

2017

VENTURA COUNTY JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL



14th Annual Season

January 29, & February 18, 19, 25, 26, & March 5.

Thank-you for your enthusiastic support of the Ventura County Jewish Film Festival. We are thrilled to continue the tradition of bringing our community together to view and discuss cinema from around the world. This year we have assembled an eclectic selection of films that will entertain you and expand your universe.

We look forward to seeing you at the movies!

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Sunday, January 29, 2017 2 PM TBT

The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz – Directed by Ted Kotcheff
Canada, 1974 English 91 minutes

Based on a novel by Canadian author, Mordecai Richler, this entertaining and somewhat autobiographical drama tells the story of a younger son who strives to become a "somebody". The film, remastered for the Cannes Classic Films Festival in 2013, stars Richard Dreyfuss in one of his earliest film appearances.

FREE Screening
Sponsored by Jewish Family Services through a generous donation by Mimi Diller in memory of Ray Diller

Saturday, February 18, 2017 7 PM Regency Theater

The People v Fritz Bauer – Directed by Lars Kraume
Germany, 2015 German (Subtitles) 95 minutes

The Festival's opening night film is a spellbinding thriller dramatizing the Herculean efforts of German District Attorney, Fritz Bauer, to bring Adolf Eichmann to justice within his own country. It received the German Film Award for the year's best film, 2016. This film, paired with Labyrinth of Lies (screening on Sunday), tells the story of courageous German prosecutors as they attempted to expose Nazi perpetrators of the Shoah. We are honored that Consul General Hans Jörg Neumann will speak to us following the screening.

Sponsored by Paula Reach

Sunday, February 19, 2017 7 PM Regency Theater

Labyrinth of Lies – Directed by Giulio Ricciarelli
Germany 2014 German (Subtitles) 122 minutes

Giulio Ricciarelli's film, shortlisted for a 2016 Academy Award, is both a love story and a conspiracy drama. In the early 1950's, a naïve young prosecutor, working under the direction of Fritz Bauer, blunders into a labyrinth of guilt and lies, eventually leading him to the notorious Dr. Mengele.

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Saturday, February 25, 2017 7 PM Regency Theater

Rock in the Red Zone – Directed by Laura Bialis
USA 2015 English narration with subtitled Hebrew 90 minute

How does the small Israeli town of Sderot function in spite of receiving a daily barrage of rockets fired from nearby Gaza? When documentary filmmaker, Laura Bialis, visited Sderot to explore the community's vibrant Jewish-North African music scene, she was caught up in the drama of its townspeople trying to live creatively in spite of the grueling challenges they faced. Bialis's filming evolved into a love story not to be missed. She and musician Avi Vakim will discuss the film following the screening.

Sponsored by Dr. Mark and Eleanor Richman

Sunday afternoon, February 26, 2017 2PM TBT

Hummus – Directed by Oren Rosenfeld
USA/Israel 2016 English with some subtitled Hebrew & Arabic 59 Minutes

Join us for a delightful Sunday afternoon to experience the joy of Hummus. The film is an entertaining exploration of Hummus, it's geography, history and the chefs who each think his or her hummus is the "only" hummus worth eating. To make it even more fun, the film will be followed (what else?) by a yummy hummus tasting.

The film is appropriate for ages 8-100.

Sponsored by: The Sehati Family and The Jewelry Couture by Sehati

Sunday, March 5 Noon Brunch TBT

Grand finale Brunch and a series of Short Films

The Festival's traditional Brotherhood event will start with the Brunch at noon followed by a series of delightful short films:

A Children's Song	Director by Shayna Cohen	USA/English 2015	27 Min
The Chop	Director by Lewis Rose	UK/English 2016	16 Min
Havana Curveball	Directors by Marcia Jarmel & Ken Schneider	USA/Cuba/Canada 2014	56 Min

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