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*Press Release*

## **REAL ABILITIES: NY DISABILITIES FILM FESTIVAL FIRST METRO WIDE FESTIVAL FEATURING FILMS OF PERSONS W/ DISABILITIES**

*~Festival debuts September 21<sup>st</sup> in multiple locations  
throughout NYC & surrounding counties~*

Realabilities: The First Annual NY Disabilities Film Festival debuts this fall simultaneously in multiple locations throughout the New York metropolitan area. Beginning September 21<sup>st</sup> and running through September 23<sup>rd</sup>, Realabilities will showcase feature, documentary and short films by and about the lives of people with disabilities.

Premiering the week before National Disability Awareness Month, Realabilities aims to promote awareness and appreciation of the lives, stories and artistic expressions of people with different disabilities. The festival will present award winning films in various locations throughout the NY metropolitan area. Discussions and other engaging programs will bring together the community to explore, discuss and celebrate the diversity of our shared human experience.

Presented by the JCC in Manhattan and supported by the UJA-Federation of NY Realabilities will showcase seven film programs, opening and closing night receptions, and free family & educational programming in various locations in the NY metro area including presentations and support by:

- Abilities!
- Barry & Florence Friedberg JCC
- Bridge Multimedia
- disTHIS! Film Series, a program of the Disabilities Network of NYC
- FECS
- F.Y. Eye
- Hostos Community College
- J.E. & Z.B. Butler Foundation
- JASA
- JCC of Greater Five Towns
- JCC of Mid Westchester
- JCC of Staten Island
- JCC on the Hudson
- Matan
- Mid Island YM-YWHA
- Riverdale YM-YWHA
- Samuel Field YM-YWHA
- Sid Jacobson JCC
- Suffolk YM-YWHA
- WJCS
- Yad HaChazakah-The Jewish Disability Empowerment Center
- Chuck Goldman Family Supporting Foundation of UJA-Federation of NY
- Dorothy and Richard Rodgers Fund of UJA-Federation of New York

For more information about the festival got to [www.realabilities.org](http://www.realabilities.org) or contact (646) 505-4404