KLEZNORTH 2026 FILM PROGRAMME

FRIDAY 8.30pm

DEM KHAZN'S ZUNDL
(The Cantor's Son) (90 mins)
Dir. Sidney M.Goldin USA 1937
Yiddish with English subtitles

A combination of comedy, romance and outstanding music, this Yiddish feature film musical drama marks the screen debut of singer and cantor Moishe Oysher. Shot in Pennsylvania near the Pocono Mountains, the film features Oysher in the title role of a wayward youth who makes his way from his Polish shtetl to New York's Lower East Side

The film's story parallels Oysher's own struggle to reconcile his cantorial calling with a career in show business. Like his film character, Oysher, born in Bessarabia the son and grandson of cantors, was both a matinee idol and a celebrated cantor.

SATURDAY 9pm

GRINER FELDER (Green Fields) (97 mins)

Dir.Edgar G.Ulmer / Jacob Ben-Ami USA 1937

Yiddish with English subtitles

In Edgar G. Ulmer's soulful open-air adaptation of Peretz Hirshbein's classic play, an ascetic young scholar ventures into the Lithuanian countryside, searching for "true Jews." One of the most critically acclaimed and beloved of American Yiddish talkies, Grine Felder celebrates an idyllic world of tribal wholeness and innate piety. Rarely has a film represented the shtetl with such lyricism. "Sunlit and air filled, yet suffused with yearning….. it exudes a dreamy pantheism"