

IFC CENTER

Presents

A Film By MICHAEL JACOBSON

THE CORNELIA STREET CAFE *In Exile*

"If a city loses its artists,
it loses its heart,
its spirit, its pulse"

Directed & Produced By MICHAEL JACOBSON

The screening will be followed by a Q&A with **Robin Hirsch** (right) and film director **Michael Jacobson**, moderated by **Cliff Pearson**, Joint Artistic Director of The Village Trip Festival of Culture & Community, September 19-28, 2025

Friday September 26 | 6.30pm
Tickets: \$18 / \$15 (seniors/students)
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323 Sixth Avenue / West 3rd Street
New York, NY 10014

Named as a "cultural as well as a culinary landmark" by the City of New York, The Cornelia Street Café was for 41 years the beating heart of the Village arts scene, birthplace of the Songwriters Exchange, which included Suzanne Vega, and of Eve Ensler's *Vagina Monologues*. A place to hear Shakespeare at midnight and the *Iliad* at breakfast and, in between, Oliver Sachs talking science. Presiding over it all: the urbane Robin Hirsch, known fondly as "Minister of Culture, Wine Czar and Dean of Faculty."

When high rents forced Cornelia Street's closure in 2018, Robin lost a piece of his heart and New York a piece of its soul. Michael Jacobson's documentary captures the centrality of the Café to New York City's artistic community. Its demise is a reminder to Hirsch, the son of Holocaust survivors, of the painful loss his parents endured.

Featuring David Amram, Suzanne Vega, David Massengill, Arturo O'Farrill, Michael Lydon, and more.



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