



Ventura County Jewish Film Festival

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True Stories: Great Films 16th Annual Jewish Film Festival

This year's festival will offer a mix of ten-plus entertaining documentaries, and dramas mostly based on true stories.

The Festival Schedule:

Sunday, February 3 2 PM TBT **Sponsor: Jewish Federation of Ventura County, in support of Jewish Family Service, by a generous grant by Mimi Diller, in memory of Ray Diller.**

Monkey Business

Director: Emma Ryan Yamazaki 81 minutes 2017 USA

This film is a charming presentation of the extraordinary lives of Hans and Margret Rey, the authors of the beloved Curious George children's books. It combines graphic art with personal reminiscences of people who knew the Reys intimately, as well as old film footage of the Reys.

Plus a short film: An Average Story

Director: Yaniv Segalovich 17 minutes 2015 Israel **FREE Movie**

A delightful comedy tells the plight of the unlucky fellow who is designated the most average man in Israel.

OFFICIAL OPENING NIGHT:

Saturday, February 9 7 PM Regency Theater **Sponsor: Fran and Ed Elson**

1945
Director: Ferenc Török 91 Min. 2017 Hungary Russian and Hungarian (subtitles)

12 August 1945, 11 AM. Two mysterious strangers dressed in black appear at the railway station of a Hungarian village. Within a few hours, everything changes. This is considered one of the best foreign films shown in the US this past year and not to be missed.

Sunday, February 10 2 PM TBT **Sponsor: Jessica and Harvey Harris**

Woman in Gold
Director: Simon Curtis 107 Minutes 2015 UK. English and German (subtitles)

Sixty years after fleeing Vienna, Maria Altmann (Helen Mirren), an elderly Jewish woman, attempts to reclaim family artwork that includes the exquisite Klimt portrait of Maria's beloved Aunt Adele Bloch-Bauer.

Saturday, February 16 7 PM Regency Theater **Sponsor: Jessica and Harvey Harris**

Black Book
Director: Paul Verhoeven 145 minutes. 2017 Netherlands Germany UK Belgium. Dutch, German, English & Hebrew (subtitles)

This R Rated thriller is set in Nazi-occupied Netherlands during World War II and tells the story of a Jewish singer who infiltrates the regional Gestapo headquarters for the Dutch resistance.

Sunday, February 17 2 PM TBT **Sponsor: Barbara Meister**

Bag of Marbles
Director: Christian Duguay 110 Minutes. 2018 France. French German Yiddish Russian (subtitles)

In his 3 1/2 stars (out of 4 stars) review, Matt Fagerhold writes "the film's great value is the degree to which it makes such a barbaric and bewildering chapter in human history comprehensible for young audiences." Based on the 1973 memoir by Joseph Joffo. In spite of its serious story this is a charming film.

Saturday, March 9 7 PM Regency Theater **Sponsor: Jordon Laby**

Itzhak
Director: Alison Chernick 82 minutes 2018 Israel USA.

The opening scenes of this exceptional documentary, show renowned violinist, Yitzhak Perlman, a rabid Mets fan, getting ready to perform "The Star Spangled Banner". Chernick allows us to see Perlman as a real person; a loving husband, father, consummate performer, and all around mensch.

Sunday, March 10 2 PM TBT **Sponsor: Joel and Barbara Aaronson & The Affordable Living Choices Trust**

Late Summer Blues
Director: Renen Schorr 90 minutes 1988 Israel Hebrew (subtitles)

Considered one of the best Israeli movies ever made. It begins with a group of high school students about to graduate, clinging to the last moments of their innocence, before the reality of the next chapter begins. Likened to the American film, *Beach Party*.

Saturday, March 16 7 PM Regency Theater **Sponsor: Joel & Arlene Goldenberg, & Goldenberg Family Dentistry**

Sammy Davis, Jr.
Director: Samuel Pollard 100 Minutes 2017 USA France English

A star-studded compendium of interviews interspersed by footage documenting Davis's outstanding talents and his personal life.

Sunday, March 17 Noon + Brunch TBT **Sponsor: Brotherhood Brunch**

Keep the Change (speaker to follow movie)
Director: Rachel Israel 94 minutes 2018 USA English

This romantic comedy has been headlining Jewish Film Festivals all over the country to great audience response. The story line, boy meets girl, in the unlikely setting of a support group that meets at a Jewish Community Center, offers insight into a world not often depicted on screen.

Speaker to follow film: Rick Clemens, MA is a consultant on autism education, working with teachers, students and their parents on successfully addressing challenging behaviors that impact inclusion in the regular classroom.





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Contributor levels

STUDIO HEAD: \$2500+ FESTIVAL SPONSOR

- Your name or the name of your business prominently featured in all promotional materials*
- 4 Festival Passes
- 6 Individual single admission tickets to film screenings
- 6 Dinners for Sponsor's Dinner, on February 2, 2019

PRODUCER: \$1000-\$2499 FILM SPONSOR

- Your name or the name of your business featured in the program*
- 3 Festival Passes
- 6 Individual single admission tickets to film screenings
- 4 Dinners for Sponsor's Dinner, on February 2, 2019

DIRECTOR: \$550-\$999

- Your name will featured in the program*
- 2 Festival Passes
- 4 Individual single admission tickets to film screenings
- 4 Dinners for Sponsor's Dinner on February 2, 2019

SCREENWRITER: \$400-\$549

- Your name will appear in the program*
- 2 Festival Passes
- 2 Individual single admission tickets to film screenings
- 2 Dinners to the Sponsor's Dinner on February 2, 2019



ACTOR: \$250-\$399

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- 2 Festival Passes

For all Festival Supporters please indicate your Contributor Level & names as you wish to appear in the program. Send in the form with your contribution:

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Make Checks payable to: Temple Beth Torah, 7620 Foothill Road, Ventura, CA 93004

16th Annual Season

February 3, 9, 10, 16, 17 & March 9, 10, 16, 17

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Sponsors' Dinner

Saturday, February 2, 2019 6:30 PM

By Invitation with a contribution of \$400+
Following a gourmet dinner,
prepared and presented by the TBT Sisterhood



We will screen

Infidel - Directed by Josh Appignanesi

A 2010 English comedy about a British Muslim who makes the shocking discovery that his birth certificate identifies him as Jewish

INDIVIDUAL TICKETS AND FESTIVAL PASSES

FULL FESTIVAL PASS - \$95.00 includes 8 movies & brunch
LIMITED FESTIVAL PASS - \$65.00 includes 5 movies & brunch
INDIVIDUAL TICKETS in advance - \$15.00
(At the door - \$18.00)

**FREE Event - Monkey Business and short film:
An Average Story on February 3, at TBT 2 PM**

*Contributions need to be received by January 4, 2019 for recognition in the program

FILM FESTIVAL EVENTS

Sponsor Level _____ Sponsor Amount \$ _____

Or/Festival Passes Full # _____ Limited # _____ \$ _____

Number of individual tickets for each film

___ 1945	Sat., Feb. 9	Regency	7 PM
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___ Sammy Davis, Jr.	Sat., Mar. 16	Regency	7 PM
___ Keep the Change	Sun., Mar. 17	TBT	Noon

___ Total Tickets and/or passes Total Amount \$ _____

Hold my tickets at will-call Mail my tickets to me

(Please note: There are a limited number of need-based free tickets to each screening through Rabbi Lisa Hochberg-Miller. Everyone is welcome.)