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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear Friends,
It's hard to believe that this year will be the 25th edition of the Hong Kong Jewish Film Festival. The Festival is now a mainstay of the Fall cultural calendar in Hong Kong. Over the years the Festival has celebrated the history and diversity of Jewish culture, presenting films that are both entertaining and challenging. It has been our absolute pleasure to have made a significant impact on both the Jewish and non-Jewish communities across the territory.

This year's Festival opens on Saturday, November 9th with a screening of *Running on Sand*, a light-hearted comedy, reminiscent of *Ted Lasso*, that has an important message about the precarious position of refugees around the world. The film's Director, Adar Shafran, will join us in Hong Kong to introduce the film in person.

In celebration of our anniversary, we've extended the Festival by an extra three days. This year we close on Wednesday November 20th, with a screening of *The Stronghold*. Set in the Sinai desert in 1973, the film follows events at a desolate Israeli outpost which comes under siege after a surprise Egyptian attack. Based on the memories of the soldiers who were there, the film is both an honest and terrifying memorial to the 50th anniversary of the Yom Kippur War.

On Monday, November 11th we present a very special evening with Shaylee Atary. Last year, we dedicated our Festival to her husband, filmmaker Yahav Winner, who was murdered in the Hamas attack in October 2023. This year we are honored that Shaylee will travel to Hong Kong to join us for a live discussion and screening of her latest film, *Single Light*. Throughout the Festival we'll screen films featuring actors Carol Kane, Michael Aloni, Jason Schwartzman and Kate Burton, as well as the new film from Michel Hazanavicius, the Oscar winning director of 2011's Best Picture, *The Artist*.

After Opening Night, all screenings will take place at Golden Scene Cinema in Kennedy Town.

We are so honored to have had audiences like you for 25 editions of the Festival. You have our gratitude. I would also like to thank our Sponsors, our Supporters, our Board Members, our Viewing Committee, and all of the volunteers who make this Festival possible.

See you at the movies,

Eli Bitan
Chairman

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To Purchase Tickets: <https://hkmovie6.com/> click on 'Cineart (JP)' or on HKMovie application and click into 'Cineart (JP)'

Screenings will take place following Opening Night at:
Golden Scene Cinema 2 Catchick St, Kennedy Town, Hong Kong
To Purchase Tickets: <https://hkmovie6.com/> click on 'Golden Scene Cinema' or on HKMovie application and click into Golden Scene Cinema

Individual Ticket: HK\$110
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Opening Night
Includes film and entry to post-screening party
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Running on Sand

9 NOV / SATURDAY @ 7:30PM at Cineart (JP)
Israel | 2023 | Comedy Drama | 104 mins
Hebrew, English, Tigriya with English subtitles
Director: Adar Safran



Aumari, a young Eritrean refugee living in Israel, is about to be deported. While escaping at the airport he is mistaken for a professional Nigerian football striker who is arriving in Israel to save a struggling team. Despite the absence of any soccer talent, Aumari is able to play along and heal the divisions of his team. Starring Congo-born actor Chancela Mongoza and a group of other African migrant actors, this light-hearted comedy, reminiscent of Ted Lasso, demonstrates the precarious position of refugees worldwide and the importance of treating people with respect.

WINNER, Audience Choice Award (Best Feature), Stony Brook FF; Best of Fest Audience Award, Palm Springs Intl FF; Audience Award (Best Narrative Feature), Boca Intl Jewish FF 2024; WINNER, Best Film, Israeli FF Paris Best Debut Film and Best Screenplay, Haifa Intl FF 2023

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The Most Precious Cargoes

10 NOV / SUNDAY @ 1:00PM at Golden Scene Cinema
France, Belgium | 2024 | Animation Drama | 81 mins
French with English subtitles
Director: Michel Hazanavicius



Oscar winning director Michel Hazanavicius (2011's Best Picture, 'The Artist') turns to animation to present this powerful and unsettling story set during the height of World War II. Once upon a time, a poor woodcutter and his wife lived in a great forest. One day, the woodcutter's wife rescues a baby girl thrown from one of the many trains that constantly pass through the forest. This baby, this "most precious of cargoes", will transform their lives, as well as those whose paths the child will cross - including the man who threw her from the train. Some will try to protect her, whatever the cost. Their story reveals the best and worst in the hearts of mankind.

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Here Lived

10 NOV / SUNDAY @ 2:40PM at Golden Scene Cinema
USA | 2024 | Documentary | 82 mins
English
Director: Jane Wells



When conceptual artist Gunter Demnig first conceived the idea of laying Stolpersteine (literal translation: stumbling stones) for Jews, Roma, Sinti, and disabled victims of National Socialism in his native Germany, he never imagined his project would grow to become the world's largest decentralized memorial. The Stolpersteine he crafted is, in theory, quite simple: concrete blocks measuring 10x10cm, topped with permanent brass plates that are hand stamped with the names and fates of victims of Hitler's reign of terror. The stones are laid into the pavement in front of the last voluntarily chosen residence of those murdered by the Nazis. They are deeply personal and draw attention to individual tragedies. They have now been placed in 30 countries across Europe and on May 23rd, 2023, Gunter Demnig was filmed laying the 100,000th Stolpersteine.

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Neseh

10 NOV / SUNDAY @ 4:20PM at Golden Scene Cinema
Israel | 2023 | Short Drama | 11 mins
Hebrew with English subtitles
Director: Shmuel Elmaleh



Mickey's son is getting married today at the winery that he himself has owned and cherished for decades. For 24 years Mickey has preserved a special barrel of wine to open for this occasion. But minutes before the ceremony, the rabbi who is the kosher supervisor at the winery, witnesses a non-Jew touching the wine, thus rendering it "Neseh" (forbidden to all Jews). Mickey wants to serve the wine anyway (who's to know?), but the rabbi is going to make damn sure it doesn't leave the cellar.

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The Source of All Beauty

10 NOV / SUNDAY @ 4:20PM at Golden Scene Cinema
Israel | 2023 | Short Drama | 20 mins
Hebrew with English subtitles
Director: Rachel Levy



Yaeli, an ultra-Orthodox young woman, carries a secret that may destroy her chances of happiness. David, a brilliant yeshiva student, is interested in meeting Yaeli, but her father, in an attempt to protect Yaeli from humiliation, refuses to give her permission for the two young people to meet.

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Wedding Night

10 NOV / SUNDAY @ 4:20PM at Golden Scene Cinema
Israel | 2023 | Documentary | 60 mins
Hebrew with English subtitles
Director: Rachel Elitzur



The wedding night is a night of nights in ultra-Orthodox society. On this night, a man and a woman connect physically for the very first time. These two very young people, almost complete strangers to each other, are put under enormous pressure to go from forced separation towards an intimate union. Ultra-Orthodox director Rachel Elitzur uses rare testimonies, combined with visuals from the wedding day, to create an astonishing film that is both respectful and challenging to her community.

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The Spy Family

10 NOV / SUNDAY @ 6:10PM at Golden Scene Cinema
Israel | 2023 | Documentary | 75 mins
English, Hebrew, Arabic with English subtitles
Director: Rafael Balulu



The true story of a Palestinian and his Egyptian wife who spied for Israel during the most tense and violent years in Israel-Egypt relations. The Shahin parents were recruited by Israeli intelligence after the Six Day War, and soon brought their three children into the "family business". Infamous in Egypt, they are largely unremembered in Israel. Now, the history of the espionage affair and the family's personal story is brought to light in this mesmerizing documentary.

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Between the Temples

10 NOV / SUNDAY @ 8:00PM at Golden Scene Cinema
USA | 2024 | Comedy Feature | 111 mins
English
Director: Nathan Silver



Jason Schwartzman plays a cantor experiencing a crisis of faith who finds his world turned further upside down when his grade school music teacher (played by Carol Kane) re-enters his life as his new adult Bat Mitzvah student. This warm and anxious comedy explores the complexities of belief, connection and what it means to be a real mensch.

WINNER, Prix de la Critique and Best Director (American Feature Film Category) Champs Elysées 2024

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Single Light

11 NOV / MONDAY @ 7:00PM at Golden Scene Cinema
Canada | 2023 | Short Drama | 29 mins
Hebrew with English subtitles
Director: Shaylee Atary



An evening with Shaylee Atary
Last year, the HKJFF dedicated our Festival to filmmaker Yahav Winner who was murdered in the Hamas attack on Kibbutz Kfar Aza in October 2023. This year we are honored to be joined in person by his widow, and fellow filmmaker, Shaylee Atary. Shaylee will discuss her life in Israel and present her latest film Single Light, the story of a woman who's "light has gone out" following a sexual assault by a fellow student from her music school. (This film contains material that may be disturbing. Viewer discretion is advised.)

WINNER, Emerging Filmmaker Award, JxJ Festival Washington 2024; WINNER, Best Student Short Film, Jerusalem Film Festival 2023

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Irena's Vow

11 NOV / MONDAY @ 8:30PM at Golden Scene Cinema
Canada, Poland | 2023 | Drama War | 121 mins
English
Director: Louise Archambault



Through the eyes of a strong-willed woman comes the remarkable true story of Irena Gut Opatkiewicz (The Book Thief's Sophie Nélisse) and the triumphs of the human spirit over devastating tragedy. 19-year-old Irena Gut is promoted to housekeeper in the home of a highly respected Nazi officer in Poland when she finds out that the Jewish ghetto is about to be liquidated. Determined to save 12 Jewish workers, she decides to shelter them in the safest place she can think of - the basement of the German Major's house. Over the next eight months, Irena uses her wit, instinct, charm, and immense courage to hide her friends for as long as possible.

WINNER, Best Feature Film Writers Guild of Canada 2024; WINNER, Audience Award, Vancouver Intl Film FF; LIUNA People's Choice Award, Windsor Intl FF 2023

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Delegation

12 NOV / TUESDAY @ 7:00PM at Golden Scene Cinema
Israel, Poland, Germany | 2023 | Drama | 101 mins
English, Hebrew, Polish with English subtitles
Director: Asaf Saban



A trio of Israeli high school friends take part in a class trip to visit concentration camps and memorials in Poland, where the incomprehensible past of WW2 meets the complex present of being an Israeli teenager. This perceptive coming-of-age story is about the search for one's identity against the backdrop of modern antisemitism and the history of the Holocaust.

WINNER, Best Screenplay (Asaf Saban) and Best Ensemble Award Jerusalem Film Festival 2023; WINNER, Audience Award Film Award for Children's Rights, Unabängiges FilmFest Osnabrück 2023; WINNER, David Camera Award (Asaf Saban) Warsaw Jewish Film Festival 2023; WINNER, Golden Slipper Best Feature Film for Youth Zlin International Film Festival 2023

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Auction (Le Tableau Volé)

12 NOV / TUESDAY @ 9:00PM at Golden Scene Cinema
France | 2024 | Drama | 111 mins
French, English, German with English subtitles
Director: Pascal Bonitzer



André Masson, an auctioneer at the famous Scottie's auction house, receives a letter stating that a painting by Egon Schiele has been discovered in Mulhouse, France, at the home of a young worker. Very skeptical, he makes the trip and has to face the truth: the painting is authentic, a masterpiece gone missing since 1939, confiscated by the Nazis. André sees this discovery as the pinnacle of his career, but also the beginning of a struggle that could jeopardize it.

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More Than Friends

13 NOV / WEDNESDAY @ 1:30PM at Golden Scene Cinema
Israel | 2023 | Short Drama | 19 mins
Hebrew with English subtitles
Director: Omri Laron



A lesbian mom discovers a love letter written by her 11-year-old son to another boy. Concerned for her son's social status, she crashes a birthday party to keep a close eye on him.

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The Milky Way

13 NOV / WEDNESDAY @ 1:30PM at Golden Scene Cinema
Israel | 2023 | Drama | 97 mins
Hebrew with English subtitles
Director: Maya Kenig



Tala, 33, an offbeat musician, just had her first baby. Desperate to make a living and support her kid with no father in the picture, she takes up a job at the "Milky Way", which sells breast milk to affluent parents. In this hipster, dystopic comedy, Tala embarks on a journey navigating the complexities of motherhood, while taking a glimpse into the wealthy lives she is supplying.

WINNER, Critics' Pick Special Jury Mention, Tallinn Black Nights Film Festival 2023

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The Spoils

13 NOV / WEDNESDAY @ 7:00PM at Golden Scene Cinema
Canada | 2024 | Documentary | 104 mins
English, German with English subtitles
Director: Jamie Kastner



For years, the Düsseldorf City Museum struggled to organize an exhibition in honor of Jewish art dealer Max Stern. Originally planned for 2018, it was not held until 2021, delayed by discussions about the restitution of art looted by the Nazis. Through a combination of interviews and rarely seen stock footage, the film examines questions of ownership, history and morality that the Director views as symptomatic of a crisis in Germany and the art world at large.

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Home

13 NOV / WEDNESDAY @ 9:00PM at Golden Scene Cinema
Israel | 2023 | Drama | 111 mins
Hebrew with English subtitles
Director: Benny Friedman



A newly married young man's ambition to open a computer store in his ultra-orthodox Jerusalem neighborhood turns into a shocking clash of tradition versus modernity. Devout yeshiva student Yair tries to support his family with a new business, introducing outside technology into the cloistered community. Despite efforts to adhere to strict ultra-orthodox rules, he faces vehement opposition from some in the community. Rising tensions, the threat of violence, and marital strain, culminate in a decisive showdown, in this explosive drama based on true events.

WINNER, Best Actor (Roy Nik) and Best Supporting Actor (Dror Keren) Israeli Film Academy Awards 2023

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Call Me Dancer

14 NOV / THURSDAY @ 7:00PM at Golden Scene Cinema
USA | 2023 | Documentary | 84 mins
English, Hindi, Hebrew with English subtitles
Directors: Pip Gilmour | Leslie Champagne



Manish is a talented and athletic street dancer from Mumbai who dreams of becoming a professional against the wishes of his struggling parents. He meets a curmudgeonly Israeli ballet master who gives him the determination to keep going. Not just a story about dance, this film, shot in Israel, India, the U.K. and New York, is about human aspirations, challenges and relationships that touch the heart.

WINNER, Audience Award: Best Feature Documentary Annapolis FF; Best Film, Miami Jewish FF; Best of the Fest Audience Vote Feature Documentary, Palm Springs International FF 2024; WINNER, Young Jury Award Best Film, DOKUart International Documentary FF 2023 (and many more!)

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The Performance

14 NOV / THURSDAY @ 8:40PM at Golden Scene Cinema
USA, Slovakia | 2024 | Drama | 112 mins
English
Director: Shira Piven



Based on a short story by Arthur Miller set in 1937 fascist Germany, Jeremy Piven stars as Harold May, an assimilated American Jew and gifted tap dancer. Though he is nearly past his prime, he still longs for the success and status that have eluded him. While on tour in Europe, Harold and his troupe are scouted by a German attaché who offers them a huge sum to perform in Berlin. As the troupe's lives become intertwined, Harold is faced with a choice: either keep his Judaism a secret for the sake of his dreams or, ironically, own up to who he really is in order to escape, interspersed with old footage from Nazi Germany, and sensational dance scenes, the film explores issues around success and identity that are so timely today.

WINNER, Best Documentary Research, Jerusalem Film Festival 2023

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The Dorfan Family

17 NOV / SUNDAY @ 2:45PM at Golden Scene Cinema
USA | 2023 | Short Comedy Drama | 15 mins
English
Director: Mickey Rapkin



When a high-end design firm presents its plans to reimagine the gift shop at The Anne Frank House, the company's overt appeal to Generation Z sparks a debate about collective trauma, the Holocaust and tote bags. (Shortlisted for the 2024 Academy Award for Best Live Action Short.)

WINNER, Best Short Film Miami Film Festival 2024; WINNER, Audience Film Award; Best Short Film Philadelphia Jewish Film Festival; and San Francisco Jewish Film Festival, Best Short Film 2023

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All About the Levkoviches

16 NOV / SATURDAY @ 7:30PM at Golden Scene Cinema
Hungary | 2024 | Drama | 85 mins
Hungarian, Hebrew with English subtitles
Director: Adam Breier



This bittersweet family dramedy set in contemporary Budapest tells the story of a generous, but stubborn, elderly boxing coach who gets along well with everyone except his own son. After his wife's unexpected death he agrees to allow his estranged Orthodox son to sit shiva with him, as long as he brings the grandson he has never met. Stuck together for the week long mourning period the two men are forced to face old grievances over their mutual love for the young boy.

WINNER, Best Film Sofia International Film Festival 2024

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Arugam Bay

16 NOV / SATURDAY @ 9:30PM at Golden Scene Cinema
Israel, Sri Lanka | 2023 | Drama | 97 mins
Hebrew, English, Sinhala with English subtitles
Director: Marco Carmel



In this touching and inspiring film, 3 Israeli surfers set out on a soul-searching journey to the magical southeast coast of Sri Lanka after completing their military service, seeking solace and closure after the tragic loss of a friend during a mission in Beirut. As they navigate their way through the tropical paradise of Arugam Bay, they encounter locals embracing a serene, unhurried life, and even forge connections with Iranian surfers. This transformative adventure puts the unbreakable bonds of their friendship to the test, as long-suppressed emotions and buried traumas resurface. With an outstanding ensemble cast featuring Joy Rieger ('June Zero', 'Image of Victory'), Yadin Gelman ('Victory'), and Maor Schwitzer ('Shituel') in starring roles, Arugam Bay is a heart-healing odyssey that promises to captivate audiences.

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The Return from the Other Planet

17 NOV / SUNDAY @ 1:00PM at Golden Scene Cinema
Israel, Germany | 2023 | Documentary | 81 mins
Hebrew, German, English, Dutch with English subtitles
Director: Assaf Lapid



Were the atrocities of the concentration camps something that came from "another planet" or were they just the worst aspects of the world we live in? Ka.zeitnik ("The Man from the Camps") was an underground writer who was embraced by millions of readers around the world when, after the end of the Holocaust, he named Auschwitz, "The Other Planet". However, when he gains new understanding after undergoing controversial treatments for his trauma, his new message is largely overlooked.

WINNER, Best Documentary Research, Jerusalem Film Festival 2023

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The Anne Frank Gift Shop

17 NOV / SUNDAY @ 2:45PM at Golden Scene Cinema
USA | 2023 | Short Comedy Drama | 15 mins
English
Director: Mickey Rapkin



When a high-end design firm presents its plans to reimagine the gift shop at The Anne Frank House, the company's overt appeal to Generation Z sparks a debate about collective trauma, the Holocaust and tote bags. (Shortlisted for the 2024 Academy Award for Best Live Action Short.)

WINNER, Best Short Film Miami Film Festival 2024; WINNER, Audience Film Award; Best Short Film Philadelphia Jewish Film Festival; and San Francisco Jewish Film Festival, Best Short Film 2023

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Giado: Holocaust in the Desert

17 NOV / SUNDAY @ 2:45PM at Golden Scene Cinema
Israel | 2023 | Documentary | 55 mins
Hebrew, Italian with English subtitles
Directors: Golan Rise | Sharon Yaish



The story of the Holocaust of the Libyan Jews is almost completely unknown outside of the community of survivors. At the age of 20, Yosef Dadush was among 3,000 Jews from Benghazi taken to the Giado concentration camp in the heart of the desert. For seven decades he concealed a private diary, locked away in a closet at his home. Now, his granddaughter documents the harrowing existence endured by the inmates of the camp. Along with her co-director, whose mother was also enslaved in the camp, they use interviews, animation, reconstructed models of the camp, and excerpts from the diary to create this highly personal documentary.

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Telling Nonie

17 NOV / SUNDAY @ 4:20PM at Golden Scene Cinema
USA, Israel | 2023 | Documentary | 51 mins
Hebrew, English, Sinhala with English subtitles
Directors: Paz Schwartz | Uriel Sinai



Tormented by his role in a 1950s Gaza assassination, Geizi Tsafir, an elderly Israeli agent, seeks redemption. Reflecting on his time with Shin Bet (The Israeli Security Services) and the killing of an Egyptian lieutenant colonel, he decides to confront his past. He contacts the colonel's daughter, Nonie Darwish, once intent on avenging her father's death but now a prominent voice against radical Islam and a supporter of Israel. The mysterious email from Tsafir sets Darwish on an emotional journey into her past, culminating in a meeting with him in Los Angeles. Telling Nonie explores intricate emotions, history's complexities, and the bumpy path toward mutual understanding and forgiveness.

WINNER, Audience Award, Punta del Este Jewish Film Festival 2024; WINNER, Best Israeli Documentary, Haifa International Film Festival 2023

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Martha Liebermann: A Stolen Life

17 NOV / SUNDAY @ 5:30PM at Golden Scene Cinema
Germany, Czechia | 2022 | War, Drama | 88 mins
German with English subtitles
Director: Stefan Bühlung



In 1943, at the height of the war, Martha Liebermann, widow of the great impressionist painter Max Liebermann, is still living in Berlin but scheming to escape abroad and avoid deportation to a concentration camp. Desperate to protect her precious collection of art, including two portraits by Swedish painter Anders Zorn, the 85 year old Liebermann, plays an intriguing cat and mouse game with the local Gestapo commissioner and his henchman. Themes of trust, duplicity, resilience, feminist courage and enduring passion for art are brought to startling life in this enthralling dramatic film based on true events.

WINNER, Best Film and Best Actress (Thekla Carola Wied) Monte-Carlo TV Awards, 2022

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Highway 65

17 NOV / SUNDAY @ 7:30PM at Golden Scene Cinema
Israel, France | 2024 | Feature, Drama | 109 mins
English, Hebrew with English subtitles
Director: Maya Delfino



Banished from the action in Tel Aviv, 40 year old Daphna Dr. Nahum Weibin ('Shituel's' Michael Aloni) arrives at a desolate Sinai outpost to the sound of blaring rock music, wearing white sneakers and pukka shells, expecting nothing more taxing than giving out aspirin and blister cream. As the base comes under siege after a surprise Egyptian attack, the surviving soldiers must choose between following their idealistic commander into a final, and likely hopeless battle, or to go along with the unit's level-headed doctor, whose plan will save their lives - but will betray their values. Based on the memories of the soldiers who were there, the film is both a thrilling, and terrifying, memorial to the 50th anniversary of the Yom Kippur war.

WINNER, Grand Prix Award, Reims Polar Film Festival; and Special Mention Israeli Feature Film Competition, Jerusalem Film Festival 2024

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The Stronghold

20 NOV / WEDNESDAY @ 7:30PM at Golden Scene Cinema
Israel | 2023 | Drama, War | 113 mins
Hebrew with English subtitles
Director: Lior Chetetz



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Kidnapped: The Abduction of

Edgardo Mortara
18 NOV / MONDAY | 7:30PM
Italy, France, Germany | 2023 | Drama,