19th Annual Winter Sephardic Film Festival

Admission is free and open to all. Showings will be followed by a discussion led by a guest speaker and light Sephardic refreshments will be provided.

Second Tuesdays at 7:00p | December - April

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Congregation Ahavath Achim
Portland's Sephardic Synagogue

Tuesday, December 9, 2025, 7:00p

Broadway Musicals: A Jewish Legacy (2013) examines the unique role of Jewish composers and lyricists in the creation of American musicals. Narrated by Tony and Academy Award winner, Joel Grey, this documentary mingles Jewish cultural history entertaining and illuminating archival footage into a compelling showcase of Legends. (*84 min, English, Discussion Leader: Mike Jaffe)*

Tuesday, January 13, 2026, 7:00p

DOUBLE FEATURE NIGHT!

Body and Soul: State of the Jewish Nation (2014) is a powerful documentary that sets the record straight about the undeniable connection between the Jewish people and the land of Israel, debunking propaganda, myths, and misinformation. (*65 min, English and Hebrew w/ Subtitles, Discussion Leader: Shani Laws)*

I Am Israel (2017) takes the viewer on a cinematic pictorial journey through the Land of the Bible and follows the stories of Jewish men and women who are part of the rebirth of the nation. (*35 min, English and Hebrew w/ Subtitles, Discussion Leader: Shani Laws)*

Tuesday, February 10, 2026, 7:00p

Schmatta: Rags to Riches to Rags (2009) brings to life the history of the Garment District in NYC. This is the story of a vanishing industry told by the voices of the people who lived it. With archival film you will witness an engrossing, elegiac history. (*75 min, English, Discussion Leader: Avrel Nudelman)*

Tuesday, March 10, 2026, 7:00p

DOUBLE FEATURE NIGHT!

The Longest Journey (2013) is the story of the Jews of Rhodes, Greece, from their arrival in bibical times to the deportation of community by the Nazis in 1944. This film introduces you to the geography, the climate, commerce, Jewish culture and traditions of the people and first-hand testimony of the community survivors. A compelling historical documentary. (*60 min, English, Ladino, French, Italian w/ Subtitles, Discussion Leaders: Albert J Menashe and Richard Matza)*

Island of Roses: Jews of Rhodes in Los Angeles (1995) is the story of immigration and resettlement of the people, culture and traditions of the "Rhodeslis" in L.A. Interviews with immigrants, second and third generations show how the food, songs, rituals, and language have carried on in America, and are mirrored in Portland. (*55 min, English, Ladino, French, w/ Subtitles, Discussion Leaders: Albert J Menashe and Richard Matza)*

Wednesday, April 15, 2026, 7:00p

Turkish Passport: A Holocaust Story With A Happy Ending (2011) tells the story of Turkish diplomats posted in European countries in WWII, who saved numerous Jews as they pulled them from concentration camps and trains. The diplomats not only saved Jews, but they saved others by issuing Turkish passports. Hear from survivors and diplomates testimonies' regarding their moral courage as presented in documents, stories, and archival footage. (*70 min, French, Hebrew w/ Subtitles, Discussion Leader: Laurette and Betty Nacamulli)*

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