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The Palm Beach Jewish Film Festival strives to bring the finest examples of cinema from around the world to South Florida. The chosen films are as diverse as our community and explore the complexity of Jewish life and identity. Founded in 1990, the Festival continues to grow and evolve as we continue to expand our selection of narrative features, short films, and documentaries to reflect the interests of our audience. Since October 7, our community has grappled with collective grief, but we have also cultivated hope and unity. This year, with Israel in our hearts, we have selected films that document Jewish history, celebrate the intricate tapestry of the Jewish experience, and honor the resilience of the Jewish people. In the spirit of *tikkun olam*, we continue to offer films which allow the opportunity to nurture optimism and foster levity in challenging times. *Am Yisrael Chai*.

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### THE WAY TO HAPPINESS

FEATURE | 115 MIN | DIRECTED BY NICOLAS STEIL YIDDISH, GERMAN, FRENCH W. ENGLISH SUBTITLES| 2023 BELGIUM, FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG

#### PALM BEACH COUNTY PREMIERE

In this beguiling romantic dramedy, a charismatic restaurateur seeking to overcome wartime trauma from his childhood finds it difficult to move on. In 1986 Brussels, Saül Birnbaum runs a technicolor delicatessen adorned with Hollywood memorabilia, charming patrons with trivia and by mimicking old film icons.

With an exiled Chilean filmmaker, Saül works on a movie about his wartime memories. But when he falls for the projectionist at the local cinematheque with secrets of her own, he must pursue a chance for a felicitous future.

# ISRAEL SOLIDARITY SHORTS NIGHT

FOUR SHORTS: ASA TURNS 13, DEAR GOD, SIRENS, THE BOY

MANDEL JCC, PALM BEACH GARDENS Wednesday, January 31, 2024 at 7:30 pm

> MOVIES OF LAKE WORTH Wednesday, February 14, 2024 at 7:30 pm

In these challenging times marked by the attack on Israel and the ongoing war, we find solace and strength in the power of storytelling. Now, more than ever, we believe in the transformative impact of Israeli cinema to foster understanding, empathy, and connection.



We present these four Israeli shorts in memory of Yahav Winner, the filmmaker of *The Boy*, who was murdered by Hamas terrorists in his home in Kfar Aza, after attempting to stall them to allow his wife Shaylee Atary to escape with their newly born daughter Shaya.

In presenting these shorts, we stand as a beacon of solidarity with Israel. Each film contributes to a collective narrative that transcends borders, fostering empathy and understanding for those living through this challenging moment.

FILM PARTNER: Lisa Hadar & Family



One Person Can Make a Difference.

Saturday, January 27, 7:30 PM MANDEL JCC, PALM BEACH GARDENS | \$20 per person

Live O&A with Jeannie Opdyke Smith, daughter of Polish rescuer, Irena Gut Opdyke

## **IRENA'S VOW**

FEATURE | 121 MIN | DIRECTED BY LOUISE ARCHAMBAULT ENGLISH | 2023 | CANADA, POLAND

#### PALM BEACH COUNTY PREMIERE

Warsaw, 1939: when the Nazis invade Poland, nurse Irena Gut (Sophie Nélisse) is displaced and forced to work in support of the German war effort, eventually assigned to run the home of a Nazi commandant (Dougray Scott).

Instead of following the path of least resistance and gambling on her status and ethnicity to keep her safe, Gut risks everything to save a dozen Jewish refugees from persecution and murder, sheltering them under her boss's nose.

With fascism proudly elbowing its way back onto the national stage, it sadly feels urgent and necessary to give this story a dramatic spotlight.

\*Warning: Graphic Content\*

FILM PARTNER: Carole Solomon & Charles Tapiero



A Single Gift Can Change the World.

## Thursday, February 15, 7:30 PM

MOVIES OF LAKE WORTH | \$20 per person

Live O&A with Ellen Marcus, daughter of Lottie and Howard Marcus

## WHO ARE THE MARCUSES?

DOCUMENTARY | 89 MIN | DIRECTED BY MATTHEW MISHORY ENGLISH | 2022 | ISRAEL, UNITED STATES

Who Are the Marcuses? reconstructs the lives of Holocaust refugees Lottie and Howard Marcus, an unassuming couple from Great Neck, New York, who retired to a modest two-bedroom apartment in San Diego, California. Former dentist Howard passed away in 2014 at age 104. Lottie passed less than two years later. In 2016, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev announced the Marcuses had given them over half a billion dollars: the largest single charitable donation in the history of the State of Israel. The film simultaneously traces the development of Israel's vital water technology from pre-state to the present; how the Marcuses' endowment to BGU has ensured its continued leading-edge development in this science for not only the Israeli people, but the world as a whole; sets the family's gift in geopolitical context; and explores both its impact and implications for regional peace through technology exchange.

FILM PARTNER: Cyma & Edward Satell

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# 2024 FILM SCHEDULE

# JANUARY 27 - FEBRUARY 15

		SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
	MANDEL JCC PALM BEACH GARDENS	JAN. 27	JAN. 28	JAN. 29	JAN. 30	JAN. 31	FEB. 1
		Opening Night	Spotlight on Women's Stories	Tikkun Olam	Holocaust Remembrance	Honoring Israel	Centerpiece Film
		7:30 pm Irena's Vow	5:00 pm Our (Almost Completely True) Story 7:30 pm Simone: Woman of the Century	5:00 pm The Peacock that Passed Over (SHORT) Hope Without Boundaries 7:30 pm Israel Swings for Gold	5:00 pm SHTTL 7:30 pm The Story of Annette Zelman	5:00 pm Matchmaking 7:30 pm SHORTS NIGHT The Boy & Asa Turns 13 & Dear God & Sirens	5:00 pm The Catskills 7:30 pm Remembering Gene Wilder
2	BOYNTON BEACH CINEMARK	FEB. 3	FEB. 4	FEB. 5	FEB. 6	FEB. 7	FEB. 8
		Comedy Night	Spotlight on Women's Stories	Tikkun Olam	Holocaust Remembrance	Honoring Israel	Centerpiece Film
			5:00 pm The Catskills	5:00 pm Matchmaking	5:00 pm Asa Turns 13 (short)	5:00 pm Israel Swings for Gold	5:00 pm Converts
		<b>7:30 pm</b> Our Story	<mark>7:30 pm</mark> Valeria is Getting Married	7:30 pm The Peacock that Passed Over (SHORT) Hope Without Boundaries	GIADO - Holocaust in the Desert 7:30 pm The Wedding Day	<mark>7:30 pm</mark> Shoshana	7:30 pm SHTTL
	MOVIES OF LAKE WORTH	FEB. 10	FEB. 11	FEB. 12	FEB. 13	FEB. 14	FEB. 15
		Comedy Night	Spotlight on Women's Stories	Tikkun Olam	Holocaust Remembrance	Honoring Israel	Closing Night
			5:00 pm Valeria is Getting Married	5:00 pm Victory	5:00 pm The Devil's Confession: The Lost Eichmann Tapes	5:00 pm Judas 7:30 pm SHORTS NIGHT The Boy &	5:00 pm Our Story
		7:30 pm Stay With Us	7:30 pm Simone: Woman of the Century	7:30 pm The Three of Us	7:30 pm The Story of Annette Zelman	Asa Turns 13 & Dear God & Sirens	7:30 pm Who are the Marcuses?

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# FILM FESTIVAL HOW TO

# TICKET INFORMATION

All Film Festival Passholders (including Hamsa, Chaverim, Star Arts, and Film Deluxe-membership level) may begin purchasing tickets and selecting seats on December 27 at 12 pm ET.

Ticket sales will open to the general public at 12 pm ET on January 3.

Tickets can be purchased Monday - Friday, 9 am - 5 pm ET at 561-712-5233 or online at **PBJFF.org** 24/7.

Member or general tickets can be purchased in the theater lobby at the festival box-office if available. The physical box-office is open only during the festival on days we are at that specific theater two hours prior to the first showtime.

There is no entry to any screening without an actual ticket or valid film badge.

All film member/sponsor badges & tickets will be scanned for entry to each film.

A readmission ticket will be given to attendees who wish to leave the auditorium before or during films after their ticket or badge has been scanned. Badge/ticket plus readmission ticket will be needed to reenter the theater. Please return the readmission ticket to the usher as you reenter the Festival theater.

## THEATER INFORMATION

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Tickets are non-refundable. All orders are subject to a 5% + 99 cent processing fee. All sales are final. Most films are not rated and subject to parental discretion. Films may be cancelled or withdrawn without advance notice.

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BOYNTON BEACH CINEMARK: FEB. 8 | 5:00 PM

#### **ASA TURNS 13**

SHORT-DOCUMENTARY | 30 MIN | DIR. BY SALI ELIMELECH HEBREW W. ENGLISH SUBTITLES | 2017 | ISRAEL

Asa is about to celebrate his Bar-Mitzvah, a young Jewish boy's entry into adulthood. Asa wanders through the Southern Israel town of Netivot in order to flee his helpless father and in order to draw closer to his mother who betrayed him through her death. His father demands that Asa prepare for the Bar-Mitzvah ceremony, which will also require the adolescent to cope with his mother's death. This situation causes Asa to rebel and to embark on a sad and sometimes humorous journey through the neighborhoods he explores. His mother's grave, which he has never visited, is waiting for him at the end of the street.

#### FILM PARTNER: Lisa Hadar & Family

#### THE BOY

SHORT-DOCUMENTARY | 26 MIN | DIR. BY YAHAV WINNER HEBREW W. ENGLISH SUBTITLES | 2023 | ISRAEL

#### PALM BEACH COUNTY PREMIERE

Avinoam and Barak, father and son from Kibbutz, are each facing another round of combat in their own way. While Avinoam insists on continuing his routine and his work in the field, Barak finds it difficult to close his eyes and continue as usual. One night, Barak reaches a boiling point and Avinoam is forced to absorb the flames.

Yahav Winner, the filmmaker of *The Boy*, was murdered by Hamas terrorists in his home in Kfar Aza, after attempting to stall them in order to allow Shaylee Atary, his wife and a filmmaker as well, to escape with their newly born daughter Shaya. May his memory be a blessing.

FILM PARTNER: Lisa Hadar & Family

#### **THE CATSKILLS**

DOCUMENTARY | 86 MINUTES | DIR. BY LEX GILLESPIE ENGLISH | 2023 | UNITED STATES

#### PALM BEACH COUNTY PREMIERE

With a trove of lost-and-found archival footage and a cast of characters endowed with the gift of gab, *The Catskills* journeys into the storied mountain getaway north of New York City that served as refuge for Jewish immigrants fleeing poverty as well as a lavish playground for affluent Jewish families. As bungalow colony proprietors, guests, waiters, comedians, hoteliers, and beauticians share colorful tales of Catskill farms, boarding houses, and luxury resorts, they paint a picture of vibrant American Jewish life and culture in the 20th century.

FILM PARTNER: Marlene & Martin Silver



#### CONVERTS: THE JOURNEY OF BECOMING JEWISH

DOCUMENTARY | 70 MIN | DIR. BY REBECCA SHORE & OREN ROSENFELD ENGLISH, HEBREW, SPANISH W. ENGLISH SUBTITLES | 2021 | UNITED STATES

What about Judaism is so compelling to a person, that they are willing to turn their lives upside down to join the Jewish people? *Converts: The Journey of Becoming Jewish* follows several non-Jews from around the world as they go through the conversion process. All of our characters are on a journey of self-discovery and negotiating their relationships with family, friends and significant others. Through following their conversion process, we are vicariously exposed to a range of Jewish ideas and practices.





ANDEL JCC, PALM BEACH GARDENS: JAN. 31 | 7:30 PM MOVIES OF LAKE WORTH: FEB. 14 | 7:30 PM

#### **DEAR GOD**

SHORT-FEATURE | 13 MIN | DIR. BY EREZ TADMOR & GUY NATTIV HEBREW W. ENGLISH SUBTITLES | 2014 | ISRAEL

*Dear God* depicts romantic Jerusalem seen through the eyes of Aaron, a guard at the Western Wall.

One day, a beautiful mysterious woman puts a note between the holy stones and Aaron decides to fulfill her deepest wish, while learning that love is all about communication.



MOVIES OF LAKE WORTH: FEB. 13 | 5:00 PM

#### THE DEVIL'S CONFESSION: THE LOST EICHMANN TAPES

DOCUMENTARY | 115 MIN | DIR. BY YARIV MOZER ENGLISH, GERMAN, HEBREW W. ENGLISH SUBTITLES | 2023 | ISRAEL

The Devil's Confession: The Lost Eichmann Tapes unearths secret recordings of Adolf Eichmann, one of the chief architects of the Holocaust's Final Solution, which definitively shows his active involvement in the planning and implementation of one of the greatest atrocities in world history. Recorded in Buenos Aires in 1957 by Dutch journalist and former SS-Officer Willem Sassen with the intention to prove the Holocaust did not happen as portrayed and without Hitler's knowledge, these tapes show the opposite. This film sheds light on the hidden forces that concealed the recordings, and provides irrefutable proof against Holocaust denial and the pernicious antisemitic hatred from which it springs.



BOYNTON BEACH CINEMARK: FEB. 6 | 5:00 PM

BOYNTON BEACH CINEMARK: FEB. 5 | 7:30 PM

**OPENING FILM** 

#### **GIADO - HOLOCAUST IN THE DESERT**

DOCUMENTARY | 55 MIN | DIR. BY GOLAN RISE & SHARON YAISH HEBREW, ITALIAN, ARABIC W. ENGLISH SUBTITLES | 2023 | ISRAEL

#### SOUTHEAST PREMIERE

At the young age of 20, Yosef Dadosh was among 3,000 Jews sent from their homes in Benghazi to the Giado concentration camp nestled in the heart of the Libyan desert. Amidst extreme conditions, he bravely chronicled life within the camp through a secret diary. In an endeavor to bring this compelling story to life on the screen, a unique model of the camp was constructed and photographed. Through the use of animations, this model serves as a visual bridge, connecting the haunting texts of the diary with the stark reality of the camp. The resulting film merges historical accuracy with a distinctive cinematic language, offering a powerful and immersive exploration of Yosef's profound journey and the dark legacy he left behind.

#### **HOPE WITHOUT BOUNDARIES**

DOCUMENTARY | 65 MIN | DIR. BY ITAY VERED HEBREW, UKRANIAN, ENGLISH W. ENGLISH SUBTITLES | 2023 | ISRAEL

#### USA PREMIERE

In the midst of the war in Ukraine, an Israeli field hospital is established to provide medical care to those affected by the conflict. The film follows the challenges faced by the medical teams, many of whom are descendants of Holocaust survivors, as they treat Ukrainian patients who have lost everything. The film explores the intersection of history and culture, as the Israeli teams offer help and hope to those in need, while navigating their own emotional struggles. A touching portrayal of humanity and the impact that small acts of kindness can have in the face of adversity.

FILM PARTNER: Susan & Ronnie Pertnoy

#### **IRENA'S VOW**

FEATURE | 121 MIN | DIR. BY LOUISE ARCHAMBAULT ENGLISH | 2023 | CANADA, POLAND

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ISRAEL SWINGS FOR GOLD DOCUMENTARY | 77 MIN | DIR. BY SETH KRAMER, DANIEL A. MILLER, JEREMY NEWBERGER ENGLISH | 2023 | UNITED STATES

In 2021, Israel's baseball team competed in the Olympics for the first time. With no media allowed in Tokyo's Olympic Village, the players record their own experiences. Mostly newly minted Israelis, they log unexpected battles against antisemitism and anti-Zionism. Victory for Israel comes on the playing field, even if not on the podium. *Israel Swings for Gold* follows the 2018 hit *Heading Home: The Tale of Team Israel*, about Israel's Cinderella run at the 2017 World Baseball Classic.

FILM PARTNER: Marjorie & Barry S. Berg



MOVIES OF LAKE WORTH: FEB. 14 | 5:00 PM

#### JUDAS

FEATURE | 84 MIN | DIR. BY DAN WOLMAN HEBREW W. ENGLISH SUBTITLES | 2022 | ISRAEL

#### SOUTHEAST PREMIERE

Based on the best-selling novel by Amos Oz, which tells the story of Shmuel Ash who takes a job as companion to the elderly Gershom Wald. The two grapple about Jesus's humanity and the betrayal of Judas Iscariot, the subject of Shmuel's thesis. Things get complicated when Shmuel falls in love with Wald's widowed daughter-in-law, Atalia. A tangle of relationships that also touches on the issues of the roots of antisemitism, the origins of the Jewish-Arab conflict, and the complex reality in Israel.



BOYNTON BEACH CINEMARK: FEB. 5 | 5:00 PM

#### MATCHMAKING

FEATURE | 98 MIN | DIR. BY EREZ TADMOR HEBREW W. ENGLISH SUBTITLES | 2022 | ISRAEL

Moti Bernstein is the son every mother wants, a student every Rabbi loves to teach, the ideal Yeshiva Bucher, the perfect match for every bride. He has it all: a good family, a brilliant mind, and he is not bad looking either. In search of a wife, he will meet the best girls in the Jewish orthodox world but will fall for the one girl he can never have. The only one he wants. Against everything he knows and every value he holds dear, Moti will be forced to go out on a limb in the most unexpected and unusual of ways. Who will win? The system or the inner voice?

FILM PARTNER: Barbara & Hal Danenberg

MANDEL JCC, PALM BEACH GARDENS: JAN. 28 | 5:00 PM



BOYNTON BEACH CINEMARK: FEB. 3 | 7:30 PM MOVIES OF LAKE WORTH: FEB.15 | 5:00 PM

#### **OUR (ALMOST COMPLETELY TRUE) STORY**

FEATURE | 92 MIN | DIR. BY DON SCARDINO ENGLISH | 2022 | UNITED STATES

An aging screen legend and jobless voice actor navigate the Los Angeles senior dating scene in this (mostly) true-life, delightfully sincere romantic comedy. When they first meet in North Hollywood, Mariette Hartley (*Marnie*) and Jerry Sroka (*Godspell*) could not be a more unlikely duo. Out-of-work actors of a certain age, they face the indignities of Hollywood assistants oblivious to names and agents who ignore calls. This adorable crowd-pleaser was written by and stars the legendary Mariette Hartley & Jerry Sroka based on their own story, and directed by Emmy-winner Don Scardino (*30 Rock, 2 Broke Girls*).

Virtual Q&A: with the screenwriters and actors, Mariette Hartley & Jerry Sroka FILM PARTNER: Vivian Lieberman

#### **OUR STORY**

FEATURE | 100 MIN | DIR. BY YARON ARAZI HEBREW W. ENGLISH SUBTITLES | 2022 | ISRAEL

Lee Biran and Eliana Tidhar make the perfect duo in this charming musical rom-com. Tal (Biran) is an ambitious music agent working at his mother's agency. On a visit to a school in the south of Israel, he meets an introverted music teacher (Tidhar). Their encounter could prove to be the perfect chance to launch her career, but they must first overcome their differences and let their love of music do the rest. Married in real life, Biran and Tidhar are utterly convincing as Tal and Ori, two characters who discover the courage to defy other peoples' expectations of who they should be and to follow their own dreams.



MANDEL JCC, PALM BEACH GARDENS: JAN. 29 | 5:00 PM BOYNTON BEACH CINEMARK: FEB. 5 | 7:30 PM

#### THE PEACOCK THAT PASSED OVER

SHORT-DOCUMENTARY | 4 MIN | DIR. BY MAX GOLDBERG ENGLISH | 2022 | UNITED KINGDOM

Four years ago a peacock suddenly landed and has settled ever since in the grounds of a Leeds synagogue.

Whimsical and charming, the film explores the responses of a diverse section of that Yorkshire community.



MANDEL JCC, PALM BEACH GARDENS: FEB. 1 | 7:30 PM

#### **REMEMBERING GENE WILDER**

FEATURE | 90 MIN | DIR. BY RON FRANK ENGLISH | 2023 | UNITED STATES

Gene Wilder, the prolific actor and screenwriter, is known all over the world for his endearing roles in classic films such as *The Producers, Young Frankenstein, Blazing Saddles, Silver Streak, The Frisco Kid*, and *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory.* With rare neverbefore-seen home videos and memorable scenes from our favorite Gene Wilder films, the documentary reveals intimate insights detailing his life and career with many astonishing surprises.

FILM PARTNER: Cynthia & Peter Liebman

BOYNTON BEACH CINEMARK: FEB. 7 | 7:30 PM

#### **SHOSHANA**

FEATURE | 119 MIN | DIR. BY MICHAEL WINTERBOTTOM ENGLISH, HEBREW, ARABIC, RUSSIAN W. ENGLISH SUBTITLES | 2023 | ITALY, UNITED KINGDOM

#### PALM BEACH COUNTY PREMIERE

A troubled love story set against the British Mandate in Palestine. Prolific writer-director Michael Winterbottom (*The Trip, A Mighty Heart*) passion project 15 years in the making and based on real people and events, the film employs the ill-fated, cross-cultural relationship between a ranking member of the British Palestine Police Force and a young Jewish woman to explore the way extremism and violence push people apart, forcing them to choose sides.







MANDEL JCC, PALM BEACH GARDENS: JAN. 30 | 5:00 PM BOYNTON BEACH CINEMARK: FEB. 8 | 7:30 PM



MANDEL JCC, PALM BEACH GARDENS: JAN. 28 | 7:30 PM MOVIES OF LAKE WORTH: FEB. 11 | 7:30 PM



MANDEL JCC, PALM BEACH GARDENS: JAN. 31 | 7:30 PM MOVIES OF LAKE WORTH: FEB. 14 | 7:30 PM

#### SHTTL

#### FEATURE | 109 MIN | DIR. BY ADY WALTER YIDDISH W. ENGLISH SUBTITLES | 2023 | UKRAINE

A filmmaker returns from Kyiv to his rural village to marry the love of his life. He is expected to marry the Rabbi's daughter, which disrupts the balance of the whole town. In one unflinching shot, this film presents a day in the life of a Jewish village before it disappears. SHTTL is the story of the inhabitants of a Yiddish Ukrainian village at the border of Poland, 24 hours before the Nazi invasion, known as Operation Barbarossa. Today, there are no such villages in existence; the production fully reconstructed a traditional 'Shtetl' outside of Kyiv, which is planned to be turned into a museum.

FILM PARTNER: Sheila & Robert Josephberg

#### SIMONE: WOMAN OF THE CENTURY

FEATURE | 139 MIN | DIR. BY OLIVIER DAHAN FRENCH W. ENGLISH SUBTITLES | 2022 | FRANCE

A Holocaust survivor who became President of the European Parliament, as well as a French magistrate and politician, Simone Veil's dramatic life perfectly mirrored Europe's 20th-century history – from near destruction to prosperity and peace. In this epic, star-studded biopic *Simone : Woman of the Century* offers a captivating and epic portrait of a singular woman whose tragic war experience instilled in her the desire to challenge, transform, and make the world a better, more humane, and just place.

FILM PARTNER: Sydelle Sonkin

#### SIRENS

SHORT-FEATURE | 22 MIN | DIR. BY EREZ TADMOR HEBREW W. ENGLISH SUBTITLES | 2017 | ISRAEL

As missiles rain down on Tel Aviv, a frustrated Israeli couple faces a series of misadventures after an early morning call from the fertility doctor, in this frantic, funny and surprise-filled Israeli Academy Award winner for Best Short Film.

FILM PARTNER: Lisa Hadar & Family



MOVIES OF LAKE WORTH: FEB. 10 | 7:30 PM

#### **STAY WITH US**

FEATURE | 93 MIN | DIR. BY GAD ELMALEH FRENCH W. ENGLISH SUBTITLES | 2022 | FRANCE

#### PALM BEACH COUNTY PREMIERE

Gad Elmaleh decides to leave New York and move back to Paris, to get baptized and become a Catholic. Despite his attempt to hide the truth from his Jewish family, Gad's parents discover their son's unconditional love for the Virgin Mary - and for them, it's a nightmare! Determined to bring Gad back to reason and to his Jewishness, they turn his conversion into a battlefield as Gad tries to make them understand by any means necessary that his sincere beliefs do not change his identity and the love he has for his family.



MANDEL JCC, PALM BEACH GARDENS: JAN. 30 | 7:30 PM MOVIES OF LAKE WORTH: FEB. 13 | 7:30 PM

#### THE STORY OF ANNETTE ZELMAN

FEATURE | 93 MIN | DIR. BY PHILIPPE LE GUAY FRENCH W. ENGLISH SUBTITLES | 2023 | FRANCE

Romeo and Juliet in 1942. She was Jewish. He was Catholic. Annette and Jean wanted to get married, but Jean's parents were opposed. Annette Zelman was reported to the Gestapo by her fiance's father and was sent to Auschwitz. Based on a true story told in the book Dénoncer les Juifs sous l'Occupation (Informing on Jews during the Occupation) by Laurent Joly.

FILM PARTNER: Barbara & George Kramer

#### THE THREE OF US

DOCUMENTARY | 80 MIN | DIR. BY HENYA BRODBEKER HEBREW W. ENGLISH SUBTITLES | 2023 | ISRAEL

#### PALM BEACH COUNTY PREMIERE

In a society governed by tradition, a young Orthodox couple defies norms to integrate their autistic son. As they risk everything, their journey explores the delicate balance between love, faith, and self-discovery. Through their struggle, they challenge preconceived notions, embracing parenthood and searching for their place in the world.

The Three of Us has already received acclaim at the Jerusalem Film Festival 2023, where it took home three awards: Best Documentary, Best Directing, and Best Editing.



MOVIES OF LAKE WORTH: FEB. 12 | 7:30 PM



BOYNTON BEACH CINEMARK: FEB. 4 | 7:30 PM MOVIES OF LAKE WORTH: FEB. 11 | 5:00 PM



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#### VALERIA IS GETTING MARRIED

FEATURE | 76 MIN | DIR. BY MICHAL VINIK ENGLISH, HEBREW, RUSSIAN W. ENGLISH SUBTITLES | 2022 | ISRAEL

Against expectations, two sisters must each make a decision for themselves. Valeria, a young Ukrainian woman, arrives in Israel to meet her future husband, for an arranged marriage brokered online. She joins Christina, who has been living in Israel for some time and met her own husband through a similar arrangement. Christina is happy with her new life and wants the same for her sister, but over the course of the day doubts begin to appear. Boasting 14 Ophir (Israeli Academy Award) nominations including a win for Best Screenplay, Valeria Is Getting Married is a smart, superbly acted chamber piece focusing on the gender politics inherent in an arranged marriage.

FILM PARTNER: Cyma and Edward Satell

#### VICTORY FEATURE | 118 MIN | DIR. BY ELIRAN PELED HEBREW W. ENGLISH SUBTITLES | 2023 | ISRAEL, UKRAINE

An original musical. Israel of 1967 is completely absorbed in its post Six-Day-War euphoria. These are also the glory days of Neta Agmon, who has left her humdrum life on the kibbutz Netzer Sirani and moved to Tel-Aviv to chase her dream of becoming a famous actress. Yet, as she becomes increasingly wrapped up in grandeur and success, she fails to recognize the love of her life who has returned from the war a different person.

With thrilling choreography and musical numbers, Victory, presents a tour de force of the complexities of war and the Israeli experience. 2023 Award Winner of Best Music from the Israeli Film Academy



BOYNTON BEACH CINEMARK: FEB. 6 | 7:30 PM



MOVIES OF LAKE WORTH: FEB. 15 | 7:30 PM

#### THE WEDDING DAY

FEATURE | 119 MIN | DIR.BY WOJCIECH SMARZOWSKI FRENCH W. ENGLISH SUBTITLES | 2022 | FRANCE

In Poland's official entry for the Academy Awards, Polish businessman Rysiek encounters two Israeli men delivering a Righteous Among the Nations medal to his elderly father days before his daughter's lavish wedding. Unnerved by what that reveals about his family's hidden past, Rysiek tries to keep it quiet—but the medal awakens memories for his father, who confuses his granddaughter's big day with a very different wedding that occurred in the same place back in 1941. At a time when the Polish government continues to suppress public discussion of Polish crimes against Jews during the Nazi occupation, Wojciech Smarzowski's controversial new film is especially provocative and brave.

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#### WHO ARE THE MARCUSES?

DOCUMENTARY | 89 MINUTES | DIR. BY MATTHEW MISHORY ENGLISH | 2022 | ISRAEL, UNITED STATES

#### PALM BEACH COUNTY PREMIERE

Who Are the Marcuses? reconstructs the lives of Holocaust refugees Lottie and Howard Marcus. Former dentist Howard passed away in 2014 at age 104. Lottie passed less than two years later. In 2016, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev announced the Marcuses had given them over half a billion dollars: the largest single charitable donation in the history of the State of Israel. The film tells the story of how the Marcuses' endowment to BGU has ensured its continued leading-edge development technology exchange.

Live Q&A: with Ellen Marcus, daughter of Lottie and Howard Marcus FILM PARTNER: Cyma & Edward Satell

## Music, the Holocaust

and the Will to Survive

## Monday, May 6 | 10:00 am | \$20 per person

#### MANDEL JCC, PALM BEACH GARDENS

Commemorate Yom HaShoah with your Mandel JCC community. Dr. Thomas M. Cimarusti, Professor of Music History at Florida Gulf Coast University, will discuss not only how music helped prisoners cope with and escape reality, but also how the Nazis used music as a form of propaganda. This poignant multimedia presentation will showcase videos of Holocaust survivors, musical performances in the concentration camps, and select ghetto songs.

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Meet your favorite authors over a bagel and shmear with friends.

#### **JANUARY 18, 2024**



*The Confidante* by Christopher C. Gorham

Chair: Nancy Sims Book Partner: Nancy & Mark Sims



**Code Name Sapphire** by Pam Jenoff

Chair: Lois Steinberg

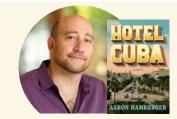
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**On Fire Island** by Jane Rosen

Co-chairs: Helen Bix and Vivian Lemelman Book Partner: Linda & Ray Golden

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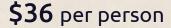


*Hotel Cuba* by Aaron Hamburger

Co-chairs: Joanne Baseman and Linda Blyden

## In the Hands of Women BY JANE LOEB RUBIN

## MONDAY, JANUARY 22 | 10:30 AM MANDEL JCC, PALM BEACH GARDENS





Join author Jane Loeb Rubin for a discussion on her riveting historical suspense novel, *In the Hands of Women*.

Her novel centers on the life of Hannah Isaacson, an obstetrician in training, determined to improve medical safety for women in a time when women had few choices.

BOOK PARTNER: Helen & Harold Bix





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# THE TIMES THEY ARE A-CHANGIN'

Jewish Folk Singers of the 60's

With

**Cantor Judi Sufrin** Cantor Emerita, Temple Beth Elohim, Wellesley, MA

> Cantor Roy Einhorn Cantor Emeritus, Temple Israel, Boston MA

Mandel JCC, Boynton Beach Wednesday, February 28, 2024 | 1:00 pm

> Mandel JCC, Palm Beach Gardens Sunday, March 3, 2024 | 4:00 pm

Wine & Dessert Reception Included



From the immigration of great numbers of Jews in the 1890s through the turbulent 1960s, Jews contributed richly to the American canon, but rarely writing with any Jewish flavor.

What inspired Bob Dylan? Phil Ochs? Paul Simon? Carole King? Is it possible that their passion for social justice is rooted in their Jewish values?

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MANDEL JCC, BOYNTON BEACH Wednesday, February 21 | 11:30 am

MANDEL JCC, PALM BEACH GARDENS Thursday, February 22 | 11:30 am



## \$40 per person

For more than sixty years, Barbie has been played with, analyzed, collected, criticized, and loved. In this illustrated lecture, historian and actor Leslie Goddard delves into the history of Barbie and her inventor, the passionately creative – and intensely competitive -- Ruth Handler.

Learn what inspired Handler to develop Barbie in 1959, how Barbie helped make Mattel one of the world's most successful toy companies, and what Barbie's impact has been on American culture.

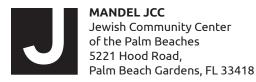
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