

DENVER JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL

(located at the Mizel Arts and Culture Center at the Staenberg-Loup Jewish Community Center)
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The 22nd Denver Jewish Film Festival at the Mizel Arts and Culture Center
to be presented February 7th - 19th, 2018

The 22nd Denver Jewish Film Festival will be presented at Denver's Mizel Arts and Culture Center at the Staenberg-Loup Jewish Community Center starting February 7th and running through February 19th, 2018. Tickets are available online at www.maccjcc.org/film and at the Mizel box office at 303-316-6360, located at the Mizel Arts and Culture Center at 350 S. Dahlia Street in Denver.

This year's film festival offers one-time-only screenings of our favorite films of the year, many of them, Denver or Rocky Mountain premieres. The line-up provides an expansive view, both topically and geographically, including fascinating documentaries on Jewish cultural icons ranging from Israeli Prime Minister, Ben-Gurion to legendary Hollywood starlet (and inventor) Hedy Lamarr to the multi-talented, song-and-dance man, Sammy Davis, Jr. There are Dutch thrillers featuring notorious Holocaust villains and riveting Israeli dramas depicting life both past and present. All-in-all the festival will screen 38 films from 17 countries - films for everyone. A complete list of festival films can be located at www.maccjcc.org/film.

Prior to its theatrical release in Denver, there will be a pre-festival movie screening of "Foxtrot" the critically acclaimed 2018 Foreign Language Academy Award submission from Israel, at the Alamo Drafthouse Cinema in Sloans Lake on Saturday, February 3rd at 7:00 p.m.

The 22nd Denver Jewish Film Festival is presented in part by our Title Sponsor, the Sturm Family Foundation. Ongoing operation support is provided by the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District. The festival will be held at the Mizel Arts and Culture Center located at the Staenberg-Loup Jewish Community Center at 350 S. Dahlia Street, Denver, CO. 80246. Tickets can be purchased at the Mizel Arts and Culture Center box office at 303-316-6360 or online at www.maccjcc.org/film.

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SCHEDULE OF FILMS

Wednesday, February 7th at 7:30pm (includes VIP reception at 6pm) - *BYE BYE GERMANY*
A comedy-drama about a man who leads fellow survivors to sell linens at inflated prices to unsuspecting Germans.

Thursday, February 8th at 5:30pm - *BEN-GURION, EPILOGUE*
Rare archival footage of one of modern history's greatest leaders, Israeli Prime Minister, David Ben-Gurion as interviewed in his secluded desert home.

Thursday, February 8th at 8pm - *1945*
A quaint Hungarian village is forced to face up to its "ill-gotten gains" from World War II.

Friday, February 9th at 1pm - *RABBI WOLFF, A GENTLEMAN BEFORE GOD*
With a grin on his face and a twinkle in his eye, Rabbi Wolff still finds time to practice yoga, learn Russian, enjoy the racetrack with friends and more.

Saturday, February 10th at 7pm - *SAMMY DAVIS, JR.: I'VE GOTTA BE ME*
A star-studded roster of interviewees pay tribute to the legendary, multi-talented song-and-dance man.

Saturday, February 10th at 9:15pm - *PAST LIFE*
In the late 1970s, a group of unlikely people unravel a shocking wartime mystery that casts a dark shadow on their entire lives. (Note: the filmmaker will be in attendance)

Sunday, February 11th at 10:15am - *SHALOM BOLLYWOOD*
The story of a 2,000 year old Indian Jewish community that shaped the all-singing, all-dancing history of the world's largest film industry.

Sunday, February 11th at 12:30pm - *GERMANS & JEWS*
Through personal stories, the film explores Germany's transformation from silence about the Holocaust to facing it head on.

Sunday, February 11th at 3pm - *REMEMBER*
With the aid of a fellow Auschwitz survivor (Martin Landau), Zev (Christopher Plummer) goes on a search for the person responsible for the death of his family.

Sunday, February 11th at 5:15pm - *BETWEEN WORLDS*
Two women from two different worlds, both hiding a secret, meet in a hospital moments after a terror attack in Jerusalem.

Sunday, February 11th at 8pm - *A QUIET HEART*

A secular concert pianist moves to an ultra-Orthodox neighborhood in present day Jerusalem to escape her pressure filled performance life in Tel Aviv.

Monday, February 12th at 5:30pm - *LAND OF MILK AND FUNNY*

A sidesplitting and poignant account of an endless roster of America's finest stand-up comedians as they tour Israel for more than a decade.

Monday, February 12th at 8pm - *PARADISE*

A striking tale of love and loss set in occupied France during World War II.

Tuesday, February 13th at 5:30pm - *MY HERO BROTHER*

A group of young people with Down syndrome embark on a demanding trek through the Himalayas with their siblings.

Tuesday, February 13th at 7:30pm - *BENEATH THE SILENCE*

1973, a small family crumbles due to the father's PTSD, on the verge of the Yom Kippur War.

Wednesday, February 14th at 5:30pm - *LET YOURSELF GO*

After a minor illness, a Jewish psychoanalyst is prescribed physical activity, and meets Claudia, a personal trainer.

Wednesday, February 14th at 8pm - *AN ISRAELI LOVE STORY*

During the turbulent period of pre-state Israel, Margalit and Eli fall in love, but Israel's harsh reality intervenes.

Thursday, February 15th at 5:30pm - *BOMBSHELL; THE HEDY LAMARR STORY*

The world's most infamous bombshell, the beautiful Hedy Lamarr, was also the secret inventor of secure Wi-Fi, Bluetooth and GPS communications.

Thursday, February 15th at 7:45pm - *RIPHAGEN: THE UNTOUCHABLE*

The true story of Andries Riphagen, one of Holland's most notorious criminals during World War II.

**Saturday, February 17th at 7pm - *MONKEY BUSINESS: THE ADVENTURES OF
CURIOUS GEORGE'S CREATORS***

The extraordinary lives of Hans and Margret Rey, the authors of the beloved *Curious George* children's books.

Saturday, February 17th at 9pm - *OUR FATHER*

A morally conflicted nightclub bouncer finds himself entangled in the Israeli underworld.

Sunday, February 18th at 11am - *CUBA'S FORGOTTEN JEWELS: A HAVEN IN HAVANA*
Firsthand Holocaust survivor accounts take us back to 1940s Havana - revealing an immigration success story. (Please note: the Colorado filmmakers of this film will be in attendance)

Sunday, February 18th at 12:30pm - *SHORT FILM PROGRAM: CONSEQUENCES*
A selection of short films depicting that when things go wrong, misfortunes must be confronted.

Sunday, February 18th at 3pm - *SHELTER*
A Lebanese woman and an Israeli Mossad agent find themselves trapped in a safe house where nothing is safe and no one can be trusted.

Sunday, February 18th at 5:30pm - *THE 90 MINUTE WAR*
One soccer game will decide who gets to stay in the Holy Land, and who must go.

Sunday, February 18th at 8pm - *THE BODY COLLECTOR*
The story of Dutch journalist Hans Knoop's 1970s struggle to uncover the truth about World War II's war criminal, Pieter Menten.

Monday, February 19th at 12:30pm - *AFTER AUSCHWITZ: THE STORIES OF SIX WOMEN*
Six extraordinary women who all survived Auschwitz take us on a journey that American audiences have never seen before. (Please note: the filmmaker will be in attendance)

Monday, February 19th at 3pm - *THE CHILDREN OF CHANCE*
The true World War II story of a Jewish child, saved from deportation thanks to a tuberculosis diagnosis, and the friendships he made with the other boys in the hospital.

Monday, February 19th at 5:30pm - *IN BETWEEN*
Three Palestinian women living in an apartment in Tel Aviv, try to find a balance between traditional and modern culture.

Monday, February 19th at 8pm - *MONSIEUR MAYONNAISE*
An artist's epic adventure into his father's clandestine role in the French Resistance in World War II and his mother's miraculous escape en route to Auschwitz.

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THE MIZEL ARTS AND CULTURE CENTER (MACC)

Mizel Arts and Culture Center (MACC) located at the Staenberg-Loup Jewish Community Center (JCC Denver) illuminates the human experience through creative and cultural programs in the performing, visual, cinematic and literary arts for the Jewish community and the Denver community at-large. MACC is one of the Rocky Mountain region's premier arts organizations. MACC is a Tier II member of the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District (SCFD) and is guided by a mission that is focused specifically on arts and cultural programs. MACC offers a variety of cultural programs including Denver Jewish Film Festival, JAAMM Fest (Jewish Arts, Authors, Movies and Music Fest), Denver Children's Theatre, Wolf Theatre Academy, Art Academy and adult art classes. MACC is located at 350 S. Dahlia Street in Denver. For more information, visit www.maccjcc.org or call 303-316-6360.

THE STAENBERG-LOUP JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER (JCC Denver) serves the metro-Denver area through educational, social, cultural, fitness, sports and other programs that are rooted in Jewish values. The JCC Denver's mission is to create a vibrant and inclusive family and social gathering place, guided by these timeless Jewish values. The J's four program areas focus on connection, community and well-being and include: a robust fitness, sports, tennis and aquatic center; Early Childhood Engagement, including an Early Learning School and a variety of programs for families; the Mizel Arts and Culture Center (MACC) which offers Denver Children's Theatre, JAAMM Fest (Jewish Arts, Authors, Movies & Music), Denver Jewish Film Festival, Wolf Summer Theater Academy, Art Academy and adult art classes; summer camps including Ranch Camp and Camp Shai; intergenerational and older adult programming like the Grandparent Connect Group and Jewish Aging Mastery Program (JAMP). The JCC Denver is located at 350 S. Dahlia Street in Denver. For more information, visit www.jccdenver.org or call 303-399-2660.