

RJFF is New York State's **largest** Jewish cultural event outside of NYC!



We celebrate films with local connections – having the **Bielski family** on stage following our screening of **Defiance** made for a powerful night at RJFF



We've hosted major filmmakers and actors – notably, **Nancy Spielberg** and **Elliott Gould** (pictured above with former JCC Executive Director Leslie Berkowitz)

Miranda Konar and Andrea Miller with a proclamation honoring RJFF from **NYS Senator Jeremy Cooney**



While once a **rarity**, Jewish film festivals are now a **staple** of Jewish communities around the world



We've had true advocates in the arts community, including longtime local and national film critic **Jack Garner** and former Little Theatre CEO **Bill Coppard**



We are grateful to the theaters who have hosted us throughout the years, especially the **Dryden Theatre** which has been with us since the beginning!

RJFF has been a true friend to the Rochester arts and film communities.

We are proud to have partnered with **ImageOut**, **High Falls Film Festival**, **The Reel Mind**, and **One Take**



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2000 JCC Executive Director David Jacobs engages Andrea Miller to create the first Rochester Jewish Film Festival

2001 First festival held at the JCC and Dryden featuring first 500-seat sellout with screening of *Left Luggage*

2002 Friendly's becomes first major corporate sponsor. All Festival Passes introduced. Beginning of beloved tradition of East Avenue parties!

2012 Lori Harter assumes role of Festival Director, expanding film offerings and introducing new partnerships in the community

2018 Andrea Miller returns as Festival Director, festival attendance tops 6,500

2020 Festival goes virtual to adjust to the pandemic

2021 Hybrid festival with films shown at JCC, Dawn Lipson Canalside Tent, Dryden Theatre, and virtually

2022 Return to fully in-person screenings

2023 Reserved Seating Introduced - No more long lines or waiting in sweltering heat

2024 RJFF sees a double-chai (36%) growth in attendance!

2025 Jake Rosenbaum hired as new Festival Director

2025 After decades of service to the community, Andrea Miller assumes new role as Director Emerita. Thank you, Andrea!