

### 香港猶太電器 B WISH J 0 N G S F C

3-11 NOVEMBER 2018

# H K JEWISH O O F I L M G G FESTIVAL

Generously supported by

The Ohel Leah Synagogue Charity

#### WELCOME Dear Festival Supporters,

It is an honor and a pleasure to welcome you to another edition of the Hong Kong Jewish Festival, our 19th edition, and my first as Chair.

2018 saw the departure of our Chair Debby Amias, as well as several Board members whom we thank for their significant contribution and dedication. As one door closes, another opens and luckily, our Board has fortunately seen numerous new faces ensuring a smooth transition.

With the generous support and help of our Donors, we are able to bring to Hong Kong a comprehensive selection of the best Jewish themed features and documentaries which should entertain, educate and inform. This year we bring you exciting new partnerships as well as VIPs and guests from abroad that will enhance and bring a whole new flavour to the festival.

My appreciation goes to the Asia Society Hong Kong Center, a prime cultural venue; the members of the Festival's Board; the Viewing Committee, as well as Nicole Izsak, our Festival Producer.

Looking forward to seeing you throughout the Festival.

Eli Bitan HKJFF Chairman



Consulate General of Israel Hong Kong and Macau

以色列駐港澳總領事館

הקונסוליה הכללית של ישראל הונג קונג ומקאו

November 2018

Dear friends,

This year, the State of Israel celebrates its 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary. As we review the many successful achievements of our country we look at the contributions of Israeli movie industry to our society. Movies form an integral part of our cultural lives. It could be characterized as storytellers of a nation.

Although movies were made in Israel even before the establishment of the Jewish State in 1948, it is only since the millennium year onwards that Israel cinematography has reached its golden era and gained international success in the most prestigious stages and festivals.

Therefore, it is no surprise that the Hong Kong Jewish Film Festival, since its establishment in 1999, has been a pioneer in introducing the best of Israeli and Jewish films to the region. Each year, the Festival brings engaging and remarkable films from Israel that represent its multiculturalism.

This year, we welcome and wish Mr. Eli Bitan, the new Chair to the HKJFF and the board members continued success in their endeavours. The Consulate General of Israel in Hong Kong has been a staunch supporter of the HKJFF in this annual event, and we look forward to continuing the happy cooperation in the coming years.

Sincerely,

*Ahuva Spieler* Consul General of Israel



#### Message from the Israeli Chamber of Commerce Hong Kong

My heartiest congratulations on the 19th Anniversary of the Hong Kong Jewish Film Festival!

We are dedicated to promoting trade and development between Hong Kong SAR and Israel for our mutual benefit.

Our loyalties lie first and foremost with our members, acting as their voice in advising the Israeli Government in matters affecting businesses and the economy, providing members with business information and opportunities, and facilitating networking through a variety of Chamber activities.

The Jewish Community and the Chamber members have enjoyed the spectacular movies we have seen the past 18 years, especially thanks for the leadership of Eli Bitan and his colleagues.

Movies are wonderful entertainment. You can express happiness, love, sorrow and harmony. I see this event as a significant culture exchange between the Jewish nation and the people of Hong Kong, Macau and China.

#### We couldn't have come this far without you.

Best wishes

Dr. Rafael Aharoni, BBS Chairman

Tel. 852-2312-1111 Fax. 852-2311-6999 E-mail : icochk@biznetvigator.com



### EXPERIENCE THE DREAM

# 0 0 0

EL AL Israel Airlines, looks to the future, with weekly flights to Israel onboard a new fleet of Boeing 787 Dreamliner™ airplanes. Don't dream it, book it!

Contact your local travel agent or go online www.elal.com





### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

#### The Board of Directors

Eli Bitan

Yael Bronner Slavica Habjanovic Alan Landau

Louise Brown

Michael Fleisher

Samantha Gershon Dina Wosner

#### The Viewing Committee

Debby Amias, Eli Bitan, Yael Bronner, Louise Brown, Shani Brownstein, Michael Fleisher, Slavica Habjanovic, Amit Oz, Sharon Ser, Justin Solomon and Dina Wosner.

A very big thanks to Nicole Izsak - Festival Producer and Sharon Cooper - Website Designer

Special thanks to Stanley Kong at the Asia Society and Neil Morgan & Daniel Tse at the JCC

Sharon Ser

Justin Solomon

.

#### We thank our sponsors and participating organisations for their generous support

#### **Film Sponsors**

. . .

Sheri & Robert Dorfman	t Cynthia and Danie Fleischer	hong kong friends of the israel museum, jerusalem	T C	Hong Kong HOLOCAUST AND THE REAL	
Robert L. Meye	er Louise & Udi Oz	energy and the set of	with	I <mark>ers 衛達仕</mark> <sup>律師事務所</sup>	
Valued Partners					
6	Hong Kong Center		Fringe 过速 合 Lib E		
	₩ <mark>₽₩₩</mark> ₹SEASON				
Consulate Support					
٢	Government of Canada Consulate General of Canada	Libert - Lafter - Present Riferelaufter Franker ernness eindelse te nickte	GOETHE		
Consulate General of Argentina	Consulate General of Canada	Consulate General of France in Hong Kong and Macau		Consulate General of Israel	
	Kingdom of the Netherlands Consulate General of Netherlands	Consulate General of South Africa	The Consulate Gener of the United States	al	
•••••••	•••••	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	•••••	

HKJFF Society Limited is a registered charitable organisation licensed under the laws of Hong Kong.



### HELPING PEOPLE LIVE HEALTHIER, LONGER, BETTER LIVES

AIA promotes healthy living while providing the right protection solutions to customers, so they can enjoy quality time with their loved ones while being protected against risks.



#### **OUR SUPPORTERS**

Without the support of the following people and organisations, the Hong Kong Jewish Film Festival would just be a dream.

#### OSCAR WINNER (HK\$100,000+)

Sharon Ser - Samantha Gershon - Withers Solicitors

PLATINUM AWARD WINNER (HK\$72,000+) Robert L. Meyer

#### GOLD AWARD WINNER (HK\$50,000+)

The Ohel Leah Synagogue Charity

#### FILM SPONSORS (HK\$36,000+)

Sheri & Robert Dorfman Cynthia & Daniel Fleischer Hong Kong Friends of the Israel Museum, Jerusalem The Hong Kong Holocaust and Tolerance Centre Robert L. Meyer Louise & Udi Oz Directors of the UIA in honour of the UIA Sharon Ser – Samantha Gershon – Withers Solicitors

#### ANGELS (HK\$18,000+)

Rafael Aharoni AIA Babette & André Chouraqui Judy & Michael Green Sandra & David Khorsandy Thierry Zeitoun

#### PRODUCERS (HK\$10,000+)

Anonymous Shirley Dirkin & Perry Frey Nydia & Scott Gaynor Penina & Avi Nagar Benjamin Rameau Iris & Ronen Zion

#### DIRECTORS (HK\$5,000+)

Debby & Jeremy Amias Mira & Menachem Hasofer Hildy & Adi Karev Karen & Alan Landau Deborah & Michel Lowy Alex & Justin Solomon Wosner & Webber Families Melinda & Jonathan Zeman

#### UIA Donors (HK\$3,500+)

Philippe Bera Robert Dorfman Daniel Green Daniel Kirwin Yoel Levy Bob Meyer Sharon Ser Jonathan Zeman Marc Zilkha Ronen Zion

#### SUPERSTARS (HK\$1,800+)

Rabbis Martha Bergadine & Stan Zamek Hayley & Peter Goldberg Slavica Habjanovic Pauline & Antoine Klemberg Dayana Poller Tara & Joe Diestel Xiao Qian & Geoffroy Wallier Marc Wathen Joy & David Zweig

\*This list is correct as we go to press, apologies if your name isn't here - it will be on the website.

### Sharon Ser, Samantha Gershon and their Partners at Withers

are proud and delighted to support the Hong Kong Jewish Film Festival and be part of this important event



Matrimonial and Family Law Firm of the Year Wealth Management Law Firm of the Year ALB Hong Kong Law Awards 2017



Top ranked for family/matrimonial Top ranked for private wealth law Chambers Asia-Pacific 2018



Private Client: Estate Planning Leadership: Woman in Wealth Management

WealthBriefingAsia Awards 2018

Sharon Ser +852 3711 1674 sharon.ser@withersworldwide.com Samantha Gershon +852 3711 1606

samantha.gershon@withersworldwide.com

London Cambridge Geneva Milan Padua Hong Kong Melbourne Sydney Singapore Tokyo British Virgin Islands New York Greenwich New Haven San Francisco Los Angeles Rancho Santa Fe San Diego We are the first international law firm dedicated to the business, personal and philanthropic interests of successful people, their businesses, their families and their advisors.



withersworldwide.com

### SHELTER

Germany, Israel, France | 2017 Drama, Thriller | English, German Hebrew, Arabic with English subtitles | 93 mins Director: Eran Riklis



Two women - a Mossad agent and a Lebanese informant - find themselves trapped in a labyrinth of deception, paranoia and intrigue. Naomi is an Israeli special agent assigned to protect Mona a Hezbollah turncoat recovering from identity-changing plastic surgery in a Hamburg safe house. In an atmosphere of distrust and as tensions rise, both women begin to question their beliefs and loyalties as they form an unexpected but fragile bond. A nail biting thriller directed by veteran film maker Eran Riklis with standout performances by an award winning cast.

#### Q & A with Special guest, Yossi Alpher

Alpher served in the Israel Defense Forces as an Intelligence officer, followed by service in the Mossad. From 1981 to 1995 he was associated with the Jaffee Center for Strategic Studies at Tel Aviv University, ultimately serving as director of center. From 1995 to 2000 he headed the American Jewish Committee's Israel-Middle East Office. In 2000 (during the Camp David talks) he served as Special Adviser to the Prime Minister of Israel, concentrating on the Israeli-Palestinian peace process.

### **OPENING NIGHT**

NOV. 3 SATURDAY @ 8:00 PM

#### Awards

2017 – Awards of the Israeli Film Academy – Best Actress Nita Riskin

2017 – Awards of the Israeli Film Academy – Best Music Jonathan Riklis

Sponsored by

Withers 衛達仕 <sup>律師事務所</sup>





## SHIR

Israel | 2017 | Short, Drama Hebrew with English subtitles 45 mins Director: Michael Aloni



It's Yom Hazikaron – Israeli Memorial Day and Shir, a bright enigmatic 17 year old skips school, evades her mom and tries to run away from her memories of her brother. This poignant short film follows Shir as she spends the day acting out against the established rules only to discover that you can't escape yourself.

### Awards

Israeli Film Academy 2017 Best Short Feature Film

Sponsored by





Consulate General of Israel



The HKHTC is delighted to support the 19<sup>th</sup> Hong Kong Jewish Film Festival, and will be screening selected Holocaust-themed films at schools across Hong Kong.



For further information about our past and upcoming events and workshops visit www.hkhtc.org

Please make donations payable to: The Hong Kong Holocaust and Tolerance Resource Centre Limited HKHTC, 460 Shau Kei Wan Road, Shau Kei Wan, Hong Kong.

Donations are tax-deductible in Hong Kong

# THE DEPARTURE

SHORT #1



In this poignant film, a woman is preparing her flat for departure. Step by step she seems to be following a very strict set of rules. When she realizes she is missing some money for the train, she is forced to beg her neighbor for help. Germany | 2017 | Short, Drama German with English subtitles 12 mins Director: Milan Bath

**NOV. 4** SUNDAY @ 2:30 PM

Sponsored by





### WENDY'S SHABBAT

USA | 2018 | Short, Comedy English | 14 mins Director: Rachel Myers

SHORT #2



This short follows a group of Jewish Senior citizens who have rediscovered the joys of community in old age. Each week they celebrate the Jewish Sabbath at the local Wendy's fast food restaurant. Hebrew blessings are combined with burgers and fries, and a sense of belonging. NOV. 4 SUNDAY @ 2:30 PM

Sponsored by



The Consulate General of the United States

# **IF I EVER COME BACK**

SHORT #3



In 2010, a collection of wartime letters and photographs by pupil Louise Pikovsky were discovered in Paris. The last note dates to the day Louise and her family were captured and eventually deported to Auschwitz, where the family all perished.

Journalist Stéphanie Trouillard together with Khalida Hatchy, a teacher and librarian, explore Louise's story and track down witnesses, cousins and former classmates. Through months of research, they piece together fragments of a life cut tragically short. **NOV. 4** SUNDAY @ 2:30 PM

Sponsored by





Consulate General of France in Hong Kong and Macau 17

France | 2016 | Short, Documentary French with English subtitles

Director: Stéphanie Trouillard

18 mins

### **ACROSS THE LINE**

Israel | 2017 Short, Comedy | Hebrew, Arabic with English subtitles | 29 mins Director: Nadav Shlomo Giladi

SHORT #4



A witty and humorous short about an unexpected encounter between a Jewish settler and a Palestinian hitchhiker. The two face a challenge to their preconceived ideas of one another, and a series of misunderstandings leads to lessons about communication and friendship.

### NOV. 4 SUNDAY @ 2:30 PM

#### Awards

2017 Winner: Jury Award for Best Short Film, Stonybrook Film Festival

Sponsored by



# ELINA

SHORT #5



This touching short follows Elina, the 7 year old daughter of a Russian immigrant. She wants nothing more than to belong to Israeli society and fit in with her peers. Her mother, however, finds it harder to navigate the nuances of their environment and adapt to their new way of life, critical if she is to help her daughter assimilate.

### **NOV. 4** SUNDAY @ 2:30 PM

#### Awards

2018: Semi Finalist, Indie Best Films Festival

Sponsored by





Israel | 2017 | Short, Drama Hebrew, Russian with English subtitles | 13 mins Director: Evelin Kachulin

### HK JEWISH OO NN FILM GG FESTIVAL

The UIA is proud to support the HKJFF and the film The Rolling Bridge.

Keren Hayesod-UIA, in partnership with the global Jewish community, works to further the national priorities of the State of Israel and Israeli society, with special emphasis on advancing weaker communities; nurturing disadvantaged and marginalised youth; encouraging Aliyah; implementing rescue operations; and connecting young Diaspora Jews to Israel and Jewish life.



# THE ROLLING BRIDGE

SHORT #6

Israel | 2017 Documentary Hebrew with English subtitles 17 mins Director: Amit Goren



Yom Kippur War, 1973: the Israeli army had to cross the Suez Canal with armoured vehicles in order to win the war. A unique idea had been developed but never tested. This incredible invention would allow the army to cross under heavy enemy fire without exposing any Israeli soldiers, and became the turning point in winning the war.

**NOV. 4** SUNDAY @ 2:30 PM

Sponsored by



21

el Kirwin, Yoel Levy, Bob Meyer, Sharon Ser, than Zeman, Marc Zikha and Ronen Zion



ening and Avi Noo

congratulates

OMOT

zonah

1 Ath great

and family

Festival

on its

Como

000

70

# Moving? Thinking of moving

Contact

Penina E-098635 M: (852) 9023-3589 penina@netvigator.com

# THE PATRIOT

Israel, Canada | 2017 Documentary French with English subtitles 74 mins Director: Daniel Sivan



France has experienced a dramatic rise in anti-Semitism in recent years. Politicians, leaders and social influencers are no longer hiding in the shadows but publically voicing their virulently racist agendas. While many Jews no longer feel safe on the streets, the real battlefield plays out online, where hatred has no limits or censorship. This reality has given birth to a new kind of vigilante, a Zionist hacker by the name of Ulcan. He declares a one-man-war on the leaders of the anti-Semitic movement, and isn't afraid to use very unorthodox methods to fight his cause.

**NOV. 4** SUNDAY @ 4:30 PM

Sponsored by



Consulate General of Israel



23

Government of Canada Consulate General of Canada

### SCREENING SCHEDULE All films at Asia Society Hong Kong Center

9 Justice Drive, Admiralty, Hong Kong

Book now on www.hkjff.org

#### **3 NOVEMBER SATURDAY** 8:00 PM **OPENING NIGHT** Shelter 4 NOVEMBER SUNDAY 1:30 PM Shir 2:30 PM The Departure + Wendy's Shabbat + If I Ever Come Back + Across The Line + Elina + The Rolling Bridge 4:30 PM The Patriot 6:00 PM In Between ..... 8:00 PM The Mossad - Imperfect Spies **5 NOVEMBER MONDAY** Act of Defiance 7:00 PM 9:30 PM On My Way Out ..... 6 NOVEMBER TUESDAY The Field 7:30 PM 9:00 PM The Testament

#### 7 NOVEMBER WEDNESDAY

The Silenced Walls		
The Cakemaker		
DAY Why The Jews?		
The Last Suit		
Y - SPECIAL SCREENING AT THE FRINGE CLUB The Museum		
<b>RDAY</b> Your Honour - Episodes 1 - 6		
DAY		
Dreaming of a Jewish Christmas		
The Museum		
Back to Berlin		

Congratulations to the Hong Kong Jewish Film Festival on its 19th Anniversary from Jewish Times Asia

# Jewish Times Asia

Asia's first community newspaper for the region

www.jewishtimesasia.org

**Celebrating 12 years of Jewish news in Asia** 

# IN BETWEEN

Israel, France 2016 | Drama Hebrew, Arabic with English subtitles | 103 mins Director: Mayasaloun Hamoud



Three independent Arab-Israeli women choose a life of freedom in the heart of Tel Aviv, a far cry from their traditional upbringing. When the religiously conservative Nour joins as their new roommate, their drugfueled bohemian lifestyle comes under sharp scrutiny.

A shocking sequence of events bonds the roommates and blurs the lines of their relative differences. **In Between** is a compelling film with unforgettable performances.

#### Warning: film contains explicit content

NOV. 4 SUNDAY @ 6:00 PM

Sponsored by



Consulate General of Israel

### H K JEWISH O O N N F I L M G G FESTIVAL

I am so proud to sponsor this important film. Congratulations on The Hong Kong Jewish Film Festival's 19th Year

Robert L. Meyer

### THE MOSSAD: IMPERFECT SPIES



The Mossad, Israel's foreign intelligence agency is both feared and respected in equal measures, but rarely engages with the media. Now, for the first time, dozens of former operatives have agreed to be interviewed, offering fascinating first-hand accounts and revealing personal and political dilemmas they have faced as operatives for this infamous agency.

#### Q & A with Special guest, Yossi Alpher

Alpher served in the Israel Defense Forces as an Intelligence officer, followed by service in the Mossad. From 1981 to 1995 he was associated with the Jaffee Center for Strategic Studies at Tel Aviv University, ultimately serving as director of center. From 1995 to 2000 he headed the American Jewish Committee's Israel-Middle East Office. In 2000 (during the Camp David talks) he served as Special Adviser to the Prime Minister of Israel, concentrating on the Israeli-Palestinian peace process.

Israel | 2018 TV Documentary Hebrew with English subtitles 90 mins Director: Duki Dror

NOV. 4 SUNDAY @ 8:00 PM

Sponsored by

**Robert L. Meyer** 

## **AN ACT OF DEFIANCE**

Netherlands | 2018 | Drama English, Afrikaans | 123 mins Director: Jean van de Velde



South Africa - summer 1963. Ten political activists including Nelson Mandela and Jewish anti-Apartheid fighters, face a possible death sentence for conspiring to commit sabotage against the government. Bram Fischer, their gutsy lawyer, risks both his career and his family to expose South Africa's corrupt, unjust system, while attempting to hide his own ties to the resistance. A nail-biting political thriller with spectacular courtroom intrigue, this movie serves as a tribute to the legendary figures who fought to end segregation and corruption in their country.

#### Q & A with special guests, Jonathan Penkin and Madoda Ntshinga

Jonathan Penkin was an active anti-apartheid student activist in the 1980's.

Madoda Ntshinga is Consul General of South Africa for Hong Kong and Macau.

NOV. 5 Monday @ 7:00 PM

#### Awards

Winner – Best Feature Film Dayton Jewish Film Festival 2018

Winner – Best Film – UK Jewish Film Festival 2017

Audience Favorite – Gold Award Mill Valley Film Festival 2017

#### Sponsored by



Kingdom of the Netherlands





Consulate General of South Africa ON MY WAY OUT

Canada | 2017 Documentary, Short English | 40 mins Directors: Brandon Gross, Skyler Gross



A moving love story of grandparents who, after 60 years of what appeared to be a model marriage, reveal that they had have been keeping a huge secret from their entire family. As Holocaust survivors who experienced trauma and loss, their lives have been filled with darkness. Yet somehow, their remarkable spirits allowed them to persevere and succeed in America. **On my way out** connects with the core values of what makes us human beings and our need to love and be loved. **NOV.** 5 Monday @ 9:30 PM

Sponsored by





### THE FIELD

#### Israel | 2017 Documentary Hebrew, English, Arabic with English subtitles | 72 mins Director: Mordechai Vardi



Ali Abu Awwad has dedicated his family's field to create a Palestinian center for nonviolence. Ali's life has not been easy. His brother was killed by an Israeli soldier during the Second Intifada, and he, like his activist mother, has served substantial time in an Israeli prison. Now Ali, together with a local Israeli settler Shaul Judelman, has repurposed his anger to create "Roots," an organization dedicated to advancing co-existence and political reconciliation between Israelis and Palestinians. Directed by Rabbi Mordechai Vardi, resident of Gush Etzion in the West Bank, this flyon-the-wall documentary offers a unique perspective on the challenges of the troubled region. NOV. 6 TUESDAY @ 7:30 PM

#### Awards

Best Documentary Peace On Earth Film Festival Chicago 2018

Sponsored by



Consulate General of Israel

# THE TESTAMENT

Austria, Israel | 2018 | Drama Hebrew, German, English, Yiddish with English subtitles | 93 mins Director: Amichai Greenberg



This powerful and gripping drama centres on Yoel a senior historian and Orthodox Jew who is battling influential industrialists who plan to build over the site of a suspected WWII massacre. While investigating the incident and examining the testimony of survivors Yoel makes a shocking and heartbreaking discovery about his mother. This threatens to turn his life and that of his family upside down as he risks everything to uncover the truth. NOV. 6 TUESDAY @ 9:00 PM

#### Awards

Winner: Haifa International Film Festival, 2017

Sponsored by

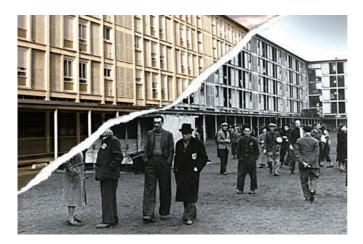




Consulate General of Israel

# THE SILENCED WALLS

France | 2015 Documentary, Drama French with English subtitles 88 mins Director: Sabrina Van Tassel



At first glance, "La Muette" is a low-income post-war housing project like thousands of others in the Paris area. However, these buildings stand on the site of Drancy, where almost 70,000 Jews were detained until most were sent to their deaths in Auschwitz. After the war it was turned into a housing development with some of the lowest rents in the Paris suburbs. During the annual Holocaust commemorations at the site, the paths of current residents and former detainees cross, offering a tragic reminder of the atrocities and bearing witness to the dark history of the site. NOV. 7 WEDNESDAY @ 7:15 PM

Sponsored by





Consulate General of France in Hong Kong and Macau

### THE CAKEMAKER

Israel, Germany | 2017 | Drama Hebrew, German with English subtitles | 104 mins Director: Ofir Raul Graizer



Thomas, a talented German baker, embarks on a passionate affair with Oren, an Israeli married businessman. When Oren dies suddenly in a car crash, a grieving Thomas travels to Oren's hometown, Jerusalem, seeking solace. He takes a job at the cafe run by Oren's unsuspecting widow Anat. As business flourishes thanks to his culinary talents, the bereaved pair forge a bond that blurs the lines of nationality, religion and sexuality. NOV. 7 WEDNESDAY @ 9:00 PM

#### Awards

2018 Winner of 7 Ophir awards including Best Picture and entry into the 2019 Oscars

Sponsored by



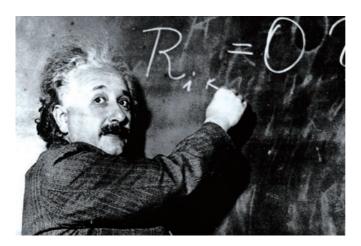
Consulate General of Israel





### WHY THE JEWS

Canada | 2018 Documentary | English | 75 mins Director: John Curtin



A third of the medical faculty at Harvard is Jewish, as are nearly 40 per cent of world chess champions. Just 1/500th of the world's population have produced numerous prominent musicians, architects, lawyers, doctors, journalists, philosophers, painters, comedians and directors. The stunning accomplishments of this tiny nation have long raised the taboo question - how do they do it? Including interviews with Shimon Peres, Dr. Ruth, Noam Chomsky, Daniel Libeskind, Alan Dershowitz and other leading figures, this film tackles an interesting subject too often shrouded in ignorance and prejudice. NOV. 8 THURSDAY @ 7:30 PM

Sponsored by

Sheri & Robert Dorfman



## THE LAST SUIT

Argentina, Spain | 2017 | Drama Spanish, German, Polish, Yiddish with English subtitles | 86 mins Director: Pablo Solarz



Abraham Bursztein, an 88-year old Jewish tailor, leaves Buenos Aires for Poland, where he tries to find the man who saved him from a certain death after surviving Auschwitz. Against all odds, after more than seven decades with no news from him, Abraham will attempt to find his old friend and fulfill his promise of returning one day to tell him about the life he has lived thanks to his courage.

### NOV. 8 THURSDAY @ 9:00 PM

#### Awards

Winner Audience Award – Miami Film Festival 2018 – Best Feature Film – Pablo Solarz

Winner Audience Award – Philadelphia Jewish Film Festival 2018 – Best Narrative Feature

Winner – Golden Space Needle Award – Seattle International Film Festival 2018 – Best Actor Miguel Ángel Solá

Sponsored by

#### Cynthia and Daniel Fleischer



#### Israel | 2017 | Documentary Hebrew with English subtitles 74 mins Director: Ran Tal

# THE MUSEUM

Director: Ran Tal



Observant, sensitive and breathtakingly beautiful, **The Museum** seeks to explore the Israeli soul through examining Israel's most important cultural institution, the Israel Museum. The film follows the visitors, observes the observers, listens to the speakers and descends to the storerooms, labs and conference rooms. For about 18 months director Ran Tal collected footage of the daily routine of the museum that seeks to both reflect and mold the Israeli legacy and culture.

**Q & A with Special Guest, Florian Knothe,** Director of The University Museum and Art Gallery, University of Hong Kong.

NOV. 9 Friday @ 7:30 PM The Fringe Club www.hkfringeclub.com

Sponsored by

hong kong friends of the israel museum, jerusalem





## YOUR HONOUR

Israel | 2017 TV Series – Episodes 1 - 6 Hebrew with English subtitles 210 mins Director: Ron Ninio



Brilliant judge Micah Alkoby is headed for a big promotion when life changes in the blink of an eye. His teenage son Shay is the guilty party in a hit-and-run accident. Just as Micah is about to turn him in, he learns that the victim is a member of a notorious crime family who would likely seek justice in the form of revenge. Just how many laws is Micah willing to break, and how far will he go in order to protect his son? Dark and morally complex, **Your Honour** is a gripping Israeli series with unforeseen plot twists that has already been optioned for a US remake.

Refreshments will be served

NOV. 10 SATURDAY @ 8:00 PM

#### Awards

Winner – Grand Prize – Best Series – Series Mania

Sponsored by

### Louise and Udi Oz



Canada | 2017 Documentary English | 52 mins Director: Larry Weinstein

## Dreaming of A Jewish Christmas



An offbeat, irreverent documentary about Irving Berlin, Mel Tormé and the many other Jewish immigrants who wrote the soundtrack to Christmas. Penning such yuletide classics as "White Christmas," "Let It Snow" and "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," these artists amplified the spirit of the holidays through their music. With signature renditions of these beloved melodies, amusingly set in a Chinese restaurant, musicologists, religious leaders, comedians and others add insights into the unusual and seemingly contradictory relationship American Jews have with Christmas. **NOV. 11** SUNDAY @ 2:00 PM

Sponsored by



## THE MUSEUM

Israel | 2017 | Documentary Hebrew with English subtitles 74 mins Director: Ran Tal



Observant, sensitive and breathtakingly beautiful, **The Museum** seeks to explore the Israeli soul through examining Israel's most important cultural institution, the Israel Museum. The film follows the visitors, observes the observers, listens to the speakers and descends to the storerooms, labs and conference rooms. For about 18 months director Ran Tal collected footage of the daily routine of the museum that seeks to both reflect and mold the Israeli legacy and culture.

**NOV. 11** SUNDAY @ 3:15 PM

Sponsored by

hong kong friends of the israel museum, jerusalem





### Maccabi World Union (HK Chapter) Ltd.

Hong Kong – Macau – China

### Looking forward to the 21<sup>st</sup> Maccabiah Games in 2021 \*World's 3<sup>rd</sup> Largest International Sports Event\*

Maccabi World Union has enjoyed a year of excellent mass events infused with Jewish and Zionist motivation, all working towards the Maccabi answer to the difficult times that we live in.

In 1932, when the Jews were not welcome to join the International Olympics, we, the Jews decided to open our own games.

In 2017, we had celebrated the 20<sup>th</sup> Maccabiah games in Israel with 10,000 athletes worldwide, approximately 30,000 participants in the opening ceremony in Jerusalem including a terrific delegation from Hong Kong, Macau, China, and we even brought some lovely medals.

There is no doubt that the 20<sup>th</sup> Maccabiah was not only symbolic of being 85 years old and the 20<sup>th</sup> Games, but it was also being 50 years since Jerusalem united, 100 years since the Balfour Declaration and 120 years since the establishment of the Zionist Movement.

On Sunday, 11 November, Hong Kong Jewish Film Festival will screen "Back to Berlin" which will bring us back to the establishment of Maccabi World Union.

I am proud to say Maccabi is very active in Hong Kong. We are looking forward the 21<sup>st</sup> Maccabiah Games with the bigger, stronger and higher delegation from Hong Kong, Macau and China.

I wish you all a successful film festival as in the past, especially thanks for the leadership of Eli Bitan and his colleagues.

### CHAZAK CHAZAK V'NITCHAZEK!

faeld

Dr. Rafael Aharoni, BBS Chairman

Thank you. We couldn't have come this far without you.

 Room 712 East Ocean Centre, 98 Granville Road, TST East, Kowloon, Hong Kong.

 Tel. (852) 23121111
 E-mail : <u>rafaelco@netvigator.com</u>
 Fax. (852) 23116999

## **BACK TO BERLIN**

UK | 2018 | Documentary English | 74 mins Director: Catherine Lurie



**Back to Berlin** is the first biker flick-meets-holocaust feature documentary. Eleven motor bikers have a mission to take the Maccabiah torch from Israel to the site of the infamous 1936 Berlin Olympics, for the first Jewish Olympic Games on German soil. They will retrace the heroic journeys of the original 1930s' Maccabiah riders and discover how they or their families survived the Holocaust.

### Q & A with Director, Catherine Lurie

Screening in commemoration of the 80th anniversary of Kristallnacht.

**NOV. 11** SUNDAY @ 4:45 PM

Film production supported by Andrew Cohen

Sponsored by





Wine Merchants Limited

### We sell big assortment of Burgundy,

### Bordeaux and Israeli wines.



For more information : Suzanne Dai suzannedai@marvino.com.hk Tel: 2377 1505 Fax: 2377 0501 www.marvino-wine.hk



## YOUR HONOUR

Israel | 2017 TV Series – Episodes 7-12 Hebrew with English subtitles 210 mins Director: Ron Ninio



Brilliant judge Micah Alkoby is headed for a big promotion when life changes in the blink of an eye. His teenage son Shay is the guilty party in a hit-and-run accident. Just as Micah is about to turn him in, he learns that the victim is a member of a notorious crime family who would likely seek justice in the form of revenge. Just how many laws is Micah willing to break, and how far will he go in order to protect his son? Dark and morally complex, **Your Honour** is a gripping Israeli series with unforeseen plot twists that has already been optioned for a US remake.

Refreshments will be served

**NOV. 11** SUNDAY @ 7:00 PM

#### Awards

Winner – Grand Prize – Best Series – Series Mania

Sponsored by

### Louise and Udi Oz



### TICKET INFORMATION

#### HOW TO GET YOUR TICKETS

All films will be screened at Asia Society Hong Kong Center.

Tickets are available through our website www.hkjff.org

INDIVIDUAL TICKETS Adults: HK\$90

KETS Adults: HK\$90 Students and seniors (over 60): HK\$80

OPENING NIGHT TICKETS Adults: HK\$380 Students and seniors (over 60): HK\$350 Opening Night tickets include post-screening party.

MACHER PASSES HK\$1,800 Allows access to all Festival screenings. 二十世紀中國女藝術家系列 20<sup>th</sup> Century Chinese Female Artist Series

香港賽馬會呈獻 The Hong Kong Jockey Club Presents



### CHANTAL MILLER GALLERY ASIA SOCIETY HONG KONG CENTER

The Hong Kong Jockey Club Former Explosives Magazine, 9 Justice Drive, Admiralty, Hong Kong

### **OPENING HOURS**

Tuesday-Sunday: 11am-6pm Last Thursday of Every Month: 11am-8pm Closed on Mondays, Christmas Day and New Year's Day

### FREE ADMISSION

(*i*) (852) 2103 9511

www.asiasociety.org.hk

f Asiasocietyhongkong

😏 🞯 @AsiaSocietyHK



Organize



Exclusive Sponse



The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trus

Media Partner







H K JEWISH O O R N F I L M G G FESTIVAL 香港猶太電影節 WWW.HKJFF.ORG