

2018 VENTURA COUNTY JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL

15th Annual Season

February 25 & March 3, 10, 17, 18, 24, & 25

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 Jewish cinema from around the world. As in years past, we have assembled an exciting selection of films to entertain you and expand your universe.

We look forward to seeing you at the movies!

[For more information go to VCJFF.org](http://VCJFF.org)

Sun., Feb. 25

TBT

2 PM - FREE

Sponsored by JFS

Big Sonia – Directed by Todd Soliday and Leah Warshawski

Documentary

USA, 2016

English

93 minutes

When Holocaust survivor, Sonia Warshawski, is evicted from her iconic tailor shop that has thrived for 35 years in suburban Kansas City, she is confronted with an agonizing decision: either open up a new shop-at age 90-or retire.

Sponsored by Ventura County Jewish Family Service through a generous donation by Mimi Diller in memory of Ray Diller.



Sat., Mar. 3

Regency

7 PM

Sponsored by Joel and Barbara Aaronson & The Affordable Living Choices Trust

The Testament – Directed by Amichai Greenberg

Drama

Israel, 2017

Hebrew

88 minutes

Yoel, an Israeli historian, given a deadline by Austrian authorities to uncover a suspected mass grave site or to abandon the project, inadvertently discovers a shocking truth about his own mother, in this compelling drama.

Sat., Mar. 10

Regency

7 PM

Sponsored by Barbara Meister

The Women's Balcony – Directed by Emil Ben-Shimon

Drama/Comedy

Israel, 2016

Hebrew

96 Minutes

Following the collapse of the women's balcony in an Orthodox synagogue, the congregation falls into crisis. Charismatic young Rabbi David appears to be a savior after the accident but slowly starts pushing his fundamentalist agenda, creating a rift between the community's women and men.

Also showing **Super Sex** – Directed by Matthew Modine

A short film

USA, 2016

English

7 minutes

A pair of siblings try to figure out what to get their father (Ed Asner) for his 86th birthday



Sat., Mar. 17

TBT

7 PM

Anonymous Sponsor

Ben Gurion: Epilogue – Directed by Yari Mozer

History/Documentary

Israel, 2016

Hebrew and English

70 Minutes

Compiled from six hours of never-before-seen footage, this beautifully crafted documentary, based on conversations with Israel's founding father, presents a rare piece of cinematic archeology.

Sun., Mar. 18

TBT

7 PM

Sponsored by Harvey and Jessica Harris

Rabin In His Own Words – Directed by Erez Laufer

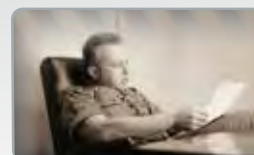
Documentary

Israel, 2015

Hebrew

110 Minutes

This documentary is told entirely in Rabin's own voice. He speaks about his life from his childhood as the son of a labor leader before the founding of the State of Israel through a change of viewpoint that turned him from a farmer into a soldier. Rabin stood at many of the most critical junctures in Israeli history.



Sat., Mar. 24

Regency

7 PM

Sponsored by Joel & Arlene Goldenberg, & Goldenberg Family Dentistry

Bye Bye Germany – Directed by Sam Garbarski

Comedy

Germany, 2017

German

102 Minutes

David Berman and his friends, all Holocaust survivors, have only one desire to go to America as soon as possible. For this they need money. Close to his goal, David is not only deprived of his savings but is also overtaken by his past.

Sun., Mar. 25

TBT

Noon (brunch, movie, & concert)

Sponsored by The Sehati Family & Jewelry Couture by Sehati

Harmonia – Directed by Ori Sivan

Drama

Israel, 2016

Hebrew

97 Minutes

Sarah, the harpist of the Jerusalem Philharmonic, is married to Abraham, the orchestra's conductor. The couple befriends Hagar, a young Arab French horn player new to the orchestra. When Hagar learns of their struggle to have a baby, she offers to have Abraham's baby for Sarah. This stunning film takes on the ancient Biblical story, creating a modern and hopeful retelling.

Special guests: Santa Barbara's Flor De Kanela, will perform a lively concert of Sephardic music following the film.

Brotherhood Sponsored Brunch At Noon with screening and concert to follow

