbertson, “Mamaleh” Virtual Book Club

For Yom Hashoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day), read in advance and/or join the author for conversation



Thurs May 13 • 6:30 pm *Chew on This!*

“Ketubah Renaissance” Exhibit + Curator/Book Talk

Curator/author Michael Shapiro of Ketubah.com showcases the most innovative, artful *ketubot* of the last half century • *Exhibit on display April 1–July 1*



Sun May 23 • 4 pm *Chew on This!*

Author Judy Batalion “The Last Woman of Warsaw”

Debut novel by the critically acclaimed, NY Times bestselling author of “The Light of Days”



Sun June 6 • 4 pm *Chew on This!*

Leah Koenig, “The Dessert Table” Cookbook Talk, Demo + Tasting

A love letter to 2,000 years of Jewish sweets from around the world, with a focus on Shavuot recipes

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