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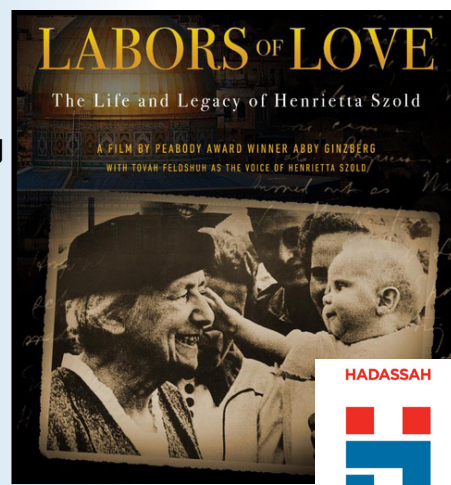
Wednesday
**Sept
23**
6:30 PM

LIVE-STREAM DOCUMENTARY **LABORS OF LOVE**

Join us for a live-streamed documentary exploring the remarkable life and legacy of **Henrietta Szold**, founder of Hadassah in 1912 and one of the most influential—and often under-recognized—American Jewish women in history.

Directed by Peabody Award winner Abby Ginzberg, the film tells the story of a visionary leader whose work transformed lives. Through Hadassah, Szold helped establish the foundation of modern healthcare in the region and spearheaded the rescue of 11,000 Jewish children during World War II.

Sponsored by Hadassah with Temple Sinai and Cong. Beth Shalom.



Registration required & reception included. \$10 donation requested.

Congregation Beth Shalom
688 Clifton Park Center Road, Clifton Park

Thursday
**Oct
15**
6 PM

DOCUMENTARY **AIN'T NO BACK TO A MERRY-GO-ROUND**

An award-winning documentary film directed by Emmy Award-winning filmmaker Ilana Trachtman, this powerful film reveals the untold story of one of the first organized interracial civil rights protests in the United States.

At Maryland's segregated Glen Echo Amusement Park, Black student protesters were joined by local Jewish residents in a courageous act of solidarity, challenging racial segregation and standing together for equality and justice.

Sponsored by Jewish Federation, The Black Chamber of Commerce, Albany Institute of History and Art, The Capital District Jewish Holocaust Memorial and Temple Sinai, Saratoga Springs.



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Albany Institute of History & Art
125 Washington Avenue, Albany



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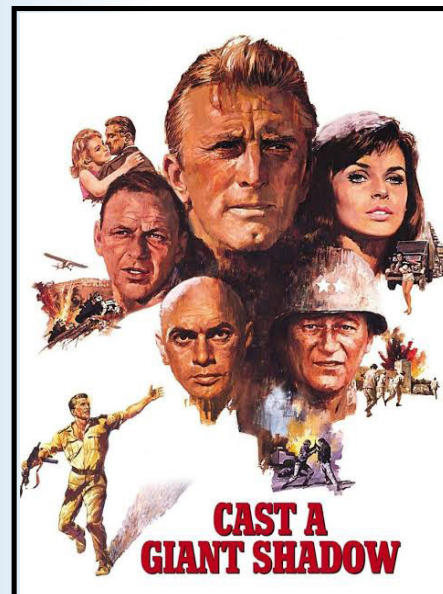
**LIVE
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A PANEL DISCUSSION OF THE FILM **CAST A GIANT SHADOW**

Join us for a Zoom panel discussion exploring this compelling part-fact, part-fiction drama inspired by the heroic struggle for Israel's independence in 1948.

The film follows Mickey Marcus, a Jewish American military officer who is called upon to help the newly established State of Israel build an army capable of defending itself against overwhelming odds. Drawing on his experience and leadership, Marcus transforms a small, inexperienced underground force into a disciplined fighting army.

Registration required



Sunday
Nov
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7 PM

**LIVE
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ZOOM**

A PANEL DISCUSSION OF THE FILM **ASHES IN THE SNOW**

Join us for a Zoom panel discussion of this powerful film about a 16-year-old aspiring artist whose life is forever changed when she and her family are deported from Lithuania to Siberia under Stalin's brutal regime during World War II.

Amid unimaginable hardship, displacement, and loss, she turns to her art as a way to document her family's experience and preserve the truth of what they endured. Based on Ruta Sepetys' acclaimed novel, the film brings a largely untold chapter of history to life through a deeply personal and visually striking story of courage, resilience, and hope.

Registration required



Thursday
Dec
17
7 PM

KAATERSKILL-KLEZ

Join **Margot Leverett, Zoe B. Zak, Robert Bard & Studio Stu** for a joyous musical celebration of Chanukah and the enduring spirit of Jewish music.

Through the soulful sounds of Klezmer, we'll look back at the traditions and stories that have carried us through generations—and look ahead with hope toward peace.

An evening of music, community, and the light we carry forward.



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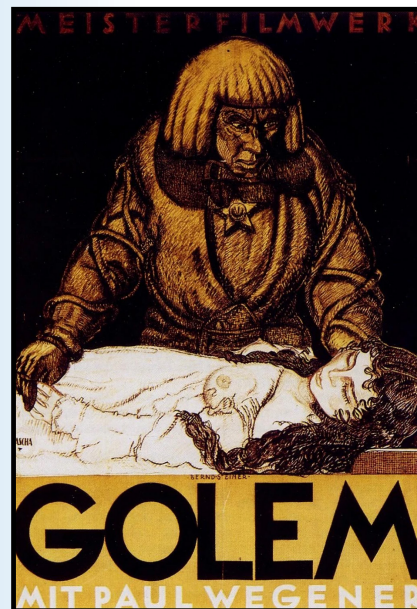
A PANEL DISCUSSION OF THE FILM **GOLEM**

Join us for a Zoom panel discussion exploring this landmark 1920 German silent film, widely regarded as a masterpiece of early German Expressionism.

Directed by Paul Wegener and inspired by Gustav Meyrink's 1915 novel, the film brings to life the legendary Jewish folklore figure of the Golem—a creature fashioned from clay to protect the Jewish community from persecution.

Set in 16th-century Prague, the story follows Rabbi Loew, who creates the terrifying yet powerful Golem to defend his people from their persecutors.

As the artificial being is brought to life and begins to develop human emotions, the film raises enduring questions about power, protection, fear, and the consequences of creating life.



Registration required

Sunday
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14TH ANNUAL MATTHEW M. NEUGROSCHEL JEWISH STORYTELLING PROGRAM

Named in memory of Matthew M. Neugroschel, a most creative and remarkable storyteller, whose life was cut short in 2020.

Local and regional gifted performers tell both traditional and contemporary Jewish themed tales. These bards share their love and passion for storytelling and annually capture the hearts and souls of their listeners.

Registration required
\$15 donation requested



 **Temple Sinai**
509 Broadway
Saratoga Springs

Thursday
Feb
18
7 PM

DWELL

Experience **Dwell**, presented live on Zoom by **The Braid**, formerly Jewish Women's Theatre —a Jewish story company dedicated to creating, curating, producing, and preserving stories rooted in Jewish culture and experience.

Through compelling storytelling, **Dwell** invites audiences to explore the places, memories, relationships, and experiences that shape our sense of home and belonging.

Registration required



Sunday
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A PANEL DISCUSSION OF THE FILM **AHEAD OF TIME: THE EXTRAORDINARY JOURNEY OF RUTH GRUBER**

Join us for a Zoom panel discussion of Bob Richman's compelling documentary about the extraordinary life of Ruth Gruber, the pioneering foreign correspondent, photojournalist, author, and humanitarian who spent more than seven decades making history rather than simply reporting it.

The world's youngest PhD at age 20, Gruber traveled to some of the most remote and politically charged corners of the world. She reported from the Soviet Arctic, authored 19 books, secretly escorted Holocaust refugees to safety during World War II, and brought international attention to the plight of Jewish refugees aboard the ship *Exodus* in 1947.

Registration required



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7 PM

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A PANEL DISCUSSION OF THE FILM **BONHOEFFER**

Join us for a thought-provoking Zoom panel discussion exploring the life and moral courage of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the courageous Lutheran minister who recognized the dangers of Hitler and the Nazi regime early on.

As he witnessed the persecution and imprisonment of Jews, the suppression of religious freedom, and the brutal intimidation of clergy who dared to speak out, Bonhoeffer was drawn into the German resistance. His decision to stand against tyranny ultimately placed his own life in grave danger.

Registration required



Thursday

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7 PM

CHUTZPAH & SALSA 2

Experience *Chutzpah & Salsa 2*, presented live on Zoom by The Braid, formerly Jewish Women's Theatre—a Jewish story company dedicated to creating, curating, producing, and preserving stories rooted in Jewish culture and experience.

With humor, heart, and plenty of chutzpah, this lively collection of personal stories explores the rich and often surprising intersections of Jewish identity, culture, family, and life experience.

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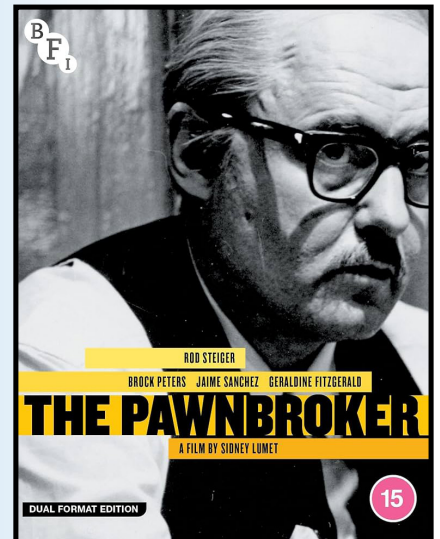
May
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7 PM

A PANEL DISCUSSION OF THE FILM THE PAWNBROKER

Join us for a Zoom panel discussion exploring Sidney Lumet's groundbreaking 1964 drama, *The Pawnbroker*—the first American-produced film to confront the Holocaust from the perspective of a survivor.

The film follows a Holocaust survivor living in New York who has withdrawn from human connection, compassion, and the world around him. Haunted by his past and emotionally isolated in the present, he is forced to confront whether it is possible to reconnect with others and find meaning after unimaginable loss.

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A HERO AMONG US

Join us for **A Hero Among Us**, presented live on Zoom by The Braid, formerly Jewish Women's Theatre—a Jewish story company dedicated to creating, curating, producing, and preserving stories rooted in Jewish culture and experience.



Through powerful and deeply personal storytelling, this inspiring presentation explores the courage, resilience, and unexpected acts of heroism found within Jewish lives and communities.

Experience an engaging collection of stories that celebrates the extraordinary people among us and reminds us that heroes can emerge in the most unexpected places.

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