

FILM FESTIVAL . . .

Jewish Film Festival 11th Anniversary



Celebration!
Cinema North

Sunday, May 3rd 6:30 p.m.

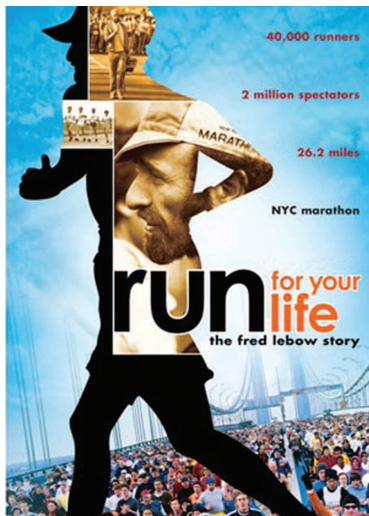
RUN FOR YOUR LIFE

96 min

English

An affectionate salute to a Jewish sports icon and a must-see for avid runners, *Run For Your Life* is the remarkable true story of Fred Lebow, mastermind of the New York City Marathon. Raised in an Orthodox Jewish family in Transylvania, Fischl Leibowitz fled war-torn Europe and eventually settled in the Big Apple. After a career in the garment trade, this scrappy showman launched the New York City Marathon, eventually transforming it into the world's largest marathon, encompassing all five boroughs, and a source of civic pride during troubled times.

Panel presentation with Greg Meyer, winner of the Boston and Chicago marathon and Marathon Don (Don Kern).



Monday, May 4th 7:30 p.m.

FUGITIVE PIECES

104 min

Rated: R

English, Greek,
Yiddish and German



A powerful, poetic, and emotionally-charged drama about love, loss and redemption, *Fugitive Pieces* tells the story of Jakob Beer, a man whose life is transformed by his childhood experiences during WWII. The film is based on the

beloved and best-selling novel by Canadian poet Anne Michaels.

Panel presentation: Dr. Daniel Rosen, Neuropsychologist, and Dr. Richard Raubold, Psychologist, will address the effect of traumatic experiences.

Tuesday, May 5th 7:30 p.m.

THE DEBT

93 min

Hebrew, German,
Russian with
subtitles



The year is 1965. Rachel Brenner is one of three young Mossad agents' team who caught "the Surgeon of Treblinka" - a Nazi monster who was never brought to trial in Israel. The official reason was that he has committed suicide as a prisoner while being held by his Israeli captive in a safe house somewhere in Europe. Today, 35 years after the well communicated suicide, a small article appears in a local unimportant paper in a small town in central Europe. Surprisingly the Surgeon is ALIVE and is willing to admit his crimes against the human race and especially the Jews. The three older Mossad agents who are in their late 60s became aware of this unfortunate threatening knowledge. They



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decided to act and take the law into their hands by completing their old assignment to eliminate "the Surgeon of Treblinka", before the big lie will come out to the open. Rachel today is a well-known beloved writer publishing her new book. She owes that job to her country and friends, but especially herself. She will not be able to live with 35 years of terrible lies. Will the respected old lady be able to become once more a cold blooded hit woman and fulfill her destiny and mission to society and to herself?

Wednesday, May 6th 4:30 p.m.

Family Matinee

MAX MINSKY AND ME

94 minutes

German with subtitles

Author Holly-Jane Rahlens based the screenplay on her best-selling novel, *Prince William, Maximilian Minsky and Me*, which received the German Award for Young Peoples Literature in 2003.



A charming story about friendship, dedication and dreams, this film is a comedic coming-of-age film adults and teens

will enjoy equally.

**ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE DAY
DINNER**

Wednesday, May 6th

6:00 p.m. in the Wave Room

Celebration! Cinema

Adults \$7.00 / Children 12 & Younger \$5.00

R.S.V.P. by May 1st to the

Jewish Federation at 942-5553

Wednesday, May 6th 7:30 p.m.

THE CASE FOR ISRAEL:

Democracy's Outpost –

A documentary film with Alan Dershowitz

English

Presenting a vigorous case for Israel – for its basic right to exist, to protect its citizens from terrorism, and

to defend its borders from hostile enemies. Alan Dershowitz engages leading political, judicial and academic leaders from Israel and North America in objective and intelligent discourse on the critical challenges facing Israel and the West.



Panel presentation: Gloria Greenfield, Producer of the film and Alex Safian PhD, Associate Director and Research Director at the Committee for Accuracy in Middle East Reporting in America (CAMERA).

Thursday, May 7th 7:30 p.m.

NOODLE

90 minutes

Hebrew and Mandarin with subtitles

At thirty-seven, Miri is a twice-widowed, El Al flight attendant. Her well-regulated existence is suddenly turned upside down by an abandoned Chinese boy whose migrant-worker mother has been summarily deported from Israel. The film is a touching comic-drama in which two human beings – as different from each other as Tel Aviv is from Beijing – accompany each other on a remarkable journey, one that takes them both back to a meaningful life.



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