



Your Exclusive First Look at the 2020 Maine Jewish Film Festival!



It's hard to believe that 2020 is here and the Festival is just two months away! Just a reminder that the Festival is a little later this year - **March 28-April 5**.

We're in the final stages of scheduling films and confirming programs and thought it was the perfect time to share a look at two of the 30+ films we're proud to present this year. (see below)

For a preview look, I'd like to invite you to join me Sunday, January 26 at the JCA in Portland for [Behind the Scenes with MJFF](#).

Sincere thanks to the dedicated members of our Screening Committee, who put in hours of viewing, research and discussion to help choose this year's line up. We think you'll agree it's a fascinating collection of films to enrich, educate and entertain our diverse community about the global Jewish experience.

Offerings include a gripping drama about a youth orchestra of Palestinians and Israeli Jews, a documentary about the only Arab recognized as 'righteous among nations' by Israel, and a sweet comedy-drama about a 13 year old Brooklyn chef.

You'll meet the Yiddish poet who was rescued by Stalin, the gay Mormon stand-up comic who's studying for his bar mitzvah and the film critic readers loved *and* loved to hate.

Special programs give the opportunity to meet filmmakers, artists and experts who add so much to the film viewing experience.

Thank you again to our Screening Committee for their hard work and to our generous donors, sponsors, foundations and volunteers, who make it all possible.

Look for complete details and ticket info coming to our website and to your mailboxes in February. We look forward to seeing you at the movies!

PICTURE OF HIS LIFE



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A daring Israeli underwater photographer spends 40 years taking stunning close-ups of aquatic wildlife, but one fearsome challenge eludes him: swimming beside a polar bear while filming the encounter. Stunning Arctic and underwater photography take

us along with Amos on a thrilling yet lyrical journey of redemption and discovery.



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My Polish Honeymoon

In this bittersweet romantic comedy, Parisian newlyweds Adam and Anna travel to Poland in part to reconnect with their Jewish heritage and homeland as they'll attend a ceremony in the village where Adam's grandfather grew up. Unable to bridge past and present in this strange yet familiar land, the eye-opening journey doesn't go as planned.

Behind the Scenes with MJFF at the [JCA](#) Sunday, January 26, 3:00 - 5:00 PM

Barbara Merson will explore plans and themes for the 2020 Maine Jewish Film Festival, with a particular emphasis on the connection between Jewish films and Jewish values. **Free. All are welcome.**

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