

# Announcing the 33rd Annual Silicon Valley Jewish Film Festival

*In-Theatre and Virtual Festival Runs  
October 26 – November 10, 2024*

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The 2024 Silicon Valley Jewish Film Festival (SVJFF) features an impressive slate of 30 films from around the world, spanning various genres and

themes. The festival will feature six special in-theatre movie events at AMC Saratoga 14 and the JCC in Palo Alto. Additionally, there will be dozens of virtual movie screenings on the Eventive platform, available for viewing 72 hours from the first scheduled screening.



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Director*

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The Silicon Valley Jewish Film Festival showcases the complexities of the Jewish community, fostering empathy, understanding, and unity. The featured films have the power to inspire, raise awareness, and bring people together. By portraying diverse characters and experiences, the festival promotes tolerance, acceptance, and a broader perspective on the world. It provides an opportunity for people to celebrate their culture and find solace in the power of storytelling, ultimately bringing about positive change and promoting a deeper appreciation for the diversity and resilience of the Jewish community.

Note to the media: If you are interested in arranging an online film screening and/or interviews with available film talent in advance of the festival, please contact Pam Kelly at [pam@prxdigital.com](mailto:pam@prxdigital.com) or (408) 483-2410.

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Please visit [www.svjff.org](http://www.svjff.org) for the complete schedule of films, to purchase tickets, and for patron donor information.

Highlights of the 2024 Silicon Valley Jewish Film Festival

OPENING NIGHT

Saturday, October 26

7:00 PM

Northern California Premiere!

THE PERFORMANCE

Based on a short story by Arthur Miller, Jeremy Piven stars as an American Jew and talented tap dancer who is unwittingly recruited to perform for Hitler in 1937 Germany. After the movie, there will be a special Q&A with director and co-writer Shira Piven, moderated by Todd Yellin.

JCC Palo Alto

3921 Fabian Way

Palo Alto, CA 94303

CLOSING NIGHT

Sunday, November 10

7:00 PM

Multiple Award Winner!

CALL ME DANCER

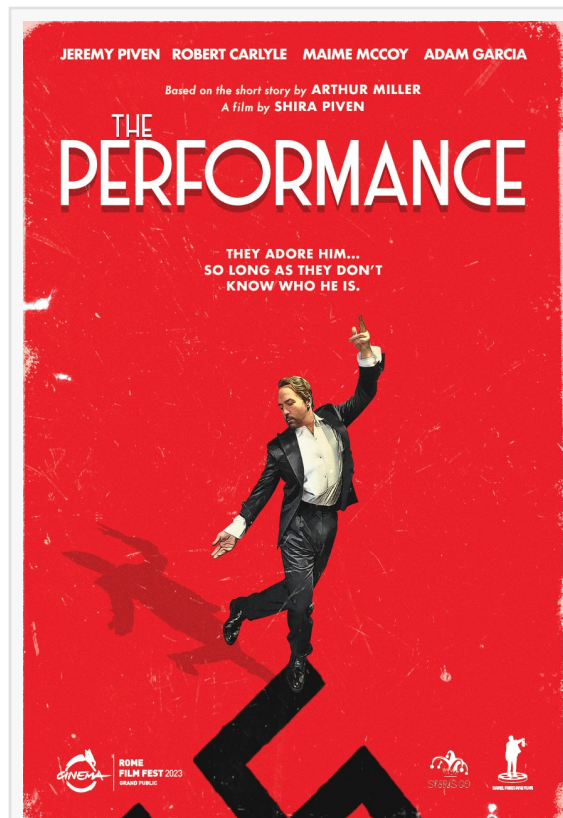
A story of hope, heartache, and hard work. With the help of an Israeli teacher, a young and talented street dancer from Mumbai struggles against his parents' insistence that he follow a traditional path. After the Film, there will be a Q&A with actor/dancer Manish Chauhan.

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Palo Alto, CA 94303

A Day at the Theatre — Sunday, October 27 at AMC



NorCal Premiere of The Performance: Opening Night, October 26, 7 pm



Award-Winner Call Me Dancer: Closing Night, November 10, 7 pm

Saratoga 14, 700 El Paseo de Saratoga, San Jose, CA 95130

Noon — FAMILY MOVIE - "Shari and Lamb Chop" followed by a Q&A with Mallory Lewis and Lambchop  
2:30 pm — "Telling Nonie" followed by a Q&A with author Nonie Darwish and Producer Tomer Shmulevich

5 pm — "Kidnapped: The Abduction of Edgardo Mortara"

Followed by a pre-recorded interview with author David I. Kertzer

8 pm — Acclaimed film "Running on Sand"

Pre-Recorded Interviews Following Virtual Film Screenings

"Without Precedent: The Supreme Life of Rosalie Abella" with Justice Abella

"Rabbi on the Block" with Director Brad Rothschild and Rabbi Tamar Manasseh

"Screams Before Silence" with a Special Introduction by Sheryl Sandberg

"Home" with Director Benny Freeman

"My Father's Secrets" with Michel Kichka - Family Movie

"The Catskills" with Director Lex Gillespie

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About the Silicon Valley Jewish Film Festival:

The SVJFF is a nonprofit volunteer organization that, since 1991, has promoted cultural diversity by providing opportunities to the Silicon Valley community to expand their knowledge of film that focuses on Jewish themes and cultures. Our mission is to showcase Jewish culture, traditions, and humor and spark dialogue around entertainment, art, politics, society, and global issues. Learn more at [www.svjff.org](http://www.svjff.org)

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Shari and Lamb Chop: Day at the Theatre, AMC Saratoga 14, Sunday, October 27, 12 pm

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Running on Sand: Day at the Theatre,  
AMC Saratoga 14, Sunday, October  
27, 8 pm

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