

# DC JEWISH FILM x MUSIC FESTIVAL

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## CINEMA ARTS THEATRE - FAIRFAX, VA SCREENINGS & SHOWTIMES



### **BAD SHABBOS - Thursday, May 15, 7:30 PM**

David and his fiancée Meg expect a quiet Shabbat dinner with his family on New York's Upper West Side—but when an accidental death (or murder?) derails the evening, chaos ensues. With Meg's Catholic parents about to meet David's Jewish family, the night quickly spirals.



### **MATCHMAKING 2 - Saturday, May 17, 7:30 PM**

Baruch, a Yeshiva man past his prime for marriage, is tasked with picking up Shira from the airport. When a flight delay traps them in the airport over Shabbat, Baruch falls for her despite knowing he has no chance.



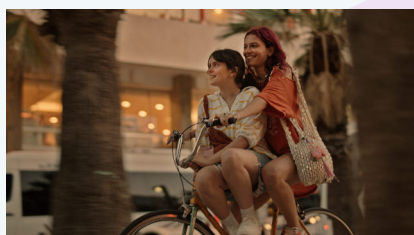
### **UNSPOKEN- Sunday, May 18, 12:00 PM**

When a closeted, religious teenager discovers a love letter from before the Holocaust, written to his grandfather by another man, he realizes he may not be as alone as he thought. With the help of his high school crush, he embarks on a journey to uncover the mysterious letter's author and his grandfather's hidden past.



### **CHARLES GRODIN: REBEL WITH A CAUSE - Sunday, May 18, 2:00 PM**

The movie celebrates Chuck Grodin's hilarious acting career, as well as his decades-long, successful fight to get wrongly convicted people – most of whom were mothers of color with young children – out of prison. Conversation with director James L. Freedman and Pozez JCC Executive Director Jeff Dannick following screening.



### **COME CLOSER - Sunday, May 18, 4:00 PM**

In this emotional drama, Eden's world is turned upside down after the tragic death of her beloved younger brother. Devastated by grief, she spirals into increasingly desperate actions to cope with her loss. A conversation with Tom Neshier will follow screening!

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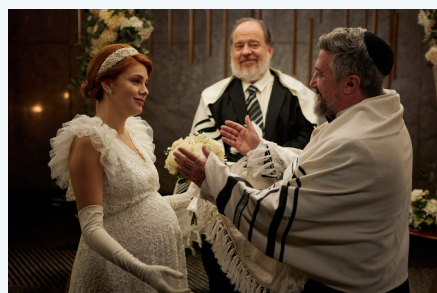
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## **31 CANDLES- Sunday, May 18, 7:30 PM**

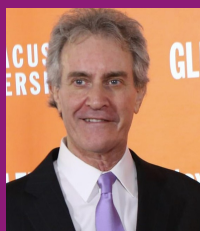
Leo Kadner, a 30-year-old New Yorker, has a Bar Mitzvah after reconnecting with his childhood crush Eva Shapiro. To complete his Mitzvah project, Leo must deal with situationships, exes, and family while on a deadline.



## **MAZEL TOV - Sunday, May 18, 9:00 PM**

When Dario Roitman returns to Argentina for a family wedding and Bat Mitzvah, he expects the usual family drama. His plans are upended when he learns, just hours before his flight, that his father has passed away. As the Roitman family gathers for the funeral, old wounds and tensions resurface. Screening sponsored by the Embassy of Argentina.

## POST-SCREENING DIRECTOR CONVERSATIONS



### **James L. Freedman, CHARLES GRODIN (Sunday, May 18, 2:00 PM)**

Award-winning documentary filmmaker behind HBO's "Glickman," executive produced by Martin Scorsese, and "Carl Laemmle," funded by Steven Spielberg's foundation. Freedman will be joined onstage with Pozez JCC Executive Director Jeff Dannick.



### **Tom Nesher, COME CLOSER (Sunday, May 18, 4:00 PM)**

Named to Variety's TOP 10 DIRECTORS TO WATCH in 2025 list and winner of the Ophir Award for Best Director. COME CLOSER won the Tribeca Film Festival 2024 Viewpoint Award. Nesher will be joined onstage with Israeli film producer Harel Ben Melech for a Q&A.



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