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## 12TH ANNUAL JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL

Welcome to the 12th Annual Beth Tzedec Jewish Film Festival! We're proud, once again, to bring you an exciting line-up of outstanding films and special guests. Exploring a range of themes as diverse as the Jewish experience itself, we hope that this year's selection of award-winning and critically acclaimed films will move and inspire you, entertain and delight you, enlighten and challenge you.

Among our special guests this year, we are delighted to welcome Tamar Tal, the writer/director of our Opening Night film, the multi-award-winning *Life in Stills*, and Ben Peter, the subject of that film; Neta Zwebner-Zaibert, the producer of the film *Numbered*; Bernice Steinhardt, co-founder and President of the Art & Remembrance organization, whose mother is the subject of the film *Through the Eye of the Needle*; Roberta Grossman, the producer/director of *Hava Nagila (The Movie)*; and Dr. Bernard S. Goldman, chair of Save a Child's Heart Canada, who will be speaking following the film *Israel Inside*.

We are extremely pleased to have Calgary Jewish Federation join us as co-sponsors of the screening of the film *Israel Inside*, and as co-sponsors of the Canadian Premiere of the film *Numbered*, which will be screened as part of our community-wide Kristallnacht commemoration. This year's "Ralph Gurevitch Tikkun Olam Screening" of the film *Besa: The Promise*, is also being presented in co-operation with Calgary Jewish Federation.

We feel honored by The Jewish Historical Society of Southern Alberta's choice of our film festival, once again, as the venue for their Jay Joffe Memorial Program. JHSSA will be co-sponsoring the screening of *Dressing America: Tales from the Garment Center*. And we're delighted that Rimon Calgary, a chapter of the Pomegranate Guild of Judaic Needlework, will be co-sponsoring the screening of *Through the Eye of the Needle*.

In addition to the artwork of Lilly Rosenberg, Bezalel, a group of local Jewish artists, will also have their art on display throughout the festival. And the JCC's Jewish Book Fair will also be there with a selection of books.

As always, we would like to express our deepest thanks to all of our sponsors, without whom this festival would not be possible. It is their generosity, community-mindedness and commitment to Jewish culture that enables us to offer this event to the community.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank my hard-working committee for all of the time and effort that they have put into planning this year's festival.

We hope you'll enjoy and be enriched by our 2012 Jewish Film Festival!

– Harvey Cyngiser



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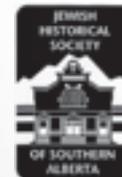


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Saturday, November 3, 2012 • Opening Night

### LIFE IN STILLS

Israel 2011  
Director: Tamar Tal  
Hebrew & German  
with English subtitles  
60 minutes

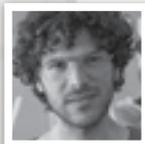


#### Documentary

At the age of 96, Miriam Weissenstein never imagined that she would be facing a new chapter in her life. But that changes when a redevelopment plan threatens to demolish the building which, for more than 70 years, has been home to the Pri-Or Photo House - the life's work of her late husband, photographer Rudi Weissenstein. A Tel Aviv landmark, the small shop houses nearly a million of Rudi's negatives that document the defining moments in Israel's history, including the iconic Declaration of Independence by David Ben Gurion in 1948. With the fate of the shop and its treasured archive hanging in the balance, Miriam, feisty and uncompromising, joins forces with her devoted grandson, Ben, on a quest to save the family legacy. *Life in Stills* follows their journey - a journey filled with moments of both tenderness and humor - as they deal with the generational gap and numerous frictions, while also trying to come to terms with a painful family tragedy from the past. With rare intimacy, filmmaker Tamar Tal movingly and sensitively captures the loving and often hilarious relationship between the two. Endearing and delightfully engaging, Tal's award-winning film is by turns touching, insightful and laugh-out-loud funny.

Winner - Best Documentary, Israeli Academy Awards 2012  
Winner - Best Documentary, Best Editing, DocAviv Film Festival 2011  
Winner - Talent Dove Award, Dok Leipzig Int'l Film Festival 2011  
Winner - Top Ten Audience Favorites, HotDocs, Toronto 2011  
Winner - Grand Prix Award, BAR Int'l Festival, Montenegro 2011  
Winner - Best Film, Generations category, Documentary Edge Festival 2012

Saturday, November 3rd at 7:30 PM



**SPECIAL GUESTS:**  
**TAMAR TAL**, Director (left)  
**BEN PETER**, Film Subject (right)

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### A BOTTLE IN THE GAZA SEA

France/Canada/Israel 2011  
Director: Thierry Binisti  
French, Hebrew, English & Arabic  
with English subtitles  
99 minutes

#### Drama

Shaken by news of a suicide bombing at a local café near her Jerusalem home, Tal, a 17 year-old girl whose family has immigrated to Israel from France, writes a letter expressing her refusal to accept that only hatred can reign between Israelis and Palestinians. She slips the letter into a bottle, and asks her brother to throw it into the sea near Gaza, where he is carrying out his military service. A few weeks later, Tal receives an e-mail response from a mysterious "Gaza-Man," a young Palestinian named Na'im. And thus begins a turbulent but tender on-line friendship between two young people that are separated by a history they are trying both to understand and to change. Avoiding sentimentality or easy answers, this engrossing and hopeful drama offers a sober look at youthful idealism set against the complex realities of the mid-east conflict.

Saturday, November 3rd at 9:20 PM



## DRESSING AMERICA: TALES FROM THE GARMENT CENTER

USA 2011

Directors: Steven Fischler & Joel Sucher

English

57 minutes

### Documentary

*Dressing America* offers a fascinating look at the New York garment industry, fondly referred to as the “shmatte business”, which had its humble beginnings with Jewish immigrants who came to America seeking a better life in a new land. This informative documentary tells the story of how the rough and tumble efforts of an interesting assortment of Jewish “characters” helped create an industry that grew by leaps and bounds, and paved the way for a legion of Jewish designers that included Ralph Lauren, Anne Klein, Donna Karan and Isaac Mizrahi. Contemporary reflections and interviews with industry insiders and experts, historical narrative, period movie clips and music, together with a healthy dose of nostalgia, all combine to provide an entertaining and affectionate portrait of a vibrant, colorful and creative industry that has grown up and been nurtured by a Jewish presence for over a century and a half.

Sunday, November 4th at 1:00 PM



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## THE JAY JOFFE MEMORIAL PROGRAM OF THE JEWISH HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN ALBERTA



The Jay Joffe Memorial Program was launched by the Jewish Historical Society of Southern Alberta (JHSSA) in 2009 to honour the memory of its long-serving founding president, Jay Joffe (1931-2007).

This program is dedicated to promoting and featuring Jewish culture and history through activities such as lectures, exhibits, films or performances.

The directors of JHSSA are pleased to once again be part of the Beth Tzedec Jewish Film Festival by co-sponsoring *Dressing America: Tales from the Garment Center*. Jay Joffe z”l had a passion for bringing the love of Jewish history to the widest possible audience. This film reflects on a century and a half of Jewish presence and contribution in a creative and competitive industry.





## HONORABLE AMBASSADOR

Israel 2012

Director: Jonathan Paz

Hebrew, English, French & Cameroonian  
with English subtitles

60 minutes

### Documentary

In this heartwarming and often humorous documentary, Mickey Arbel, the Israeli Ambassador in Cameroon, Africa, sets out on a long and exhausting journey into the deep jungles and arid deserts of Africa, to persuade the villagers of the need for drip-irrigation, which would resolve once and for all the severe irrigation problems of this very underdeveloped country. Israel, recognized as the world leader in drip-irrigation technology, shares its innovative technologies with countries around the world – but, on the ground, things don't always go as expected. Filmmaker Jonathan Paz follows Arbel on this cinematically colorful journey – a journey that is by turns frustrating, exciting, surreal and funny. For the charismatic and driven Arbel, it is also an inner journey deep into himself.

Sunday, November 4th at 2:20 PM



## THE FLAT

Israel 2011

Director: Arnon Goldfinger

Hebrew, English, German with English subtitles

97 minutes

### Documentary

When filmmaker Arnon Goldfinger's grandmother passes away at age 98, the family is left with the task of clearing out the Tel Aviv flat that she and her husband shared for decades since emigrating from Berlin in the 1930's. Sifting through a lifetime's accumulation of possessions – photos, letters, old documents and personal objects – Goldfinger is astonished to uncover traces of a troubling and previously unknown chapter in his grandparents' lives. Unfolding like a mystery, this engrossing documentary follows Goldfinger on an intriguing investigative journey that will lead him, with his mother in tow, to present-day Germany as he digs into his family's unspoken past to reveal an unexpected story of long-buried secrets, a friendship that crosses enemy lines, and deeply repressed family emotions. Complex and thought-provoking, this insightful film offers a penetrating look at the challenges and moral ambiguities inherent in confronting uncomfortable truths, and the difficulties of the second and third generations in grappling with the past.

Winner – Best Documentary, Israeli Academy Awards 2011

Winner – Best Director of a Documentary, Jerusalem Int'l Film Festival 2011

Winner – Best Documentary, Bavarian Film Awards 2011

Winner – Best Editing Award, Tribeca Int'l Film Festival 2012

Winner – Best Film, Best Director, Israeli Documentary Filmmakers Forum 2011

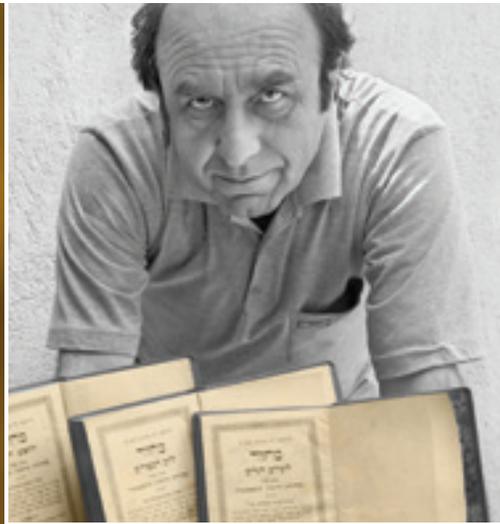
Winner – The FIPRESCI Jury Award - 52nd Krakow Film Festival, Poland, 2012

Sunday, November 4th at 3:35 PM

THE DR. RALPH GUREVITCH  
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"Repairing the World"

**BESA:  
THE PROMISE**

USA 2012  
Director: Rachel Goslins  
Albanian & English  
with English subtitles  
86 minutes



**Documentary**

Sixty years after WW II, Muslim Albanian Rexhep Hoxha tries to fulfill a promise made to the Jewish family his father saved during the Holocaust. His remarkable quest brings him together with renowned Jewish-American photographer Norman H. Gershman, who has made it his mission to document the heroism of Albanian Muslims whose BESA – an extraordinary code of conduct – compelled them to save thousands of Jewish lives despite enormous personal risk. This little-known and incredibly uplifting story challenges today's assumptions about the presumed enmity between Muslims and Jews and eloquently reminds us that good people can prevail, even in the face of evil. Director Rachel Goslins deftly weaves together emotional interviews with survivors and rescuers and never-before-seen archival footage against an original musical score by composer extraordinaire Philip Glass. This inspiring and deeply moving film is a breathtaking follow-up to the BESA exhibit brought to our community last February by Calgary Jewish Federation.

Sunday, November 4th at 7:00 PM

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**NUMBERED**

Israel 2012  
Producers: Neta Zwebner-Zaibert  
& Hilla Medalia  
Directors: Dana Doron  
& Uriel Sinai  
Hebrew with English subtitles  
60 minutes

**Documentary**

A bluish-grey number etched into the forearm. It has become one of the most recognizable symbols of the Holocaust, and of the attempt by the Nazis to dehumanize their victims by obliterating their individual identities and dignity. An estimated 400,000 prisoners were tattooed with serial numbers in Auschwitz and its sub-camps; only some several thousand are still alive today. How do these survivors relate to the numbers that have, after more than six decades, become part of their bodies, and part of their very beings? Co-directed by filmmaker Dana Doron and acclaimed photojournalist Uriel Sinai, this deeply affecting and visually stunning film opens a window into the hearts and souls of a handful of survivors, as it sensitively explores the complex relationship that each of them has with their numbers, and the diverse and evolving meanings that those numbers have taken on as both a personal and collective symbol. Intercutting the testimonies and reflections of survivors, their children and grandchildren, with Sinai's arresting and starkly beautiful black-and-white still portraits, this eloquent and cinematically poetic film is ultimately a moving and uplifting story of resilience and strength of spirit – of lives, though scarred, triumphantly reclaimed.

Thursday, November 10th at 7:00 PM



**SPECIAL GUEST**  
**NETA ZWEBNER-ZAIBERT**  
Producer

Screening of the film **NUMBERED** is open to the entire community, at **NO CHARGE** as part of our community-wide **KRISTALLNACHT COMMEMORATION.**



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## FREE MEN

France 2011

Director: Ismael Ferroukhi

French with English subtitles

99 minutes

### Drama

Inspired by actual events, this gripping wartime espionage drama tells the little-known story of Muslim freedom fighters and a mosque that sheltered Jews in Nazi-occupied Paris during WWII. When Younes, a young and barely-literate Algerian immigrant, is arrested for black marketeering, he avoids jail by agreeing to become an informant, and spy on the activities of the Paris Grand Mosque. The authorities suspect that the mosque's rector, Ben-Ghabrit, is harboring and aiding Resistance fighters, as well as clandestinely helping North African Jews by providing them with shelter, safe passage and false certificates of Muslim identity. But at the mosque, Younes befriends Salim, a charismatic Algerian singer with a surprising secret, and as Younes discovers the hidden work of the mosque, he soon finds himself having to decide where his loyalties truly lie. A tense game of cat-and-mouse ensues in this absorbing tale of political and moral awakening, as Younes shifts from collaborator to full-fledged Resistance fighter.

Saturday, November 10th at 7:00 PM



## MY LOVELY SISTER

Israel 2011

Director: Marco Carmel

Hebrew & Arabic with English subtitles

91 minutes

### Drama

This charming and beautifully-acted film, based on an old Moroccan-Jewish folk tale, deftly blends Sephardic superstitions, magical touches of surrealism and the spirits of the deceased, to tell a poignant story of sibling rivalry and reconciliation in a family of Jewish immigrants from Morocco, living in an impoverished coastal town in modern-day Israel. Rama (Evelin HaGoel), bitter and deeply superstitious, has been estranged from her beautiful younger sister Marie (Reymond Amsalem) for many years because Marie had brought shame upon the family and broken their parents' hearts by marrying an Arab fisherman. Lurking below the surface is an unspoken history involving Marie and Rama's husband, Robert. Rama stubbornly refuses to heed Marie's repeated pleas to return to the bosom of the family, until circumstances force both her and Robert to try to make peace with the past, with one another and with themselves. Featuring a haunting eastern-flavored musical score, *My Lovely Sister* was nominated for 11 Israeli Academy Awards, and won the 2011 Israeli Academy Awards for Best Actress (Evelin HaGoel), and best Supporting Actress (Reymond Amsalem).

*Winner – Best Actress (Evelin HaGoel), Israeli Academy Awards, 2011*

*Winner – Best Supporting Actress (Reymond Amsalem), Israeli Academy Awards, 2011*

*Nominated for 11 Israeli Academy Awards, including Best Film and Best Director*

**Mature themes.**

Saturday, November 10th at 9:05 PM



## PURSUED

Israel 2012

Director: Menachem Roth

Yiddish & Hebrew with English subtitles

60 minutes

### Documentary

As an adolescent attending an all-male, ultra-Orthodox boarding school, director Menachem Roth was the victim of sexual abuse. Twenty years later, ever haunted by the deep emotional wounds that have not healed, the now-secular Roth – still searching for his place in the world – returns to Israel to seek out his abuser, and confront him – face-to-face. Returning to the insular Hassidic community of his childhood, Roth relives the harrowing experience that has left him so deeply traumatized, as he documents the tense encounter with the man who molested him when he was just 14 years old. *Pursued* is an unsettling, but brave film which, in its honesty and candour, powerfully conveys a pain that is very real. It is a courageous self-portrait, in which the camera becomes a weapon of entrapment as well as an instrument of redemption.

**Disturbing content, mature themes.**

**Sunday, November 11th at 1:00 PM**



## THROUGH THE EYE OF THE NEEDLE: THE ART OF ESTHER NISENTHAL KRINITZ

USA 2011

Director: Nina Shapiro-Perl

English & Yiddish

with English subtitles

30 minutes

### Documentary

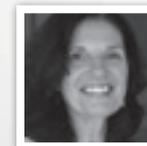
More than 40 years after the Holocaust, Esther Nisenthal Krinitz felt the need to share the story of her survival - a story that is remarkable on its own. But it is all the more extraordinary because of her method of storytelling- stitching and embroidering. It comes to us with unexpected beauty in a series of 36 large fabric collages, intricately embroidered in vivid color. Through Esther's own words and images of her art work, as well as interviews with her daughters and others, this award-winning film artfully explores the capacity of the human heart to heal. Through these reflections, we are reminded that genocide and other acts of baseless hatred are still with us, and that Esther's story, and those like hers, compels us to build a just and peaceful world for all.

*Winner – Golden Eagle Award, 2012 CINE Awards*

*Winner – Audience award for Best Short Documentary, LA and San Diego Jewish Film Festivals*

*Winner – Audience Favorite Documentary Award, Washington Jewish Film Festival*

**Sunday, November 13th at 2:15 PM**



### SPECIAL GUEST:

#### BERNICE STEINHARDT

*Daughter of film subject Esther Nisenthal Krinitz, Bernice is the co-founder and President of Arts & Remembrance, a non-profit organization dedicated to education through the power of art. Bernice will be on hand to personally autograph copies of her book "Memories of Survival".*



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**FOLLOW ME:  
THE YONI NETANYAHU STORY**

USA 2011  
Directors: Jonathan Gruber & Ari Daniel Pinchot  
English & Hebrew with English subtitles  
83 minutes

**Documentary**

Operation Entebbe – the courageous mission to save Israeli hostages held by Arab terrorists at the Entebbe, Uganda airport in 1976 – was an almost miraculous success, but Israel's triumph was also its tragedy. Gruber and Pinchot's riveting retelling of this defining moment in Israeli and world history is seen through the eyes of 30-year-old squad leader Yoni Netanyahu, whose accomplished life – still so full of promise – was cut short that day. The filmmakers masterfully interweave the planning and execution of the high-risk raid with the narrative of Yoni's life, revealed against the backdrop of contemporary Israeli history. Interviews with Netanyahu's comrades, family and Israeli leaders, including Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu – Yoni's younger brother – add context to the gripping archival footage. But it is Yoni's compelling voice, revealed in haunting poems and letters to family and to the women he loved, that give this gripping documentary its unforgettable beauty and poignancy.

Winner – Best Documentary, Palm Beach Int'l Film Festival 2012  
Winner – Best of Fest, Palm Springs Int'l Film Festival 2012

Sunday, November 13th at 3:30 PM



**HAVA NAGILA (THE MOVIE)**

USA 2011  
Director: Roberta Grossman  
English  
73 minutes

**Documentary**

It's to music what the bagel is to food – a Jewish staple that has transcended its origins and become a worldwide hit. Harry Belafonte sang it. Elvis too. And that's only the beginning when it comes to Hava Nagila. With humor, depth and heart, award-winning filmmaker Roberta Grossman takes us on a toe-tapping and highly entertaining romp through the history, mystery, and meaning of the great Jewish standard. Featuring interviews with Harry Belafonte, Connie Francis, Glen Campbell, Leonard Nimoy, Regina Spektor and more, the film follows the ubiquitous party song on its fascinating, and often surprising, journey from the shtetls of Eastern Europe to the cul-de-sacs of America, and beyond. By turns amusing, enlightening and unexpectedly profound, this delightful film celebrates the joyful *Hava Nagila* in all its diverse incarnations, while also using the song as a springboard to explore Jewish history and identity and to spotlight the cross-cultural connections that can only be achieved through music.

Sunday, November 11th at 7:00 PM



**SPECIAL GUEST:  
ROBERTA GROSSMAN**  
Director



## MABUL (THE FLOOD)

Israel/Canada/France 2011

Director: Guy Nattiv

Hebrew with English subtitles

101 minutes

### Drama

This award-winning and critically acclaimed drama about a family in turmoil is sensitively told through the eyes of the family's youngest son, Yoni. Almost 13 years old, Yoni is a gifted student, but physically undeveloped, and with his Bar Mitzvah looming, he struggles daily to quickly grow into the physique of a man. His classmates bully him every chance they get and his emotionally distant parents, both living lies, barely say a word to each other. The sudden and unexpected return of his autistic brother, Tomer, hidden away for years in an institution, turns Yoni's life upside down, and threatens to tear his already fragile family apart. As family tensions escalate, buried secrets emerge, and Yoni's Bar Mitzvah Torah portion - the story of Noah and the flood - comes to take on multiple meanings, not only in the two brothers' lives, but for the entire family as they confront painful truths, mistakes of the past and sorrows of the present. Director Guy Nattiv and a brilliant cast bring deep humanity to this powerfully moving, and ultimately hopeful, story about family, relationships, and second chances.

*Winner – Best Israeli Feature Film, Haifa Int'l FF*

*Winner – Best Supporting Actor (Michael Moshonov), Israeli Academy Awards, 2011*

*Winner – Crystal Bear -Special Mention – Berlin Int'l FF, 2011*

Mature themes.

Saturday, November 17th at 7:00 PM



## REMEMBRANCE

Germany 2011

Director: Anna Justice

English, German & Polish with English subtitles

105 minutes

### Drama

Shifting back and forth in time between 1976 New York and 1944 Poland, this stirring drama recounts a remarkable love story that blossomed under extraordinary circumstances during the darkest of times. In a daring escape from a Nazi concentration camp, Tomasz, a young Polish political prisoner, rescues his Jewish lover Hannah, but during the chaos of the last moments of war, they are forcibly separated and each is convinced that the other has died. More than 30 years later, Hannah - now happily married and living in New York City- catches a glimpse of someone in a TV interview that shakes her to the core. Could it be that Tomasz, the man she loved and lost so many years ago, is still alive? Inspired by actual events, *Remembrance* is a heartfelt journey through love, memory and fate, as Hannah must now grapple with the flood of memories and conflicting emotions triggered by that possibility.

Brief nudity, sexuality.

Saturday, November 17th at 9:05 PM



## THE DECISION MAKER

Israel 2011

Director: Danny Yagil

Hebrew with English subtitles

41 minutes

### Drama

In the throes of a heated election campaign, Gideon Harel, the fictitious Prime Minister of Israel, arrives at a TV studio to take part in a televised election debate. With few achievements during his term as Prime Minister, and in failing health, the polls do not bode well for him and it appears that he will soon lose his position as the country's "decision maker". Taking a break from the preparations for this crucial debate, he wanders the long corridors of the TV studio and stumbles, by chance, upon the tape archive room. There he discovers a taped report summarizing his life and career, which is being prepared, in advance, for broadcast in the event of his death. Watching his own obituary will have a deep impact on Harel, reminding him of his past and leading him to an important decision.

Sunday, November 18th at 1:00 PM



## ISRAEL INSIDE: HOW A SMALL NATION MAKES A BIG DIFFERENCE

Israel 2011

Director: Wayne Kopping

English

55 minutes

### Documentary

*Inside Israel: How a Small Nation Makes a Big Difference* is the ultimate feel-good exploration of the values that drive Israeli innovation and progress. Host Tal Ben Shahar was Harvard University's most popular lecturer, yet chose to return to his native Israel. He describes his personal journey while exploring the positive characteristics or "actualizers" that have catapulted Israel to the forefront of countless fields. Against incredible odds, including a scarcity of natural resources and threats to their country's very existence, Israelis continue to make game-changing global breakthroughs in science, environment, medicine, technology, economics and humanitarianism. Featuring interviews with Jerusalem Mayor Nir Barkat, Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks, Sir Martin Gilbert, Professor Alan Dershowitz and visionary entrepreneur Shai Agassi, this insightful documentary sidesteps the usual conversation of politics, conflict and violence, to showcase some of the numerous and diverse ways that Israeli creativity, inventiveness and humanitarian values continue to make our world a better place.

Sunday, November 18th at 1:50 PM



### SPECIAL GUEST:

**DR. BERNARD S. GOLDMAN**

**CM, MD, FRCS(C)**

In addition to being a renowned clinician, researcher and educator, Dr. Goldman is the Chair of SAVE A CHILD'S HEART Canada, an Israeli-based humanitarian project dedicated to providing heart surgery to children from underprivileged countries at no cost, regardless of their nationality, religion, colour or gender.



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## KADDISH FOR A FRIEND

Germany 2011

Director: Leo Khasin

German, Arabic & Russian with English subtitles

94 minutes

### Drama

The lives of a Palestinian teenager and an elderly Russian Jewish widower become intertwined in surprising ways in this touching film, set in a tough working-class neighborhood in modern-day Berlin. When his family immigrates to Berlin from a Palestinian refugee camp, 14 year-old Ali Messalam tries to gain acceptance from the other Arab youths in the neighborhood by targeting his Jewish neighbour, 84 year-old Alexander Zomskoy, vandalizing the old man's apartment and defacing the walls with anti-Semitic graffiti. Caught in the act, Ali is forced to repair the damage in order to avoid criminal charges and deportation. Working side by side, the two must overcome their mutual resentment, suspicion and distrust. This poignant story about unlikely friendships, trust, and the art of forgiveness blurs the lines between enemies and friends with humor and pathos.

Sunday, November 18th at 3:30 PM



## ORCHESTRA OF EXILES

USA 2012

Director: Josh Aronson

English

85 minutes

### Documentary

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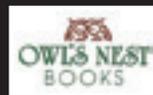
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7:30 PM Life in Stills  
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2:20 PM Honorable Ambassador  
3:35 PM The Flat  
7:00 PM Besa: The Promise

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8

7:00 PM Numbered

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10

7:00 PM Free Men  
9:05 PM My Lovely Sister

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11

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2:15 PM Through the Eye of the Needle  
3:30 PM Follow Me: The Yoni Netanyahu Story  
7:00 PM Hava Nagila (The Movie)

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17

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