



J★Fest

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NOVEMBER 14-21, 2026 RADY JCC - 123 DONCASTER STREET

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**AWARD-WINNING
SINGER/SONGWRITER**

HAREL SKAAT



BEN CAPLAN

**THE JEWISH SOUL OF
ROCK 'N' ROLL**



**FLATLAND
FAMOUS**

**AWARD
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Welcome to JFest WPG.

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JFest WPG is a joyful celebration of Jewish culture, embracing a rich past, and blazing a path into a dynamic future. This festival explores Ashkenazi, Sephardic, Mizrahi, Israeli, and cross-cultural traditions – with a twenty-first century vibe.

Expect electrifying music, iconic cinematic moments that will move your soul, and the best kids' festival in Winnipeg.

It all begins at Seven Oaks Performing Arts Centre, with a concert by Israeli star of stage and TV, **Harel Skaat**. From there, enjoy an exclusive book launch, two films that brought the house down at the Winnipeg International Jewish Film Festival and, for those who couldn't get enough of "The Jewish Soul of Rock 'n' Roll" last year – **Flatland Famous** is back to keep the stories, and the music, coming. Winnipeg Folk Fest favourite **Ben Caplan** rounds out the week just ahead of a Yeladudes! KidFest that you won't want to miss.

It's time to come together, and connect, laugh, eat, play, dance, and so much more — there's truly something for everyone.

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Meet the Team

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Award-winning Singer/Songwriter

HAREL SKAAT

Saturday, November 14
8:00 p.m.

Seven Oaks Performing Arts Centre
711 Jefferson Avenue

\$40 - \$50 (Optional meet & greet add-on: \$15)

Harel Skaat is an award-winning Israeli singer and songwriter who has received significant recognition and numerous achievements in Israel.

He began his musical career at the age of six, when he won a children's song festival competition. Skaat was named 'Singer of the Year' by the **Children's Channel** three times between 2005 and 2007 and was ranked number one in **Maariv Lanoar's Top 100 Stars**. His professional breakthrough came when he participated in the second season of the popular television competition Kochav Nolad 'A Star Is Born', where he finished in second place.

His debut album was released in 2006, reaching platinum status. *Ve'at (And You)*, from that album, was the number one song of the year on both of the major Israeli year-end Hebrew song charts. His second album *Dmuyot (Figures)* was released in 2009 and reached gold status in Israel. In 2010, he represented Israel at the **Eurovision Song Contest** with the song *Milim*. Harel has served as a judge on the Israeli music talent show *HaKokhav HaBa 'The Next Star'*.

Expect to hear all of Harel's most famous songs – *Mashehu Mimeni*, *Kama Od Efshar*, *Achshav*, *Ve'at*, *Hineni Kan*, *Kol HaTsiporim* – when he appears live in Winnipeg for the opening night of **JFest**.

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 7:30 P.M.
FLATLAND FAMOUS

**THE
JEWISH SOUL
OF ROCK 'N' ROLL
PART 2**



Flatland Famous are returning to **JFest** for Part 2 of their fabulous tribute to legendary Jewish rock icons, after an incredible performance at **JFest 2025**.

Known as the high-energy house band for the Winnipeg Jets, these powerhouse musicians will have you dancing in your seats and singing along all night long. With **Lisa Windsor** on lead vocals, joined by **Derrick Gottfried**, guitar, **Zack Antel**, keys, **Stephen Broadhurst**, drums, **Karl Kohut**, bass, and special guest **Sean Irvine** on saxophone, this talented crew rock the house with hit after hit.

This year we pay tribute to *Bette Midler, Carole King, Amy Winehouse, Simon and Garfunkel, Pink, Neil Diamond, Barbra Streisand*, amongst other legendary Jewish icons. The influence of these renowned stars shaped the soundtrack of generations, and **Flatland Famous** will be telling the stories behind their songs.

**Rady JCC | Berney Theatre
123 Doncaster Street | \$35**

**JFEST CONCERT BUNDLE: Purchase 2 concerts, save an additional 10%!
Purchase all 3 concerts, save an additional 15%!**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 8:00 P.M.
BEN CAPLAN

**Rady JCC | Berney Theatre
123 Doncaster Street | \$35**

Ben Caplan is redefining what it means to be a modern folk artist. His music, rooted in rich traditions of Eastern European folk yet infused with contemporary flair, is matched by his larger-than-life stage presence. Caplan's work is powerful, poetic, and deeply human. His international acclaim stems from his ability to connect audiences to stories and melodies that transcend borders.

His newest album, *The Flood*, came out in 2025, and Caplan has had an extremely busy touring schedule in 2026. Coming directly from NYC to Winnipeg, Ben will be bringing a show specifically designed for **JFest Winnipeg**.

**MY
JEWISH ROOTS**



Born in Nova Scotia, Ben's philosophy and background have been strongly impacted by his Jewish identity. The diaspora experience of migration has influenced the lyrics for many of his songs, giving them a poetic resonance. The songs he has written echo his philosophy as an artist using his Jewish education as an entryway.

Don't miss this special closing night performance of Ben Caplan in concert.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 6:00 P.M.
FAMILY SHABBAT DINNER

**Rady JCC | Multi-Purpose Room | 123 Doncaster Street
\$25 per adult | \$15 per child | Children under 3 Free but registration still required**



ANAT KRIGER

Bring your family and join us for a warm and joyful evening filled with music and joy.

We are excited to welcome **Anat Kriger**, an Israeli-Canadian musician, actor, and children's performer, for a special performance that will have the whole family singing, smiling, and enjoying the magic of Shabbat.

The evening will also include a delicious Shabbat dinner and blessings, fun creative crafts for the kids, and a few special surprises along the way.

It's a wonderful opportunity to slow down, come together as a family, and celebrate the joy and spirit of Shabbat with our community.

Everyone is welcome — come share the joy of Shabbat with us!

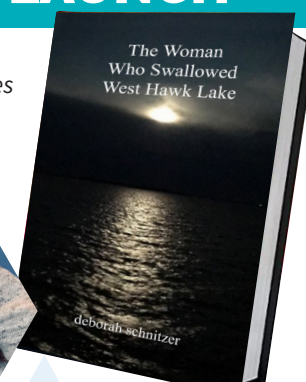
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 7:00 P.M.
**THE WOMAN WHO SWALLOWED
WEST HAWK LAKE BOOK LAUNCH**

**Rady JCC | Adult Lounge | 123 Doncaster Street
\$5 Proceeds will be donated to Jewish Child and Family Services**

This is an evening of conversation and storytelling exploring trauma in the lives of children and the transformative power of narrative and therapeutic action. Deborah will present the personal and research frameworks that inspired her new novel, *The Woman Who Swallowed West Hawk Lake*, a work of fiction revealing the devastating, intergenerational ramifications of Third Reich Aryan fantasies and breeding programs. She will be joined by a panel of professionals involved with children who



DEBORAH SCHNITZER



have experienced trauma, explorations that will engage their therapeutic practices, as well as the historical, societal, and systemic values and structures their work navigates.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. KIDFEST

Rady JCC | Gymnasium | 123 Doncaster Street
\$15 per child | FREE for children under 2 and adults

Calling all families! Get ready for an unforgettable day of fun, excitement, and celebration at KidFest!

Join us for a vibrant family festival packed with live performances, interactive kids' workshops, activity booths, character appearances, games, prizes, dancing, crafts, and so much more!

From little ones to big kids, there's something happening around every corner. Meet your favourite characters, get creative at hands-on workshops, enjoy exciting performances, explore fun-filled booths, play games, win prizes, and make amazing family memories together.

Whether it's your first time at the Rady or you're a familiar face, KidFest is one celebration you won't want to miss!

- **Live Performances**
- **Kids' Workshops**
- **Character Appearances**
- **Activity Booths**
- **Bouncy Castles**
- **Games & Prizes**
- **Dancing**
- **Toddler Zone**
- **Crafts & More**



FOOD + TREATS



Bring your whole crew. Come for the fun. Stay for the magic!

BEST OF THE FEST

Come see the films that everyone was talking (and laughing) about.

Is there anything better than watching a movie in the theatre with a group that is totally lost in the film, and as a group you laugh, you gasp, you 'ooh' and 'ahh'?

Two sell-out films from the Winnipeg International Jewish Film Festival are back for one last run on the big screen, and you won't want to miss your chance to see them.

From a Jewish Summer Camp comedy that captures all the fun and mayhem you'd come to expect from comedy legends like Steve Guttenberg and Seth Green, to a documentary dive into the entertainment legends that defined the Borscht Belt in the Catskills – these truly were the "Best of the Fest." These are cinematic moments that matter, and they'll resonate with you long after the credits roll.



MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 7:00 P.M. THE FLOATERS

Rady JCC | Berney Theatre | 123 Doncaster Street | \$14

Comedy | USA | 2025 | Director: Rachel Israel
Producers: Shai Korman, Becky Korman,
Lily Korman | English | 101 minutes

Freshly ousted from her rock band on the eve of a European tour, Nomi takes a last-resort job from her best friend Mara at their childhood Jewish summer camp. While camp director Mara deals with a busted septic system, she tasks Nomi with supervising a group of misfit teens called "The Floaters."



Comedy icons Steve Guttenberg and Seth Green and Toronto's Sarah Podemski add laughs to this warm-hearted, funny and bang-on depiction of Jewish summer camp culture.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 7:00 P.M. WE MET AT GROSSINGERS

Rady JCC | Berney Theatre | 123 Doncaster Street | \$14

Documentary | USA | 2026 | Director: Paula Eiselt
English | 104 minutes

Throughout decades of prejudice hampering the integration of Jewish immigrants in America, the Borscht Belt in New York's Catskills provided an oasis of belonging. Grossinger's Resort was at the centre of it all, providing a physical and mental getaway where Jews – and others from marginalized communities – needing a break from the city could relax.

In her high spirited and comprehensive documentary, Eiselt resurrects this vanished world with an immersive warmth, while providing a timely reminder of the historic richness of Jewish culture and its immeasurable contributions to American life.





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