



J★Fest

WPG Culture. Reimagined.

November 1 - 9, 2025

Rady JCC | 123 Doncaster Street



**Featuring Israeli
Icon Keren Peles**
Performing Live
at the Seven Oaks
Performing Arts Centre

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Welcome to JFest WPG.

Culture. Reimagined.

JFest WPG isn't just a festival — it's a celebration of Jewish culture, reimagined for today and for everyone.

We are shining a spotlight on the rich mosaic of global Jewish life, with deep roots in Ashkenazi, Sephardic, Mizrahi, Israeli, and cross-cultural traditions.

But make no mistake: this is not your bubbe's festival (although she'll love it too). It's colour, creativity, energy, and soul — brought to life through live music, visual art, storytelling, food, film, and unforgettable experiences for all ages.

From an electrifying concert with Israeli superstar Keren Peles, to the Persian-Jewish grooves of Hadar Maoz, from a full-day 'Yeladudes!' KidFest takeover to the Jewish Soul of Rock 'n' Roll featuring the Flatland Famous Band, JFest WPG offers something for everyone — whether you are Jewish, Jewish-ish, or just culture-curious.

So come dance. Come learn.

Come laugh. Come connect.

**Come be part of
something unforgettable.**

Tickets

All events are individually ticketed.

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**A Message from Laura Marjovsky,
Rady JCC's Director of Programming**

Dear Friends,

Bringing JFest WPG to life has been a true labour of love.

What started as a spark of an idea grew into something bigger than we could have imagined. For me and our entire team, creating this festival has been deeply personal. It's a celebration of the culture we carry, the music we move to, the stories we share, and the joy we feel when we come together as a community.

We've poured our hearts into curating a week that reflects the beautiful diversity of Jewish life, from Eastern European traditions to Sephardic, Mizrahi, Israeli, and global influences that all have a place here. And while music is the pulse of JFest, you'll find so much more. Here, you'll find art that inspires, workshops that spark new ideas, film that opens hearts, and experiences for families, friends, and everyone in between.

Whether you've been part of the Rady community for years or you're walking through our doors for the first time, we wanted to create something that feels welcoming, exciting, and meaningful.

On behalf of our incredible JFest team, thank you for being part of this journey with us. We can't wait to celebrate with you.

Laura

Meet the Team

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Curator

**What started as a "what if..."
turned into a week-long
celebration of**

**everything we love
about Jewish music,
art, food,
and community
with a twist.**



CONCERTS



Israeli Icon Keren Peles

Live in Winnipeg!

SONGWRITER FOR ISRAELI ENTRY AT
EUROVISION
SONG CONTEST

Saturday, November 1
8:00 p.m.

Seven Oaks Performing Arts Centre
711 Jefferson Avenue
\$50 General Ticket
\$75 Premium Ticket (first 8 rows)

We kick off JFest WPG with a show you'll never forget! Beloved Israeli icon **Keren Peles** takes the stage at the Seven Oaks Performing Arts Centre for one night only, delivering a powerhouse performance of her biggest hits.

With a career spanning over two decades, Keren is Israel's most played female artist, known for her emotional depth, unforgettable melodies, and magnetic

stage presence. She's a multiple award-winner, including ACUM Composer of the Year and Israeli Singer of the Year. Her songwriting brilliance has shaped the careers of top artists like Miri Mesika and Rami Kleinstein.

Fans will be treated to iconic songs like *Leshem*, *Im Ele HaChayim*, *Bat Li Pitom*, and her stunning Eurovision 2025 runner-up anthem, *New Day Will Rise*, which was sung by Nova survivor Yuval Raphael.

From hit albums to sold-out shows and TV fame on *The Next Star for Eurovision*, Keren's impact is unmatched.

This is more than a concert. It's an unforgettable celebration of Israeli music and resilience.

CONCERT SPONSOR:



Experience the magic. Feel the power. See Keren Peles live!

Hadar Maoz: The Persian Groove

Tuesday, November 4
7:30 p.m.

Rady JCC | Berney Theatre
123 Doncaster Street
\$35

Don't miss a mesmerizing, once-in-a-lifetime performance that bridges ancient tradition and modern sound. **Hadar Maoz**, an electrifying Israeli artist with deep Persian roots, brings 2,500 years of Jewish-Persian musical history to life in a show that's as spiritual as it is high-energy.

Born into a family of musicians, Hadar was raised on the devotional music of her Persian and Bukharian heritage, learning sacred drumming, chanting, and playing the *Tar*, a stringed instrument dating back to the Second Temple. But she doesn't just play it. She reinvents it, blending ancient

melodies with blues, groove, and modern electronic beats.

Hadar *dances* psalms, *drums* prayers, and *sings* the stories of her ancestors with fierce passion and a contemporary edge. Her show is living proof that tradition can be both deeply spiritual and wildly fun. And yes, she even moonwalks with her *Tar*!

Joined by renowned violinist *Maestro Johannes Graber*, Hadar Maoz offers Winnipeg audiences a performance unlike anything they've seen or heard before.



This is more than a concert.
It's a cultural celebration you won't want to miss.



The Jewish Soul of Rock 'N' Roll with the Flatland Famous Band

Thursday, November 6
7:30 p.m.

Rady JCC | Berney Theatre
123 Doncaster Street
\$35

Get ready for an unforgettable night as Winnipeg's very own **Flatland Famous Band** takes the stage at our final **JFest WPG** concert! Known as the high-energy house band for the Winnipeg Jets, these powerhouse musicians will have you dancing in your seat 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 **Jeremy Koz**, this talented crew will rock the house with hit after hit.

We're also paying tribute to legendary Jewish rock icons like **Geddy Lee**, **David Lee Roth**, **Gene Simmons**, **Joey Ramone**, and the incomparable **Bob Dylan**. Their influence shaped the soundtrack of generations, and we're bringing that spirit to life on stage.

Don't miss this high-octane celebration of music, culture, and rock 'n' roll history.



Get your tickets now because this show will sell out!



Visual Arts

Structure and Imagination: Melman, Kirshner, Segal & Charach

Visual Arts Exhibit
Opening Reception

Sunday, November 2
3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Rady JCC | Adult Lounge
123 Doncaster Street
Free to attend | No registration required

Experience a captivating fusion of order and play as four visionary artists explore the intersection of architecture, memory, and imagination. *Dimitry Melman* transforms form and colour into visual poetry. *Dmitry Kirshner* reimagines the



Lemon Punch (Dmitry Kirshner)

everyday through bold abstraction. *Ashley Segal* infuses her work with playful energy and intuitive lines, while *Gayle Charach* translates personal stories into vibrant, expressive pieces. Together, they reveal the creative frameworks that shape how we see and feel. Don't miss this immersive, thought-provoking exhibition where structure meets soul, and imagination knows no bounds.

This is the show everyone will be talking about.

Scribed Hebrew Blessings in Watercolour with Ruth Livingston

Wednesday, November 5
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Rady JCC | Adult Lounge
123 Doncaster Street
\$18

Unleash your creativity in this inspiring workshop where you'll design a personalized Hebrew house blessing and paint an abstract watercolour background to match. Whether for your own home or as a meaningful gift, you'll leave with a beautiful, ready-to-hang artwork that's truly one of a kind.

A meaningful keepsake connecting culture, creativity, and home.



No painting experience or Hebrew knowledge needed. Just bring a printed photo of a house you love (yours, a local favourite, or one found online), and we'll provide the rest.

 **TICKETS**

Yeladudes (noun, playful) – A lively bunch of kiddos; a fun, cheeky Hebrew mashup for children with extra attitude and giggles.

Yeladudes! KidFest

Sunday, November 9
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Rady JCC | Gymnasium
123 Doncaster Street
\$15 | Children under 3 Free

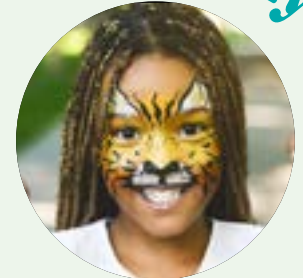
The ultimate day of family fun at JFest WPG!

Calling all families! Get ready for an action-packed celebration filled with music, laughter, and unforgettable memories. **Yeladudes! KidFest** is your all-access pass to a full day of joy, where kids of every age, from tiny toddlers to energetic tweens, will find something to love.

From bouncy castles and toddler zones to hands-on crafts, dancing, games, and a family concert that will have everyone singing along,

Yeladudes! KidFest is where fun begins and keeps on going.

Imagination & Play



this festival has it all. Cozy up for story time, recharge in our quiet zone, and enjoy delicious treats like hot dogs, cotton candy, and popcorn.

Whether it's your first time at the Rady or you're a familiar face, this is the one day your kids will be talking about all year.

Bring your whole crew. Make magical memories.

 **TICKETS**

Family Shabbat Dinner with Dr. Marky Weinstock

Friday, November 7
6:00 p.m.

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

Celebrate Shabbat with an evening full of music, joy, and togetherness! Enjoy a lively performance by Dr. Marky Weinstock – award-winning musician and beloved children's entertainer – featuring uplifting

songs, inspiring stories, and fun for all ages. The night will also include a festive Shabbat dinner and blessings, creative crafts for kids, and plenty of surprises for the whole family.



Learn more about Dr. Marky at www.DrMarky.com

 **TICKETS**

BEST OF THE FEST

This is your ticket to the most talked-about films of the year.

Back by popular demand and now part of **JFest WPG**, *Best of the Fest* brings you the top two audience favourites from the 2025 **Winnipeg International Jewish Film Festival** – the films everyone is still talking about.

Whether you're a serious cinephile or just love a good story, these standout selections promise unforgettable nights at the movies. One is a deeply moving journey of family, memory, and second chances. The other? A brilliantly outrageous comedy where Shabbat dinner goes wildly off the rails. If you missed them earlier this year – or just want to relive the magic – now's your chance.

Two nights. Two incredible films. One last chance to experience the very best on the big screen. Don't just hear about them.

Come see what all the buzz is about.

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The Ring

**Monday, November 3
7:30 p.m.**

**Rady JCC | Berney Theatre
123 Doncaster Street
\$12**

**Narrative based on a true story |
Israel | 2024 | Directors: Adir Miller,
Doron Paz, Yoav Paz | Hebrew and
Hungarian w/Eng subtitles | 120
minutes | 18A**



We chose *The Ring* for its powerful storytelling, layered performances, and its deeply human perspective on legacy and love.

Sometimes, the smallest objects carry the deepest meaning.

In *The Ring*, Israeli comedian and actor **Adir Miller** steps into the dramatic spotlight, delivering a moving performance based on his real-life journey. The story follows Arnon Noble, a religious man with an unbreakable bond to his Holocaust-survivor mother, Violetta (played by **Tiki Dayan**). As her health begins to fail, Arnon and his estranged daughter travel to Hungary in search of the mysterious ring that once saved Violetta's life.

With stunning scenes set in Budapest and rich emotional layers, this multi-generational story explores memory, family, and the inherited weight of trauma — all laced with Miller's signature wit. *The Ring* is a rare blend of heartbreak and hope that lingers long after the credits roll.

This is not just a film. It's a story you feel in your bones.



Bad Shabbos

**Saturday, November 8
8:00 p.m.**

**Rady JCC | Berney Theatre
123 Doncaster Street
\$12**

**Comedy | USA | 2024 | Director: Daniel
Robbins | English | 84 minutes | 18A**

Shabbat dinner. Family introductions. A murder mystery. What could possibly go wrong?

Bad Shabbos is a sharp, hilarious, and totally unfiltered comedy that had audiences roaring with laughter at this year's festival. Featuring **Kyra Sedgwick**, **David Paymer**, and **Jon Bass**, the film follows David and his fiancée Meg — a convert-in-progress — as they host a dinner meant to bring their Jewish and Catholic



families together for the first time. Instead, chaos erupts when... well, let's just say someone doesn't make it to dessert.

Fast-paced and delightfully over the top, this is a film that blends sitcom-style mayhem with a uniquely Jewish flair. The clever writing, stellar cast, and absurd twists make *Bad Shabbos* a perfect night at the movies.

If you like your comedies with a side of kugel and crime — do not miss this one.

We selected *Bad Shabbos* for its sheer entertainment value and the way it playfully tackles cultural clashes, faith, and family with heart and humour.



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The Rady JCC is a vibrant, inclusive hub for Jewish culture, wellness, and community connection.

Rooted in Jewish values, we are dedicated to fostering healthy lifestyles, enriching lives at every age and stage, and ensuring that our programs and services are accessible to all — regardless of gender identity, gender expression, sexuality, cultural background, or ability. Everyone is welcome.



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