

AKSE Winter Film Fest 2024

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The films are free to members of the AKSE community.
Access information will be emailed the week before the viewing window begins.

January 13-16 — Carl Laemmle



A Film by James L. Freedman
USA, 2019, Documentary, English, 91 Minutes

Discover the extraordinary life story of Carl Laemmle, the German-Jewish immigrant who founded Universal Pictures and saved over 300 Jewish families from Nazi Germany.

Viewing window Saturday 1/13 after Shabbat to Tuesday 1/16 at 6 PM

Discussion Tuesday 1/16 at 7 PM

Discussion Leaders: Barry and Annie Solan

February 17-20 — Tiger Within



Directed by Rafal Zielinski
Written by Gina Wendkos (*The Princess Diaries*, *Coyote Ugly*), United States, 2023, Drama, English, 98 minutes

A story featuring an unlikely friendship between a homeless teen and a Holocaust survivor, sparking larger questions of fear, forgiveness, healing, and world peace. Starring Ed Asner, winner of multiple Emmy Awards, in his final performance.

Viewing window Saturday 2/17 after Shabbat to Tuesday 2/20 at 6 PM

Discussion Tuesday 2/20 at 7 PM

Discussion leader: TBA

March 16-19 — Streit's: Matzo and the American Dream



Directed by Michael Levine
USA, 2016
English
Documentary
83 minutes

For more than 90 years, the Streit's matzo factory sat in a low-slung tenement building on Manhattan's Lower East Side. While other matzo companies modernized, Streit's remained a piece of living history, churning out 40 percent of the nation's unleavened bread on pre-War machinery as old as the factory itself. In a neighborhood where the Jewish immigrants long ago moved on, in a nation where progress and profits trump all else, where manufacturing has left the cities if not the country, where family businesses are bought out by giant corporations and workers move from job to low paying job, filmmaker Michael Levine captures the Streit's saga and echoes the American Dream.

Viewing window Saturday 3/16 after Shabbat to Tuesday 3/19 at 6 PM

Discussion Tuesday 3/19 at 7 PM

Discussion Leader: Richard Plotzker