



Jewish Federation of Lee & Charlotte Counties

JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

January 12—February 7, 2017

EVENING MOVIES

SABENA HIJACKING MY VERSION



This powerful, docu-drama is based on previously undiscovered audio recordings of the former pilot, Captain Reginald Levy. Captain Levy, now deceased, was in command of the Sabena Flight 571 from Brussels, Belgium to Tel Aviv on May 8, 1972, when it was hijacked by four members of “Black September”, the armed wing of Fatah or Palestinian Liberation Organization. The film finally shares the untold story of what exactly took place on the flight throughout the 30 hours of nerve-wrecking captivity. The movie fuses candid interviews with dramatic reenactments of the tense scenes inside the aircraft and the control tower as Captain Levy was held at gunpoint. It takes viewers into the aircraft to witness the events first-hand as the hijackers threaten to explode hand grenades unless 300 prisoners are released. The result is a fast-paced film full of suspense, which poses historical and political questions that are not only still important, but have helped to shape the Israel of today.

Date: Thursday, January 12, 2017
Language: English /Hebrew/Arabic/French w/English subtitles

Time: 7:15 p.m.
Running Time: 1 hr. 38 min.

Location: Regal Cinema Bell Tower
Tickets: \$12

IN SEARCH OF ISRAELI CUISINE



Not only can a good meal soothe a grumbling stomach, it might well change the world.

This movie is a portrait of the Israeli people told through food. A rich, complex and human story emerges as a literal face on the culture of Israel, is drawn from the more than 100 cultures that make up Israel today. Through interviews with chefs, farmers, home cooks, vintners and cheese makers to visits to farms, markets, restaurants and kitchens, audiences will discover that this hot, multi-cultural cuisine has developed only in the last 30 years. In that short time, Israel went from being one of the poorest countries in the world to one of the most advanced. Its sophistication mirrors the current state of the Israeli people and their food: secular, outward looking and innovative. The chef/guide of the film is Michael Solomonov, the James Beard award winning chef/owner of Zahav and a number of other restaurants in Philadelphia.

Date: Tuesday, January 17, 2017
Language: English

Time: 7:15 p.m.
Running Time: 1 hr. 34 min.

Location: Regal Cinema Bell Tower
Tickets: \$12

FANNY'S JOURNEY



Fanny's Journey is an incredible tale of bravery, strength and survival, a story of a daring young girl who will stop at nothing and fear no one. In 1943, 13-year old Fanny and her younger sisters were sent from their home in France to an Italian foster home for Jewish children. When the Nazis arrive in Italy, their caretakers desperately organize the departure of the children to Switzerland. Suddenly left on their own, these eleven children will do the impossible to reach the Swiss border in order to survive.

Date: Thursday, January 19, 2017
Language: French w/English subtitles

Time: 7:15 p.m.
Running Time: 1 hr. 34min.

Location: Regal Cinema Bell Tower
Tickets: \$12

KEEP QUIET



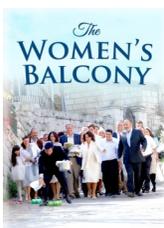
As vice-president of Jobbik, Hungary's far right extremist party, Csanad Szegedi regularly espoused anti-Semitic rhetoric and Holocaust denials. He was a founder of the Hungarian Guard, a now-banned militia inspired by the Arrow Cross, a pro-Nazi party complicit in the murder of thousands of Jews during WWII. Then came a revelation which transformed his life. Szegedi's maternal grandparents were revealed to be Jewish and his beloved grandmother an Auschwitz survivor who had hidden her faith fearing further persecution. *Keep Quiet* depicts Szegedi's three year journey as he is guided by Rabbi Boruch Oberlander to embrace his newfound religion, forced to confront the painful truths of his family's past, his own wrong doing and the turbulent history of his country. But is this an astonishing transformation a process of genuine reparation and spiritual awakening or is he simply a desperate man with nowhere else to turn?

Date: Tuesday, January 24, 2017
Language: English, Hungarian with English subtitles

Time: 7:15 p.m.

Location: Regal Cinema Bell Tower
Running Time: 1 hr. 30 min. **Tickets:** \$12

THE WOMEN'S BALCONY



An incident during a Bar Mitzvah celebration leads to a gendered rift in a devout Orthodox community in Jerusalem. In this rousing, good hearted tale about women speaking truth to patriarchal power. The day of Osher's Bar Mitzvah begins auspiciously, with happy guests in their Sabbath best making their way through Jerusalem's streets. They congregate in the synagogue and the men look up adoringly at the women's balcony where their wives, daughters, sisters, cousins and grandmothers are gathered. Then disaster strikes: the floor under the balcony gives way, leaving several injured. Most everyone regards the collapse as a tragic result of a structure flaw. No one stops to wonder if it might have been a message from God— until Rabbi David comes along.

Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017
Language: Hebrew, with English subtitles

Time: 7:15 p.m.

Location: Regal Cinema Bell Tower

Running Time: 1 hr. 36 min. **Tickets:** \$12

THE PICKLE RECIPE



Joey Miller is a single father and deeply in debt. To make matters worse, he's a DJ and his work equipment is destroyed in a freak accident. His daughter Julie's Bat Mitzvah is only 4 weeks away and she is counting on him to DJ her party. After exhausting all his options, he turns to his shady Uncle Morty, who agrees to give him the money he needs to get back into business, but only under one condition. Joey must steal his grandmother Rose's most prized possession—her famous top secret dill pickle recipe. It's a recipe she has vowed to take to her grave.

Date: Tuesday, January 31, 2017
Language: English

Time: 7:15 p.m. **Location:** Regal Cinema Bell Tower
Running Time: 1 hr. 37min. **Tickets:** \$12

JUST ANOTHER VERSION OF YOU



The documentary profiles legendary TV mogul, Norman Lear, best known for creating a number of groundbreaking 1970's sitcoms—*All in the Family*, *Sanford and Son*, *The Jeffersons*, *One Day at a Time*, *Maude*, *Good Times*—that mirrored the cultural changes roiling the country. Through his shows, Norman Lear boldly cracked open dialogues and shifted the national consciousness into sociopolitical debates on race, class, creed and feminism. The film uses the recurring motif of a theater filled with television screens as a means to explore Lear's personal life, his work and his impact on American society.

Date: Thursday, February 2, 2017
Language: English

Time: 7:15 p.m. **Location:** Regal Cinema Bell Tower
Running Time: 1 hr. 31min. **Tickets:** \$12

HARMONIA



Harmonia is inspired by the biblical story of Abraham, Sarah and Hagar. Sarah, the harpist of the Jerusalem Philharmonic, is married to Abraham, the conductor. They have no children. When Hagar, a young horn-player from East Jerusalem joins the Orchestra, Sarah's world changes. The two women develop a unique friendship that is challenged when Hagar offers Sarah to have a baby for her, from Abraham. When the baby is born, Hagar leaves the orchestra and the newborn son, Ben, with Sarah and Abraham. Twelve years pass, Ben is a phenomenal pianist, yet wild and uncontrollable. Something is wrong, he feels it deep inside. At the same time, Sarah gets pregnant in her late forties and gives birth to Isaac. When Isaac is three, Hagar returns to the orchestra and an unexpected series of events lead to the fated ending.

Date: Tuesday, February 7, 2017
Language: German w/ English subtitles

Time: 7:15 p.m. **Location:** Regal Cinema Bell Tower
Running Time: 1 hr. 37 min. **Tickets:** \$12

MATINEE

MR. PREDICTABLE



When Adi was 5 years old, his father died in the war in Lebanon. Before he left home his father made Adi swear he would be a good boy, help his mother and be responsible. Adi kept his promise: he helped more than enough at home, at school, in the military, in his marriage— he became the most thoughtful man you can imagine. Or to say it another way— Adi became a “sucker” who was exploited by his mother, his wife, his son, his boss and nearly everyone he ever met. Things change radically on the day Adi meets Natalia—a sweet, young, wild girl who entices him into a life full of emotion, passion and romance. Now Adi has to choose between love and reason, between dreams and reality, between Natalia and his family.

Date: Sunday, January 22, 2017
Language: Hebrew /English subtitles

Time: 3:00 p.m. **Location:** Regal Cinema Bell Tower
Running Time: 1 hr. 43 min. **Tickets:** \$12

Several of our films will include brief introductions that help set the background for the movie, as well as follow-up discussions, after the movie, for those who would like to participate.

Series of 9 Movies: \$96
Individual Movies: \$12/each

