



Jewish Film Festival

2026

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Alamo Drafthouse Cinema

February 1 & 22 • March 8, 15, 22 & 29







SHOSHANA

Inspired by real events, Shoshana is a political thriller set in the 1930s in Tel Aviv, a brand new European, Jewish city being built on the shores of the Mediterranean. Thomas Wilkin (Douglas Booth) is in love with the city and with Shoshana Borochow (Irina Starshenbaum). Through their relationship the film explores the way extremism and violence pushes people apart, forcing people to choose one side or the other.
Wilkins works with Geoffrey Morton (Harry Melling) in the anti-terrorist squad of the British Palestine Police force, chasing the charismatic poet and underground leader Avarham Stern (Aury Alby). Stern believes Israel can only be built through violence. His two main targets are Wilkin and Morton. Shoshana, like most of Tel Aviv, is modern, progressive and feminist.She hates the politics of Stern and his followers. But as the violence builds everyone is forced to choose which side they will fight on.

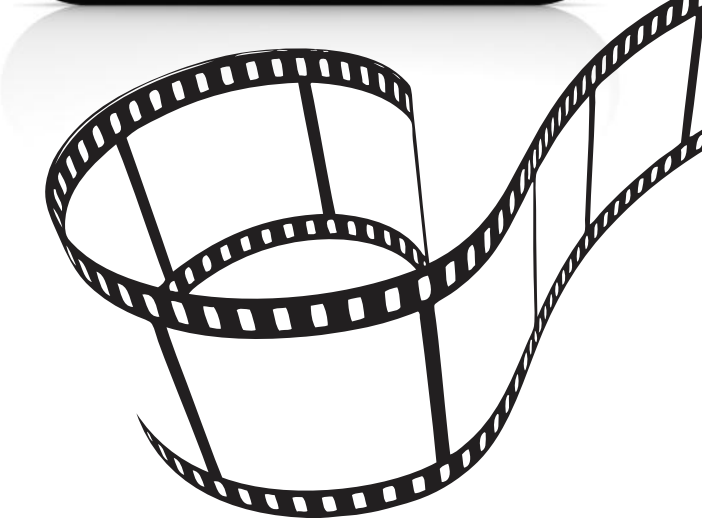
FEBRUARY 1
2:00 PM
Alamo Draft House

UK & Italy • 121 MINUTES • 2023

DIRECTOR
Michael Winterbottom

LANGUAGE
English

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NEVER ALONE

Never Alone tells the gripping story of Jewish refugees seeking safety in Finland during WWII. As Nazi influence grows, the Finnish-Jewish businessman Abraham Stiller (Ville Virtanen, Netflix's Bordertown) risks everything to protect the refugee community. This powerful film showcases courage, resilience, and the fight for hope amidst overwhelming adversity.

From the celebrated director Klaus Härö, known for Oscar-shortlisted "The Fencer“ and Golden Globe-nominated "My Sailor, My Love,“ comes a powerful true story of resilience and defiance. Based on actual events during World War II, Never Alone shines a light on the plight of Jewish refugees seeking sanctuary in Finland and the unwavering hero who risked everything to protect them.

FEBRUARY 22
2:00 PM
ALAMO DRAFT HOUSE

FINLAND • 85 MINUTES • 2025

DIRECTOR
KLAUS HÄRÖ

LANGUAGE
FINNISH
WITH ENGLISH SUBTITLES

AWARDS
AUDIENCE CHOICE AWARD FOR
BEST INTERNATIONAL FILM
SEDONA INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL 2025

BEST OF THE FEST
PALM SPRINGS INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL 2025

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AVENUE OF GIANTS

Herbert Heller carries a traumatic secret from his childhood in Eastern Europe: Now the owner of a toy store in Marin County, California, Herbert survived the Holocaust in his teens. The Nazis forced him into the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp at the age of 12, but he managed to escape three years later and kept the secret from everyone - including his own children - for 60 years. When Herbert is diagnosed later in life with a terminal illness, he befriends Abbey, an isolated teenager whose own brush with pain and death inspires him to open up. Abbey and Herbert reveal their stories to each other, forge an unlikely intergenerational friendship, and together find a path toward healing.

MARCH 8
2:00 PM
ALAMO DRAFT HOUSE

USA • 102 MINUTES • 2023

DIRECTOR
FINN TAYLOR

LANGUAGE
ENGLISH

AWARDS
AUDIENCE AWARD FOR BEST FEATURE FILM
SAN DIEGO JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL 2025
BEST FEATURE FILM
PALM BEACH JEWISH FILM FESTIVA 2025
AUDIENCE AWARD- BEST FILM - GOLD COAST INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL 2024
AUDIENCE CHOICE AWARD- BEST NARRATIVE FEATURE- PRESCOTT FILM FESTIVAL 2024

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ONE BIG HAPPY FAMILY

One Big Happy Family is a film that follows the journey of Rachel Torres as she discovers that her lineage is not as she believed it to be. The film explores themes of identity, tradition, and family, highlighting the family she chooses over the one she is born into. Directed by Matt Sohn, the film features a cast that includes Lisa Brenner, Linda Lavin, Dante Basco, and Josh Fadem. It is a re-imagining of Lisa Brenner's own personal story, aiming to entertain while also sparking conversations about identity and family.

MARCH 15
2:00 PM
ALAMO DRAFT HOUSE

USA • 82 MINUTES • 2024

DIRECTOR
MATT SOHN

LANGUAGE
ENGLISH

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THE FRISCO KID

The Frisco Kid is a 1979 American Western comedy film directed by Robert Aldrich, starring Gene Wilder as Avram Belinski, a Polish rabbi who is traveling to San Francisco, and Harrison Ford as a bank robber who befriends him. The film follows Avram's journey from Philadelphia to San Francisco, where he is hijacked and has to work his way across the country. Along the way, he meets up with a bank robber and they form a friendship and have many (mis)adventures, including being captured by Native Americans. The movie is known for its comedic elements and the unlikely friendship between Avram and Tommy Lillard, a bank robber with a soft heart.

MARCH 22
2:00 PM
ALAMO DRAFT HOUSE

USA • 119 MINUTES • 1979

DIRECTOR
ROBERT ALDRICH

LANGUAGE
ENGLISH

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THE SEA

Khaled, a 12-year-old boy from a Palestinian village, is thrilled to join a school trip to see the sea for the first time. However, at an Israeli military checkpoint, soldiers declare his travel permit invalid and send him back, while his classmates continue on. Determined and heartbroken, Khaled sets out alone to reach the sea, despite not knowing the way or speaking Hebrew. His father, Ribhi, an undocumented laborer working in Israel, abandons his job and risks arrest to search for his missing son.

MARCH 29
2:00 PM
ALAMO DRAFT HOUSE

ISRAEL • 93 MINUTES • 2025

DIRECTOR
SHAI CARMELI-POLLAK

LANGUAGE
HEBREW
WITH ENGLISH SUBTITLES

AWARDS
BEST PICTURE, BEST SCREENPLAY,
BEST ACTOR, BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR, AND
BEST ORIGINAL SCORE
OPHIR AWARDS 2025
(ISRAELI FILM ACADEMY AWARDS)

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Our Mission

The Jewish Federation of El Paso & Las Cruces, with the support of the Jewish Community Foundation of El Paso, is committed to presenting internationally acclaimed Jewish films that celebrate and educate about Jewish culture, and inspiring audiences within our community and beyond.

TICKETS

General Admission $18.00

Senior (65+)* $11.00 & Students $11.00

*Senior discounts and Shalom Shuttle transportation funded by a grant from The Jewish Community Foundation of El Paso

Film Festival Series Pass $180.00

- Series Pass includes two tickets to each film

Tickets by advance purchase only

No refunds on purchased tickets or sponsorships

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SPONSORSHIPS

Actors: $250

- 2 tickets to each film & name on event marketing materials

Director: $500

- 3 tickets to each film & name on event marketing materials

Producer: $1,000

- 4 tickets to each film, name on event marketing materials, & preferred reserved seating

Executive Producer: $2,500

- 4 tickets, reserved seating, name on event marketing materials, preferred reserved seating, & complimentary soft drink & popcorn for each seat during series

2026 SPONSORS

Executive Producers

Felicia Rubin
Jerry & Stanlee Rubin
Jonny & Lory Rogers

Producers

Debra Kanof
Randy & Janet Wechter
Stuart & Nancy Shiloff

Directors

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Jack Heydemann
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Actors

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