



**"Virtual"**  
Ventura County  
**Jewish Film Festival**



2021

**True Stories: Great Films**  
**18<sup>th</sup> Annual Jewish Film Festival**

Welcome to our "Virtual" Ventura County Jewish Film Festival. We're doing it again!!! Thank you for your continuing support for this annual event... as the saying goes, "The show must go on." For those of you who haven't yet experienced the online Festival, you are encouraged to participate in our second year of the Festival on Zoom. All movies will be screened in April, **beginning April 4**. The Temple will supply you with links to the films and also the links to our special guest speakers and facilitated events. Your participation in both is most welcome. We have been lucky to have the financial support from you, our community, to continue presenting films of interest to our community and to bring you speakers from all over the country to add to the experience. A viewing window of time is available to watch each film at your pleasure, and then Zoom in for the set discussions. This is our schedule of movies showing dates for viewing and our speaker events. Please mark them in your calendars and join us in our most ambitious and varied program of recent films.

**The Festival Schedule:**

**When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit**

April 4-6

**Conversation on April 6, at 7 PM.**

Based on Judith Kerr's auto-biographical novel, this lovely film is suitable for ages ten and up. Cliff Wilcox and Gary Feldman will be joined by special guest, Judith Iklé whose mother, Doris Eisemann Iklé's story as a young refugee from Nazi German parallels events portrayed in the film.

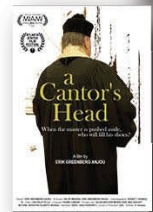


**A Cantor's Head**

April 8-10

**Special Guest, Cantor Jack Mendelson on Saturday, April 10, at 4 PM.**

Gifted and charismatic, Cantor Mendelson is the subject of this inciteful film about cantorial music and Temple politics in a changing time. We are thrilled to be hosting Cantor Mendelson's guest appearance and can't think of a better way to spend a Shabbat afternoon.



**The Other Story**

April 11-13

**Discussion with Rabbi Lotker on Tuesday evening, April 13, at 7PM.**

Award winning writer-director, Avi Nesher, in this entertaining drama, skillfully balances characters and storylines, to explore different kinds of Israelis and their varied connections to Jewish life, culture, and practice.



**Mossad**

April 15-17

**Discussion on Saturday evening, April 17, at 7 PM.**

Cliff Wilcox and Gary Feldman will lead the conversation with your participation.

This hilarious spoof pairs an operative of the Israeli Mossad with a CIA agent in an action laugh-out-loud movie guaranteed to entertain you and your bored teenagers.



**Broken Mirrors**

April 17-19

**Conversation on Monday evening, April 19, at 7 PM** led by Cliff and Gary.

Shira Haas (UnOrthodox and Shtisel) won the Ophir award for her role in Broken Mirrors, a searing 2018 Israeli drama about a seventeen-year-old who unwittingly uncovers a secret in her strict, military father's past.



**Shared Legacies**

April 20-22

**Conversation on Thursday, April 22, at 4PM.** Special guests, URJ diversity

speaker, Chris Harrison and Reverend Benjamin Thomas of the AME church in Oxnard join Rabbi Lisa to discuss the film and contemporary issues surrounding the shared experiences of the Black and Jewish communities in our county and country.

Shared Legacies is a valuable reminder the of the cooperation and friendship between the Jewish and African-American communities during the Civil Rights Movement in this well-researched documentary which was released in February 2020.



**Those Who Remained**

April 23-25

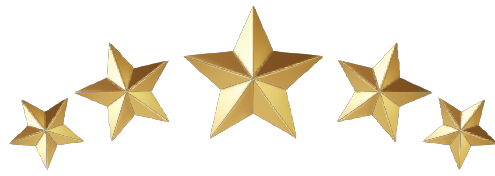
**Conversation on Sunday, April 25, at 7PM.** Dr. Ron Bale, respected psychologist and Temple member, will be our special guest to lead us in a discussion of the film and the issues raised by the film.

Those Who Remained is a beautiful story of the healing power of love even in the midst of conflict and searing loss suffered by Holocaust survivors. The uplifting film is seen through the eyes of a young girl in post-World War II Hungary.



**As you have scrolled through this list, remember...**

- \*You have a window of time in which to watch the movies at your convenience.
- \*There will be either a special guest or a conversation following each movie at a set time.
- \*A Festival pass is \$85 and donations are most welcome to help support the costs associated with renting the movies from the distributors and for the guest speakers. All checks can be made to The Ventura County Jewish Film Festival (VCJFF) and sent to TBT, 7620 Foothill Rd, Ventura 93004
- \*For technical support and questions please contact Cliff Wilcox as primary technical support. cliff.wilcox@gmail.com and Gary Feldman at gfeldman@sbcglobal.net
- \*Festival website is <https://templebethtorah.com/jewish-film-festival-2021/> You can access it for all information regarding the schedule and sponsorship details.



The Ventura County Jewish Film Festival 2021 would not be possible without the support of our generous sponsors. The Festival committee and Temple Beth Torah are grateful and pleased to acknowledge our Producer-level sponsors here. Won't you consider supporting this well-loved community event yourself? Sponsorship opportunities are detailed [HERE](#).

- ☆ Jody Shapiro
- ☆ Gary and Ada Feldman
- ☆ Joel Goldenberg and Goldenberg Family Dentistry
- ☆ Sehati Families and Jewellery Couture by Sehati
- ☆ Paula Reach
- ☆ Harvey and Jessica Harris
- ☆ Martha Jaffe/Susan Keats (jointly)
- ☆ Barbara and Joel Aaronson
- ☆ Mimi Diller via a donation to Jewish Family Service (Jewish Federation)
- ☆ Barbara Meister
- ☆ Judy and Mark Fleischman/Lois and Roy Fischman (jointly)
- ☆ Fran and Ed Elson
- ☆ TBT Brotherhood
- ☆ Louise Sherman/Ivor Davis (jointly)
- ☆ Cliff Wilcox and Michelle Azimov
- ☆ Pam Small/Nancy Marcus (jointly)

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Your contribution will be acknowledged at each of the talk-back Zoom calls for each film. This is because the festival is virtual and there will not be a printed program.

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FESTIVAL PASS	\$85	

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