



Ventura County Jewish Film Festival

17th Annual

March 15th, 21st, 22nd, 28th, 29th

Sponsors' Dinner - March 14th



Sunday, March 15th 7 PM TBT

Golda's Balcony, The Film (2019) directed by Scott Schwartz

TOVAH FELDSHUH recreates 100 years of Jewish history playing 45 different characters (including Ben-Gurion, Moshe Dayan, Holocaust survivors, Israeli soldiers and, of course, Golda Meir herself), in one of the greatest acting performances of the last 50 years – now captured on film for all time, in this brand new motion picture. Never has the whole Jewish century been dramatized with such heart, dazzle, and sheer jaw-dropping artistry. So far the film has received twelve out of twelve audience awards from Los Angeles to Tel Aviv.

USA 2019 86 minutes English

Guest Speaker: David Fishelson

Mr. Fishelson will participate in a Talk-back following the screening. He has been a producer for film, television and theatre in Manhattan for 35 years. He is best known for being the lead producer of Golda's Balcony, the longest-running one-woman show in Broadway history.

Sponsors: Paula Reach and Martha Jaffe/Jorday Laby



Saturday, March 21st 7 PM TBT

Who Will Write our History directed by Roberta Grossman

The story of Emanuel Ringelblum and the Oyneg Shabes Archive, the secret archive he created and led in the Warsaw Ghetto.

Guest Speaker: Roberta Grossman

We are honored to have Roberta Grossman as our guest speaker. She is an American filmmaker. Her documentaries range from social justice inquiries to historical subjects with a focus on Jewish history.

USA 2018 95 Minutes English

Sponsors: Harvey & Jessica Harris, and Sehati Family/ Jewelry Couture by Sehati

FREE MOVIE!!!!

Sunday, March 22nd 2 PM TBT

The Catcher was a Spy directed by Ben Lewin

A major league baseball player, Moe Berg, (played by Paul Rudd) lives a double life working for the Office of Strategic Services.

USA 2018 98 Minutes English

Sponsors: Jewish Federation of Ventura County in support of Jewish Family Service by a generous grant from Mimi Diller, in memory of Ray Diller.



Saturday, March 28th 7 PM TBT

Tel Aviv on Fire directed by Sameh Zoabi

This award winner is a comedic tale of Salem, an East Jerusalem Palestinian who works as a low-level production assistant on a soap opera. Following a lie he tells Asi, an officer he sees daily at the checkpoint he must pass through to get to work, Salem is suddenly promoted to be a screenwriter...the problem is Salem can't write screenplays. He makes a deal with Asi to help him write in exchange for fine Palestinian hummus, and a promise that the series' plot will end with a wedding. However, the Palestinian investors have another idea, putting Salem in a serious bind.

ISRAEL/LUXEMBOURG/BELGIUM/FRANCE 2018 100 Minutes Subtitles

Sponsors: Joel & Barbara Aaronson/ the Affordable Living Choices Trust and Gary & Ada Feldman

Sunday, March 29th Noon TBT for Brunch / Film follows

Maktub directed by Oded Raz

Two criminals decide to become guardian angels after they are miraculously spared in a restaurant bombing. This dark comedy won several "bests" at its 2017 festival premieres.

Sponsors: Barbara Meister and The Brotherhood of Temple Beth Torah



The 17th Annual Jewish Film Festival
is dedicated to the memory of
Perry Shapiro