

FREE JEWISH FILM CLASSES Fall-Winter 2015-16

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All films are FREE and open to the community. Presented at the Harry & Rose Samson Family JCC

Jews Around the World Films Portraying International Jewry

Sunday, October 25 • 3 pm

Gett: The Trial of Viviane Amsalem (Israel) (2014)

This award-winning Israeli courtroom drama examines the dilemma a desperate Israeli woman faces when her husband still refuses to grant her a divorce after 3 years of mediation. Hebrew with subtitles. **Instructor: Rabbi Mendel Senderovic** - Head of the Wisconsin Bet Din. 1 hr. 55 min. • Ages 16 to Adult • Co-sponsored by The Israel Center of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation

Sunday, November 22 • 4pm

The Green Prince (Germany/USA/UK/Israel) (2014)

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Sunday, December 13 • 1pm

The Third Half (Treto Poluvreme) (Macedonia) (2012)

Based on a true story, this amazing film highlights the changes in Macedonia – and a Macedonian soccer team with a Jewish coach – when the Nazis take over. Complications arise when the star player falls in love with a Jew. **Instructor: Laurie Herman** Macedonian and German with subtitles. 1 hr. 53 min. Ages 14 to Adult. Co-sponsored by The Nathan and Esther Pelz Holocaust Education & Resource Center

Sunday, January 10 • 3 pm

Anita (Argentina) (2009)

This touching Argentinian drama focuses on Anita, a young Jewish woman with Down Syndrome, separated from her mother in Buenos Aires in 1993 when the Jewish site is bombed. As she wanders through the city, Anita touches all with whom she comes into contact. Spanish with subtitles. 1 hr. 44 min. Ages 14 to Adult. **Instructors: Pnina Goldfarb & Marina Maller** Co-sponsored by the Jewish Museum of Milwaukee

Cutting Edge Israel Contemporary Israeli Films

Thursdays, 7:00 PM • All films are in Hebrew with subtitles • Co-sponsored by the Israel Center of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation

October 29 **Aya** (2012)

When a man mistakes a woman for his driver at the Tel Aviv airport, the woman doesn't correct him and drives him to his piano competition in Jerusalem. Nominated for an Academy Award for Best Short Action Film. **Instructor: TBA** 40 min.

November 5 **The Underground in the Tunnel of Time** (2010)

Join five Israelis, now in their 80's and 90's, as they return to Africa to revisit the site where they were imprisoned under the British Mandate – and where these former members of the Irgun and Lehi movements achieved one of the most remarkable escapes in history! **Instructor: TBA** 1 hr. 20 min Ages 13 to Adult.

November 19 **Bethlehem** (2013)

This powerful and disturbing Israeli drama highlights the complex relationship between an Israeli Mossad agent and his teenage Palestinian informant – as their emotions and loyalties conflict. Note: Includes graphic violence. In Hebrew and Arabic with subtitles. Note: This film is longer than most in the series.

Instructor: Elana Kahn Oren 1 hr. 39 min. Ages 17 to Adult. 60 min

December 17 **Next Year Jerusalem** (2013)

Life can truly begin at 90, as we see in this uplifting film about 8 residents of a nursing home (with an average age of 91) who are taken for one last adventure on a 10-day trip to Israel. In English. **Instructor: Amit Yaniv-Zehavi** 1 hr. 12 min.

Larger Than Life Jews in American Cinema • Sundays

Explore some of Hollywood's top Jewish film stars, followed by discussion with film mavens.

Sunday, November 1 • 4pm **Woody Allen**

Join Dr. Rachel Baum in an exploration of Woody Allen's life, his creative process, and his work in films. Through viewing film clips, including segments from the film "Woody Allen: A Documentary" (2011) -- we will together examine Allen's roots, his career in acting and filmmaking, and where his Judaism fits into the picture. **Instructor: Dr. Rachel Baum** 1½ - 2 hrs • Ages 14 to Adult

Sunday, January 17 • 3pm **Kirk Douglas and Michael Douglas**

Examine the lives and careers of legendary actors Kirk and Michael Douglas through the poignant and sometimes humorous HBO special: A Father... A Son. Once Upon a Time in Hollywood (2005) – followed by discussion. When this film was made, Kirk was 83 and Michael was 60 – and both speak candidly about their lives and about their sometimes rocky relationship. **Instructor: Dr. Steven Moffic** 1 hr. 35 min. • Ages 13 to Adult



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Holocaust Films: Stolen Art Thursdays, 7:00pm

Co-sponsored by the JCC and the Holocaust Education and Resource Center of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation and with special thanks to Florence Steinberger

October 8

Adele's Wish (United States) (2012)

This documentary film presents the remarkable true story on which the feature film *Woman in Gold* is based. Meet Maria Altmann and her lawyer, Randol Schoenberg, as they describe their attempt to recover five rare paintings the Nazis stole from her family in Austria in 1938 – including a Klimt masterpiece. **Instructor: Jeff Lipschutz** 1 hr. 30 min. Ages 13 to Adult.

October 15

Woman in Gold (U.S., England) (2015)

Helen Mirren stars as Maria Altmann, a Jewish woman who seeks justice sixty years after the Holocaust for the art that the Nazis have plundered from her family (including a famous Klimt painting of her aunt). Maria and her lawyer fight her case in Austria, and eventually, before the U.S. Supreme Court. **Instructor: Dr. Lisa Silverman.** 1 hr. 49 min. Ages 13 to Adult.

Arabs in the Israeli Secret Service

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Southern Exposure: The Jews of Argentina

Shown in conjunction with the Jewish Museum of Milwaukee's new exhibit and co-sponsored by the JCC and the Jewish Museum.

Thursday, December 2 • 7pm Enjoy two classic documentaries on Argentinian Jewry!

The Yidishe Gauchos (1989)

Jewish cowboys in Argentina??? In the late 1800's, thousands of Eastern European Jews fled the pogroms and settled in Argentina. Discover the true story of how Jews settled in the pampas, becoming ranchers and farmers alongside the Argentine gauchos. *Spanish with English subtitles.* 28 min.

Argentina's Jews: Days of Awe (1990)

This documentary film traces the history of the Jews of Argentina through the 1980's, as they dealt with a new culture, antisemitism and assimilation. Includes Jewish settlement in Moisesville, as well as Buenos Aires. *Spanish and English with subtitles.* 55 min. **Instructors: Patricia Newman & Joe Sectzer**

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