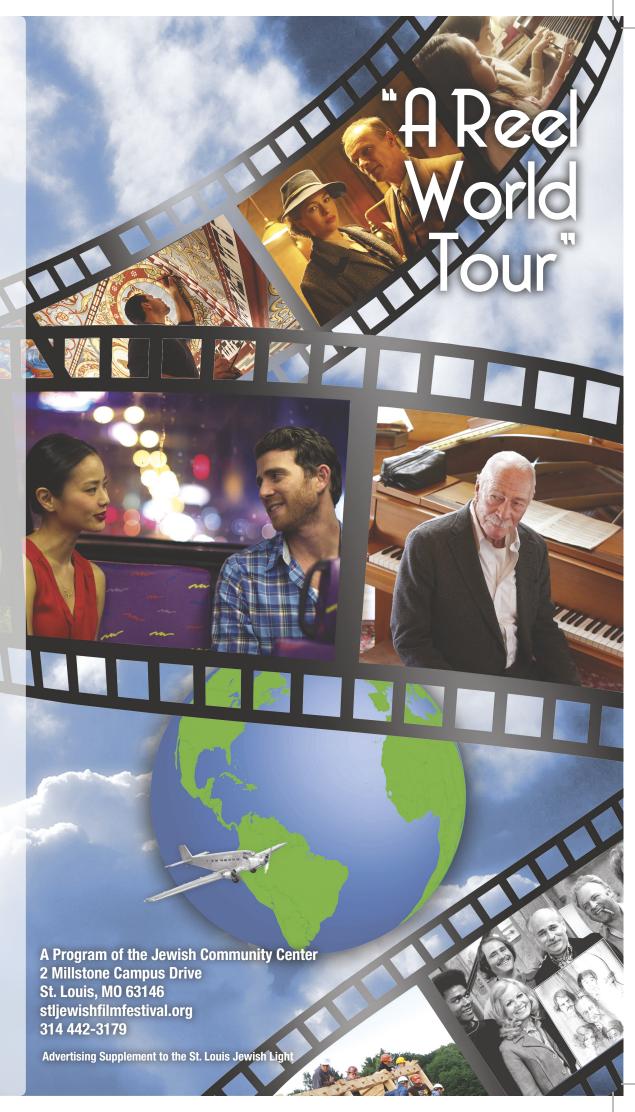
Film Festival 21st Annual St. Louis Jewi June 5-9, 2016 Landmark Plaza Frontenac Cinema - (Clayton Rd and Lindbergh)





Opening Day Double Feature

Sunday, June 5

IN SEARCH OF ISRAELI CUISINE 4:00 PM

U.S.A.

English/Hebrew with English Subtitles

Director: Roger Sherman Documentary: 97 Minutes

A mouth-watering treat...A portrait of the Israeli people told through food, the film profiles chefs, home cooks, farmers, vintners, and cheese makers drawn from the more than 100 cultures of today's Israel – Jewish, Arab, Muslim, Christian. Through interviews at farms, markets, restaurants, kitchens, landscapes, and history—audiences will discover that this hot, multi-cultural cuisine has developed only in the last 30 years. Israel's people and their food are secular, outward looking and innovative.

Sponsor: Howard N. Lesser

Introduction: Margi Lenga Kahn, Food Columnist St. Louis Jewish Light Reception sponsored in part by A Taste of Jerusalem. Enjoy a sample selection of Israeli cuisine after the screening of In Search of Israeli Cuisine.

NORMAN LEAR: JUST A DIFFERENT VERSION OF YOU 7:00 PM

U.S.A. English

Director: Heidi Ewing and Rachel Grady

Documentary: 90 minutes

Producer, writer, activist...Still working at 93, Norman Lear, the man behind such hugely influential shows as *All in the Family, Sanford and Son, The Jeffersons, Good Times,* and *Maude,* also produced films including *Stand By Me, The Princess Bride,* and *Fried Green Tomatoes.* Featuring interviews with Lear and George Clooney, Bill Moyers, John Amos, Amy Poehler, Jon Stewart, and others, the film focuses on points in Lear's life that help to understand the man under the iconic hat.

Sponsor: Morrie Zimring

Introduction: Richard Chapman, Senior Lecturer Screenwriting, Washington University Opening
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21st Annual St. Louis Jewish Film Festival

Monday, June 6

A BLIND HERO -THE LOVE OF **OTTO WEIDT** 2:00 PM

Germany German with English Subtitles Director: Kai Christiansen Docu-drama: 90 Minutes

The "Unsung Schindler"...

Otto Weidt, a blind factory owner in WWII Berlin, hired blind Jewish employees to keep them out of the clutches of the Nazis. Smitten by his beautiful Jewish secretary, Weidt embarked on a nearly impossible journey to save her from Auschwitz. Journalist/author, Inge Deutschkron, provides her personal account of Weidt's tireless efforts to protect as many Jews as possible. Listed as one of the Righteous Among the Nations at Yad Vashem, his amazing story has been overlooked until now.

Sponsor: Jerry & Nancy Raskas, Morrie Zimring

Introduction: Rabbi Elizabeth Hersh, Senior Rabbi Temple Emanuel



ENCIRCLEMENTS 5:30 PM

Israel Hebrew with English Subtitles Director: Lee Gilat

Feature: 98 Minutes

Touching, complex...13-year old Aharon, the only child of parents who have always wanted another child, wins the honor of carrying the Torah scrolls on Simchat Torah. Providing an intimate look at Sephardic Jewry, which includes the belief that he who carries the Torah may ask God for anything on behalf of others, Aharon hopes to elevate his status in the neighborhood and win his distant father's approval and love. His achievement brings ancient tensions to the symbolic, touching, happy ceremony.

Sponsor: Lubin Green Foundation, A supporting Foundation of the Jewish Federation of St. Louis

Introduction: Rabbi Hvim Shafner. Bais Abraham





ALREADY TOMORROW

U.S.A. English

8:00 PM

Director: Emily Ting Feature: 78 Minutes

IN HONG KONG

A walk-and-talk romance...

Josh (St. Louisan Bryan Greenberg) and Ruby (Jamie Chung) spent an unforgettable evening together in Hong Kong a year ago. Now they're about to get a second chance at romance. As effervescent as a perfect date, this charming will-they-or-won'tthey tale takes full advantage of the chemistry of its leads (real-life husband and wife!), the playfulness of their exchanges, and the magical landscape that is Hong Kong at night.

Sponsor: Margie & Merle Horowitz and in part Denny & Carl Greenberg

Introduction: Film Stars Bryan Greenberg & Jamie Chung

CARVAHLO'S JOURNEY 11:00 AM

Tuesday, June 7

U.S.A. **Enalish**

Director: Steve Rivo Documentary: 85 Minutes

Compelling, extraordinary...

Solomon Nunes Carvalho was an American Jewish artist and daguerreotypist who photographed the sweeping vistas and treacherous terrain of the American West when he joined John C. Frémont in 1853 on his Fifth Westward Expedition from New York to California. Carvalho's experience as a Jew on the Western trail was unprecedented, and his photography grants a window into the cultural exchanges that shaped America in the era of Manifest Destiny.

Sponsor: Ken and Nancy Kranzberg

Introduction: Larry Kotner, retired radiologist and avid amateur photographer



St. Louis Jewish Film Festival

Enjoy Films Year Round with the Jewish Film Society

If you enjoy films that inspire, entertain, educate and enlighten, become a member of the Jewish Film Society. You will become a part of a community that shares your love of the moving image. Each film offers lively post-film discussions, meant to create dialogue in the Jewish and greater St. Louis community about issues raised in the films.

MEMBER BENEFITS

- Films are free to all Jewish Film Society Members
- Guest tickets \$10 per film
- 2016/17 Film dates 9/18, 10/23, 12/11, 3/5, 4/2, 5/14
- Membership is tax deductible

See back page for more details on how to join

- \$36 for individual
- \$54 for a couple
- \$18 for students



Tuesday, June 7

Wednesday, June 8

FIRE BIRDS 2:00 PM

Israel

Hebrew with English Subtitles Director: Amir Wolf

Feature: 112 Minutes

Thrilling, compelling...

An old man's body is found with three stab wounds and a number tattooed on his arm. A detective who is a second generation Holocaust survivor reluctantly works the case. The story interweaves past and present. In a series of flashbacks, we see the victim seeking connection, financial support and companionship by searching obituaries for widows to beguile. He finally feels the need to "reinvent" himself by membership in the most horrible club in the world: the club of Holocaust survivors.

Sponsor: Susan Sale

Introduction: Michael Kahn, Trial

attorney and author

SECRETS OF WAR 5:30 PM

Netherlands

Dutch with English Subtitles
Director: Dennis Bots
Feature: 95 Minutes

Innocence lost...Adapted from Jacques Vriens's bestselling young-adult novel, this is a story of friendship and courage. When the Nazis occupy the Netherlands in 1943, 12-year-old best friends, Tuur and Lambert, are initially shielded from the chaos around them. All that changes with the arrival of Maartje. Vying for her affection, the boys' friendship is tested. When she grows closer to Tuur, Lambert's jealous reaction sets in motion a chain of events with consequences that will alter the lives of all three children.

Sponsor: Eileen & Larry Schechter

Introduction: Vera Emmons, Docent and Second Generation Speaker, St. Louis Holocaust Museum and Learning Center

TO LIFE! 8:00 PM

Germany

German with English Subtitles Director: Uwe Janson

Feature: 86 Minutes

Uplifting, **luminous** performances...Self-reliant but kindly Ruth is evicted from her apartment, just as the younger Jonas arrives in Berlin burdened with a personal ordeal. Flashbacks divulge the older Jewish woman's wartime sorrows, while Jonas' own vulnerability comes to light. Through shared parallels and camaraderie, and the lusty Yiddish music of yesteryear, this improbable duo rekindles their sense of purpose, finding reason to defiantly toast I'chaim.

Sponsor: Elaine & Jeffrey Korn

Introduction: Paula Hanssen, Associate Professor of German, Webster University

RABIN IN HIS OWN WORDS 2:00 PM

Israel

English/Hebrew with English Subtitles Director: Erez Laufer

Documentary: 113 Minutes

Farmer, soldier, diplomat, politician, world leader, the "peace" prime minister...A unique "autobiography" told almost entirely in Rabin's own voice. Archival footage, home movies and private letters - from his childhood as the son of a labor leader, from a farmer to a soldier who stood at some of the most critical junctures in Israeli history, through years when, as Prime Minister, he made moves that enraged a large portion of the Israeli public, until the moment when his life was suddenly brought to an end.

Sponsor: Rubin Family Foundation

Introduction: Bob Cohn, Editor-inchief Emeritus, St. Louis Jewish

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General Information

- Call the Jewish Film Festival Hotline to order tickets by phone 314-442-3179.
- Order tickets online at brownpapertickets.com
- Tickets may be purchased at the box office in the J's Staenberg Family Complex Arts & Education Building during business hours.
- Individual film tickets are available at the J through June 3. After that, tickets can only be purchased at the box office of the Landmark Plaza Frontenac Cinema beginning one hour before each film.
- Seating for all films is on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Tickets are non-exchangeable and non-refundable.

PETER THE THIRD 5:30 PM

Israel Hebrew with English Subtitles Director: Tommy Lang Feature: 81 Minutes

Playful bravado, self-reflection, romance...In this warm and soulful comedy three lifelong friends from Romania meet each day in a Tel Aviv coffee shop to kvetch, reminisce, gossip and revel in each others' eccentricities. Yet, they support one another as only they know how. When Peter, a smalltime actor estranged from his daughter, offers his home to the café's struggling, young, beautiful waitress, Alona, who is an aspiring writer, an unlikely alliance develops which helps to inspire both of them to change their lives.

Sponsor: Sima & Phil Needleman

Introduction: Cate Marguis, Film Critic St. Louis Jewish Light









St. Louis Jewish Film Festival

General Information

- Student tickets for ages 16 and under \$10 for Opening Day Films & \$8 for weekday films.
- 4-PACK Save money by buying four weekday films for \$40.
- Films and programs will start promptly at the identified start time.
- Due to circumstances beyond our control, films are subject to change.
- Mail orders for individual tickets must be accompanied by a stamped, self-addressed envelope and must be received by May 25. NO EXCEPTIONS.
- Opening Day Films \$15/person or both for \$25
- All June films at Landmark Plaza Frontenac Theatre \$11 when purchased by June 3 and \$12 after. Student tickets \$10 Opening Day & \$8 weekdays (ages 16 and under)
- Jewish Film Festival Box Office opens one hour before each film at the Landmark Plaza Frontenac Cinema.

Double Feature 8:00 PM

BLUE LIKE ME: THE ART OF SIONA BENJAMIN

U.S.A./India English

Director: Hal Rikin Documentary: 28 Minutes

Vibrant, vast, BLUE...Siona Benjamin is an acclaimed Jewish Indian artist, educated by nuns and Zoroastrian teachers, brought up alongside Hindu, Christian and Muslim neighbors. Most of her family migrated to Israel while she was a child, and she wondered, "What is home?" Now she creates art to answer that question. She paints blue figures who fuse Talmudic, Hindu and Islamic references with western pop culture. The film follows her on her journey back to her Bene Jewish roots in Mumbai, India. Her original art is part of St. Louis's Central Reform

Sponsor: Fox Family Foundation

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Introduction: Siona Benjamin, artist featured in Blue Like Me **RAISE THE ROOF**

U.S.A.

English/Polish with English Subtitles Directors: Yari and Cary Wolinsky Documentary: 85 Minutes

History brought back to life...

Inspired by images of the muralcovered wooden synagogues of 18th century Poland--the last of which were destroyed by the Nazis—two artists set out to reconstruct the roof of the Gwozdziec synagogue using period hand tools and techniques. Working with 300 artisans and students from around the world for 10 years, the reconstructed synagogue roof is now the centerpiece of the POLIN Museum of the History of Polish Jews in Warsaw. Beautiful to behold and buttressed by traditional klezmer melodies.

Sponsor: Madeline Elkins & Harvey Wallace

Introduction: Robert Schwartz. Architect-FAIA, HOK

THE MIDNIGHT **ORCHESTRA** 2:00 PM

Morocco

English and Arabic/French with

English Subtitles

Director: Jerome Cohen-Olivar Feature: 102 Minutes

Poignant, melodious,

humorous...A voung Jewish boy left Morocco long ago amidst racial tensions spurred by the Yom Kippur War. He buried his memories deep within himself as did thousands of Jews who left their countries. Now he's back in Casablanca to meet his father who had been a celebrated singer-musician. Aided by an eccentric cab driver, his search for the former members of his father's band unexpectedly transforms his life forever and enables him to understand the silent legacy that his father left

Sponsor: Gail & Louis Glaser

Introduction: Rabbi James Stone Goodman, Neve Shalom



Double Feature 4:00 PM

HOW TO WIN ENEMIES 5:30 PM

Argentina
Spanish with English Subtitles
Director: Gabriel Lichtmann
Feature: 78 Minutes

A comic caper...When Lucas, a shy young lawyer, has a chance meeting with a sexy, smart woman who has great taste in literature, it seems too good to be true. And, of course, it is! She comes home with him, and he wakes the next day to find she is gone and has robbed him of all his savings. A fan of detective novels, Lucas realizes he was set up and begins to investigate the case like one of the heroes in his beloved books. He must rely on his wits in order to crack the case with a twisted plot and surprise ending.

Introduction: Ellen Futterman, Editor, St. Louis Jewish Light

REMEMBER 8:00 PM

Canada/Germany
English/German with English Subtitles
Director: Atom Egoyan
Feature: 94 Minutes

Unforgettable, supremely suspenseful...Burdened with dementia and his wife's recent passing, 90-year-old Zev Guttman (Christopher Plummer) is in a race against time to find overdue justice. Fellow Auschwitz survivor Max (Martin Landau), gives Zev a letter with scrupulous instructions for every step of an elaborate mission of vengeance. Zev embarks on a crosscountry odyssey to find the Nazi responsible for murdering their families. As Zev closes in on his target, the tension mounts leading to a shocking climax.

Sponsor: Lee Bohm, Judith Gall

Introduction: Rabbi James Bennett, Congregation Shaare Emeth

A CHILDREN'S SONG

U.S.A.

English/Chinese with English Subtitles Director: Shayna Cohen Feature: 28 Minutes

Heartwarming nostalgia...

When two students competing for a music scholarship discover that their original compositions are based on a single family song, both become determined to prove ownership, leading them to uncover the long lost true origin of the melody: a story of salvation and hope when more than 20,000 Jews emigrated to Shanghai during WWII.

Sponsor: Linda and Nathan Cohen

THE LAST MENTSCH

Germany/France/Switzerland German with English Subtitles Director: Pierre-Henry Salfati Feature: 93 Minutes

The cost of forgetting the past – the power of remembering

it...Without family, a synagogue or a single Jewish friend, Marcus, a hardened Holocaust survivor has so effectively created a new identity that, when faced with his own mortality, the rabbis refuse his appeal to be buried in a Jewish cemetery in Cologne. Determined to return to his birthplace and establish his ancestry, he enlists the help of a young Turkish woman with a troubled history of her own. The unlikely duo sets out on a journey that will irrevocably change them both.

Sponsor: Diane Fredman

Introduction: Sharon Weissman, Retired Hospice Chaplain









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Sunday, August 21

ONCE IN A LIFETIME 4:00 PM

France

French with English Subtitles Director: Marie-Castille Mention-Schaar

Feature: 105 Minutes

Powerful and inspirational...

Based on a true story, the lives of inner city Paris students are changed when their no-nonsense history teacher enters them in a high school competition with the theme of what it meant to be a teen in a Nazi concentration camp. She is determined to engage her troubled, apathetic, multi-cultural class in a project that will instill a sense of purpose and ambition. The project is first met with resistance until a moving, face-to-face encounter with a Holocaust survivor.

Perfect film for teens and the entire community!

Sponsor: Dr. Ronnie & Ellen Gross & St. Louis Public Radio

Introduction: Jean Cavendar, Executive Director, Holocaust Museum & Learning Center



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	All June films at Landmark Plaza Frontenac Cinema -	- *July & August films will be shown a	at the J's Staenberg Family Co	mplex / Arts & Education Bu	ilding
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Sun 6/5	Norman Lear: Just a Different Version of You	7:00pm	Single tickets \$15		
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Mon 6/6	Encirclements	5:30pm			
Mon 6/6	Already Tomorrow in Hong Kong	8:00pm			
Tue 6/7	Carvahlo's Journey	11:00am			
Tue 6/7	Fire Birds	2:00pm			
Tue 6/7	Secrets of War	5:30pm			
Tue 6/7	To Life!	8:00pm			
Wed 6/8	Rabin In His Own Words	2:00pm			
Wed 6/8	Peter the Third	5:30pm			
Wed 6/8	Blue Like Me & Raise the Roof	8:00pm			
Thu 6/9	The Midnight Orchestra	2:00pm			
Thu 6/9	How To Win Enemies	5:30pm			
Thu 6/9	Remember	8:00pm			
Sun 7/10 ³	* A Children's Song / The Last Mentsch	4:00pm	at the J		
Sun 8/21	* Once in A Lifetime	4:00pm	at the J		
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