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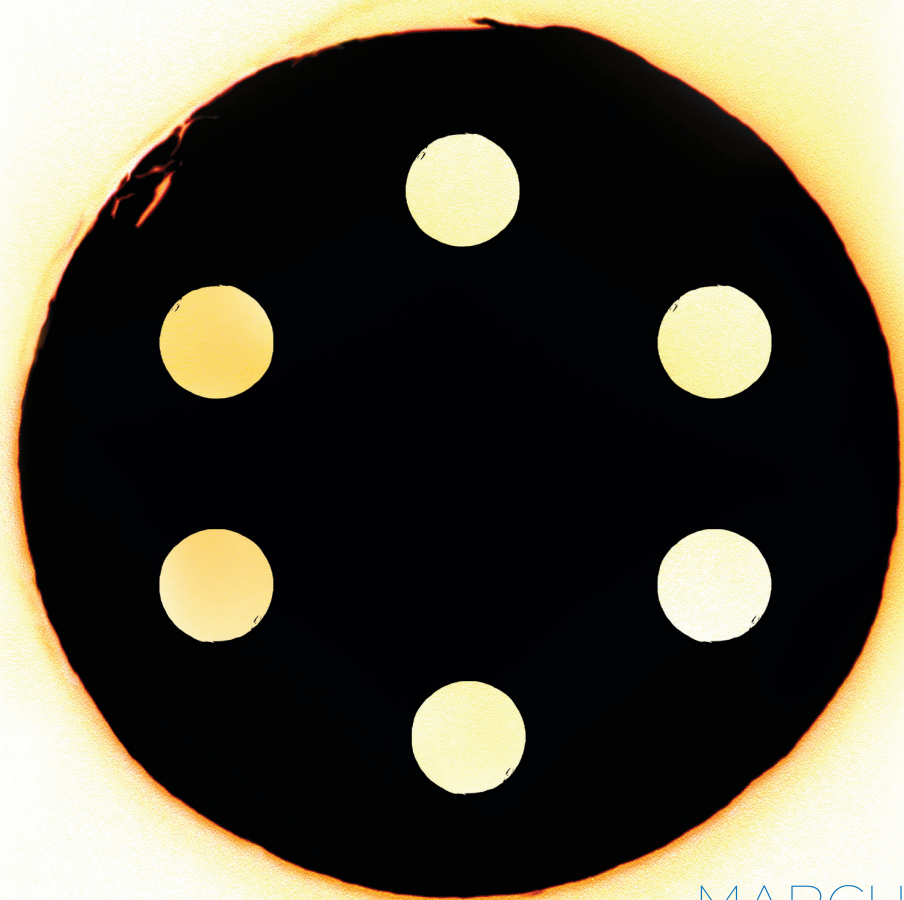
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AMC Pacific Place 11
600 Pine St, 4th fl | Seattle

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SPECIAL EVENTS

**OPENING NIGHT FILM &
TOM DOUGLAS AFTER PARTY**
Thursday, March 15 | Cinerama 6:45PM
| Palace Ballroom 9:00 PM



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Tom Douglas

After an enthralling Opening Night Film
(THE FLOOD/MABUL), join us for the Festival's
premiere party, hosted by Tom Douglas Catering.
This night of dazzling performances, musical
rhythms and global tastes, showcases flavor
mosaics from North Africa, Turkey, Greece and
the Middle East – all in celebration of SJFF's
Spotlight on Sephardic Life!

**MATZOH MOMMA SUNDAY BRUNCH
& FAMILY FILM** Sunday, March 18 | AMC Pacific
Place | Brunch 9:30AM | Circus Kids Perform
10:45AM | Film 11:00AM



photo credit: Circus Harmony



**Presented by: Era Living/Aljoia - Premier
Retirement Living**

This incredible family event features a delicious
spread of smoked salmon smear with a panoply
of bagels, Matzoh Momma's famous blintz loaf
with sour cream and fresh fruit preserves, egg
salad with toasted almonds and a quashadu
(Sephardic frittata of eggs, feta and parmesan
cheese). Fresh homemade, flavorful Jewish
comfort food for the whole family to start your
SJFF film-going Sunday off right. Followed by
the film CIRCUS KIDS.

Film only tickets also on sale.

**CLOSING NIGHT CENTERPIECE:
CONCERT & FILM**
Sunday, March 25 | SIFF Cinema at the
Uptown | 7:30PM



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**Presented by: Jewish Federation Of Greater
Seattle**

Seattle's acclaimed Northwest Boychoir
performs the remarkable music and words
from a new oratorio featured in Music of
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The first 100 high-school students are free!

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**100 YEARS OF HADASSAH CENTENNIAL
CELEBRATION**
Sunday, March 25 | Film 2:00PM, SIFF Cinema
at the Uptown | Reception 4:30PM,
The Maxwell Hotel



Hadassah Seattle Chapter and the Pacific
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IL FORNAIO VIP SPONSOR GALA By invitation only | RSVP required Sunday, March 18 | 5:30PM



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Followed by:
AJC BRIDGE SERIES SHOWCASE
Film **FREE MEN** | AMC Pacific Place
| 8:00 PM

Private, invitation only event

Special guests include visiting filmmakers and cast members

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Buffet dinner, wine and dessert

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Thursday, March 15

OPENING NIGHT FILM: THE FLOOD (MABUL)
Sephardic Spotlight
6:45PM | Cinerama



Guy Nattiv | Israel 2010 | 100 | Hebrew w/subtitles | Narrative Drama

Sponsored by: Lela and Harley Franco

As Yoni prepares for his Bar Mitzvah, his autistic older brother Tomer (Michael Moshonov in an award-winning performance) unexpectedly returns home, forcing the entire family to cope with his presence. Ronit Elkabetz (The Band's Visit) and Tzahi Grad (Eyes Wide Open) star in this powerful family drama that garnered awards in Haifa and Berlin.

Special Event: Tom Douglas After Party | 9:00-11:00PM | Palace Ballroom
Community Partner: Consulate General of Israel to the Pacific Northwest

Saturday, March 17

RESTORATION (BOKER TOV ADON FIDELMAN)
7:00 PM | AMC Pacific Place



Yossi Madmoni | Israel 2011 | 105 | Hebrew w/subtitles | Narrative Drama

Sponsored by: Moshe Dunie, Naomi and Jon Newman

Nominated for 11 Israeli Oscars, this knotty family drama features acclaimed actor Sasson Gabai (The Band's Visit) as the reclusive owner of an antique furniture store facing an uncertain future until a new apprentice discovers a Steinway piano that might keep the business afloat. Winner: Best Feature Film at 2011 Jerusalem Film Festival.

Community Partner: Consulate General of Israel to the Pacific Northwest

MY FIRST WEDDING (MI PRIMERA BODA)
9:15 PM | AMC Pacific Place



Ariel Winograd | Argentina 2011 | 102 | Spanish w/subtitles | Romantic Comedy

Sponsored by: Amy Levin-Ragen and Matt Ragen, Glazer's Camera

Adrián, a secular Jew, and Leonora, a lapsed Catholic, have finally reached their wedding day. Instead of gracefully embracing matrimony, disaster ensues and chaos reigns in this winning comedy about the politics of the proverbial "big day." Critics say this film movie has revitalized the Argentinean classic comedy skit genre.

Sunday, March 18

MATZOH MOMMA SUNDAY BRUNCH & FAMILY FILM: CIRCUS KIDS
Brunch 9:30AM | Circus Kids Performance 10:45AM | Film 11:00AM | AMC Pacific Place



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Alexandra Lipsitz | USA, Israel 2010 | 86 | English, Hebrew w/subtitles | Doc

Presented by: Era Living/Aljoja - Premier Retirement Living

Could the road to Middle East peace be paved by a cross-cultural circus, with kids from St. Louis performing alongside Jewish and Arab children from Galilee? Overcoming differences and language barriers, circus kids defy gravity and prove that lively acrobatics is what real peace might look like.

Special Guests: St. Louis Arches Children's Circus Harmony - Founder Jessica Hentoff and sons Keaton and Kellin

Community Partners: Camp Solomon Schechter, Congregation Bet Chaverim, The Stroum JCC, URJ Camp Kalsman & WA State Jewish Historical Society

MY SWEET CANARY
Sephardic Spotlight
1:15PM | AMC Pacific Place



Roy Sher | Israel/Greece/France 2011 | 90 | English, Greek, Turkish, Ladino, Hebrew w/subtitles | Doc

Sponsored by: Lela and Harley Franco, 4Culture, Wild Ginger | Triple Door

From her rise in the 1920s to her tragic end, Roza Eskenazi sang rebetiko (Greek blues) with passion, fire, and love. Three contemporary musicians follow the beloved diva's musical trail to Thessaloniki, Istanbul and Athens in this exuberant musical tour-de-force and cinematic experience.

Special Event: Post-film echar lashon ("coffee klatsch") in the lobby for ticket-holders
Special Guests: Director Roy Sher & UW Prof. Devin Naar on Sephardic history, culture and music

Community Partners: SAMIS FOUNDATION, Seattle Sephardic Brotherhood, The Summit at First Hill/Kline-Galland, The Samuel & Althea Stroum Jewish Studies Program at University of Washington

MY SO-CALLED ENEMY
AJC BRIDGE SERIES: International Relations
3:45PM | AMC Pacific Place



Lisa Gossels | USA 2010 | 89 | Arabic, English, Hebrew | Doc

Sponsored by: Shelley and James Dillon

Six articulate teenage girls who attended a US Building Bridges for Peace leadership-training camp are filmed for seven years to see how it made a difference in their lives and attitudes toward their "so-called enemies" back home. This touching, award-winning doc teaches us about the fragility of hope, the value of dialogue and power of individual choice.

Special Guest: Director Lisa Gossels
Community Partner: Kol HaNesheha - West Seattle's Progressive Synagogue

FREE MEN (LES HOMMES LIBRES)
AJC BRIDGE SERIES SHOWCASE: Intergroup Relations
Sephardic Spotlight
8:00PM | AMC Pacific Place



Ismaël Ferroukhi | France 2011 | 99 | French w/subtitles | Narrative Drama

Sponsored by: Barri Rind, Maureen and Joel Benoliel, Lela and Harley Franco

An Algerian (Tahar Rahim, A Prophet) is recruited by the police in World War II Paris to spy on a local mosque suspected of hiding Jews, but the charismatic imam and a Jewish cabaret singer (Mahmud Shalaby, Jaffa) steer him into the Resistance instead. This little-known story is a pulse-pounding wartime espionage drama inspired by actual events.

Special Event: Il Fornaio VIP Gala (by invitation only) before the screening

Special Guests: Director Ismaël Ferroukhi (invited), Greetings from AJC-Finance Director Simone Rodan & Mr. A. Jack Cowan, Hon. Consul of France in Seattle.

Community Partners: American Association of Teachers of French, Congregation Ezra Bessaroth, The Consular Agency of France in Seattle

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Monday, March 19

DOLPHIN BOY (HADOLFIN)
6:30PM | SIFF Cinema at the Uptown



Dani Menkin, Yonatan Nir | Israel 2011 | 72 | English, Hebrew, Arabic w/subtitles | Doc

Sponsored by: Sharon Gantz Bloomer Fund of Tides Foundation

This poignant, intimate film follows the recovery of Morad, an Arab Israeli teenager who suffers a traumatic attack. As a last resort, his devoted father takes him to Eilat for dolphin-assisted therapy. Beautiful underwater cinematography adds to the magical healing power of nature and family dedication.

Special Program: "Pecha kucha" (Japanese for chitchat) featuring short presentations by the filmmaker, PTSD specialists and The Seattle Aquarium.

Special Guest: Director Dani Menkin
Community Partner: Jewish Family Service of Seattle

IRAQ N' ROLL
Sephardic Spotlight
8:30PM | SIFF Cinema at the Uptown



Gili Gaon | Israel 2011 | 52 | Hebrew, Arabic w/subtitles | Doc

Sponsored by: Lela and Harley Franco

The al-Kuwaiti brothers once personified Baghdad's musical culture, but after moving to Israel in the 1950s, their "Oriental" music was marginalized. Now, one of their grandsons, popular Israeli rock musician Dudu Tassa, embarks on a moving quest to restore his suppressed musical and cultural heritage.

Special Guest: Prof. Moshe Naor (York University, Toronto)

Community Partners: Congregation Ezra Bessaroth, The Samuel & Althea Stroum Jewish Studies Program at University of Washington and York University

Tuesday, March 20

DAVID
"Teen Screen"
6:30PM | SIFF Cinema at the Uptown



Joel Fendelman | USA 2011 | 80 | English | Narrative

Plays with: B-BOY (short) | Lisa Cohen | USA 2012 | 15 | English | Doc Short

Sponsored by: Catering by Phyllis, Wendy and Gary Kaplan, MD, Pan Pacific Hotel Seattle

Daud, the young son of a Brooklyn imam, befriends some Orthodox boys who mistake him for a new classmate in their Yeshiva. Youthful deceit and good intentions lead to humorous and tender results as "David" experiences the joy of camaraderie in this sweet story of faith, friendship, family, and the challenges of growing up in multicultural America.

Special Guest: Local Seattle director Lisa Cohen for her world premiere

Community Partners: Northwest Yeshiva High School, Temple Beth Am, Temple B'nai Torah, The Kavana Cooperative

NICKY'S FAMILY
8:45PM | SIFF Cinema at the Uptown



Matj Mina | Czech Republic/Slovakia 2011 | 96 | English | Doc

Sponsored by: Loeb Family Foundation

Nicholas Winton has been called the "Oskar Schindler of Great Britain" for saving 669 Czech and Slovak children in Kindertransports during World War II. His bold efforts went unrepeated until 1988, and continue to transform the lives of thousands of children worldwide. An emotional story of heroism and humility.

Wednesday, March 21

SENIOR LUNCH & FREE MATINEE
LIKE A BRIDE (NOVIA QUE TE VEA)

Sephardic Spotlight
12:00PM | SJCC, Mercer Island
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Guila Schyfter | Mexico 1994 | 114 | Spanish, Hebrew, Ladino w/subtitles | Comedy

Presented by: The Stroum JCC

A warm, comic tale about two Mexican Jewish girls coming of age in Mexico City during the 1960s.

THE JUDGE
AJC BRIDGE SERIES: Israel
6:30PM | SIFF Cinema at the Uptown



Ram Landes, Ami Teer | Israel 2009 | 53 min | Hebrew, English | Doc

Plays with BEN GURION HOSTING (short)
Nadav Ben-Israel | Israel 2011 | 12 | Hebrew w/subtitles | Animated Short

Sponsored by: Law Office of William D. Hochberg

Aharon Barak, former Chief Justice of the Israeli Supreme Court, breaks his silence about his illustrious but controversial tenure. Trying to balance the Jewish and democratic character of Israel, his rulings sparked intense debate and changed the face of Israeli society, but powerful political forces now seek to destroy his legacy.

Special Guests: Intro by Marc Stern, AJC General Counsel followed by a debate

LENIN IN OCTOBER
8:30PM | SIFF Cinema at the Uptown
| Pre-Show Performance



Evgeny Ruman | Israel 2010 | 50 | Hebrew, Russian w/subtitles | Comedy

Special Program: Seattle Jewish Theater Company performs the first scene from The Last Night of Ballyhoo

Sponsored by: Rabbi James and Julie Mirel

Thanks to an unexpected inheritance from his uncle in Kiev, Grisha's dream of owning a restaurant comes true. The catch? He must name it "Red October" and feature a bust of Lenin - not an easy find in Ashdod, Israel. As the sculptor-comrade promises a proletarian utopia, the staff threatens to strike. Food, family and fanatic ideology make for an offbeat comedy of errors.

Thursday, March 22

LET MY PEOPLE GO!
7:00 PM | SIFF Cinema at the Uptown



Mikael Buch | France 2011 | 87 | French, Finnish w/subtitles | Romantic Comedy

Ruben returns to Paris after breaking up with his Finnish boyfriend, only to face the expectations of his Jewish mother (Carmen Maura) and brewing family melodrama. Laced with fantasy and Jewish humor, this kitschy farce is an absurdist journey that both celebrates and sends up gay and Jewish stereotypes.

Community Partners: Congregation Tikvah Chadashah, Three Dollar Bill Cinema

LITTLE ROSE (RÓZYCZKA)
9:10PM | SIFF Cinema at the Uptown



Jan Kidawa-Blonski | 2010 | Poland | 118 min | Polish w/subtitles | Espionage Thriller

Sponsored by: Arthur and Rose Rosenwach

Polish secret policeman Rozek enlists his naïve, gorgeous girlfriend Kamila to spy and infiltrate the life of a respected writer suspected of Zionism and pro-Western sympathies. However, Kamila and the professor develop an affectionate bond in repressive 1960s Poland. An award-winning film inspired by a true story.

Special Appearances: Director Jan Kidawa-Blonski and actress Magdalena Boczarska (via pre-recorded Skype interview)

Saturday, March 24

WUNDERKINDER
7:30PM | SIFF Cinema at the Uptown



Marcus O. Rosenmüller | Germany | 2011 | 100 min | German w/ subtitles | Narrative Drama

Plays with: WITH MY OWN EYES (short)
Ilana Cone Kennedy | USA 2011 | 18 | English | WSHERC Educational Short

Sponsored by: Cathy Sarkowsky and Max Sarkowsky, Alphanographics

From the producers of Europa Europa comes this universal tale of Jewish musical prodigies whose friendship with a talented German girl overcomes barriers of religion and nationality despite the onset of war.

Special Guest: Greetings from German Consul General Peter Rothen

Community Partners: Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany, WA State Holocaust Education Resource Center
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RABIES
9:30PM | SIFF Cinema at the Uptown



Aharon Keshales, Naot Papushado | 2010 | Israel | 90 | Hebrew w/subtitles | Horror

A group of unsuspecting teenage travelers cross paths with a serial killer in the woods but find themselves trapped by misunderstandings and their own fears of danger. Israel's first slasher movie weaves horror and political commentary with unexpected twists that will leave their mark.

Special Guest: Film critic Robert Horton (Everett Herald, KUOW) discusses Israel's foray into the horror genre

Sunday, March 25

SHORTS PROGRAM:
12:15PM | SIFF Cinema at the Uptown



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Sponsored by: Amy Buckalter, City of Seattle, Office of Arts & Cultural Affairs

KOSHER (short)
Isabelle Stead | France, UK 2010 | 9 | French w/subtitles | Narrative Short

What happens when a lonely Orthodox Jewish boy makes friends with a little pig?

STARRING DAVID (DAVID DE STER) (short)
Ester Gould | Netherlands 2010 | 19 | Dutch w/subtitles | Doc Short

A 12-year-old Dutch-Chinese boy embarks on a spiritual journey toward Judaism. A funny, sweet film about faith, identity and belonging.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN: BIDDIE SCHITZERMAN (short)
Francine Zuckerman | Canada 2010 | 8 | English | Narrative Short

An 80-year-old rip-roaring comedienne plans a final performance with her loyal sidekick.

NOT YOUR TIME: A MUSICAL (short)
Jay Kamen | USA 2010 | 25 | English | Narrative Short

A long-suffering screenwriter takes matters into his own hands in this dark comic musical fantasy, featuring Jason Alexander and Kathy Najimy, with countless Hollywood insider cameos.

Special Guest: Director Jay Kamen

100 YEARS OF HADASSAH, A CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION: DORFMAN
2:00 PM | SIFF Cinema at The Uptown



Brad Leong | USA 2011 | 97 | English | Romantic Comedy

Presented by: Hadassah - Seattle, Chapter & the Pacific Northwest Region

Eager-to-please suburban accountant Deb Dorfman (Sara Rue, Eastwick) gladly agrees to cat-sit in revitalized downtown LA, where - in spite of her cantankerous father (Elliot Gould) - she experiences her own renaissance amid a kaleidoscope of bohemian neighbors. The right mix of romance, Jewish humor, dysfunction, and LA in-jokes make this antic comedy sparkle.

Special Event: Followed by "100 Years" Cast Party with Hadassah members and passholders at The Maxwell Hotel.

Special Guests: Writer Wendy Kout and producer Leonard Hill (confirmed), actors Elliot Gould and Sara Rue (invited)

MY LOVELY SISTER (ACHOTI HAYAFAA)
Sephardic Spotlight
4:30PM | SIFF Cinema at The Uptown



Marco Carmel | Israel 2011 | 91 | Hebrew, Arabic w/subtitles | Narrative Drama

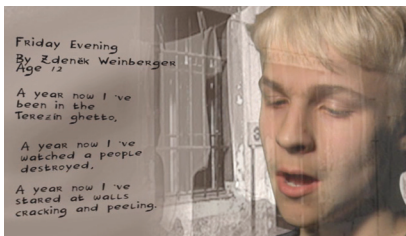
Plays with THE FIG TREE (LA HIGUERA) (short)
Alejo Moreno | Spain | 2010 | 14 min | Spanish w/subtitles | Narrative Short

Sponsored by: Harley and Lela Franco, Marilyn and Wayne Weissman

Blending Sephardic superstition, magical realism and an Eastern-flavored core, this charming and beautifully acted film about sibling rivalry and reconciliation is based on a Moroccan Jewish folk tale. Nominated for 9 Israeli Academy Awards, including Best Actress.

Community Partner: SAMIS FOUNDATION

CLOSING NIGHT CENTERPIECE
CONCERT & FILM: THE BOYS OF TEREZIN
7:30PM | SIFF Cinema at the Uptown



John Sharfry | 2011 | USA/Canada/Israel/Czech Republic | 52 min | English | Doc

Presented by: Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle

Risking their lives, a 100 teenage boys incarcerated at the Terezin concentration camp created stories, poems and illustrations for a secret magazine, VEDEM. Most perished, but the pages were miraculously preserved. After 65 years, four surviving "Boys of Terezin" reunite in Seattle for Mina Miller, Music of Remembrance premiere of a new oratorio inspired by their courage, idealism and passionate resistance. **The first 100 high-school students are free!**

Special Program: Seattle's acclaimed Northwest Boychoir, directed by Joseph Crnko, in a live performance that includes excerpts from the remarkable music and words they brought to vivid life in the film. Mina Miller introduces this memorable evening. Greetings from Consul General Peter Rothen.

Special Guests: Film Director John Sharfry and Mina Miller; MOR Artistic Director

Community Partners: Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany and Music of Remembrance

VIDAS LARGAS: SPOTLIGHT ON SEPHARDIC LIFE

SPONSORED BY LELA AND HARLEY FRANCO IN HONOR OF THEIR PARENTS, BOB AND LUCY FRANCO & ABRAHAM AND SARINA SABIN

Come Laugh, Cry, Love, Celebrate, Gather, Learn and Journey with the Seattle Jewish Film Festival as we usher in our first Spotlight and Film Series on Sephardic Life, VIDAS LARGAS, or "Long Life" in Ladino.

Sephardim (descendants of Spanish Jews) have played a prominent role in local Seattle history since the early twentieth century and Jewish history, across the wider Mediterranean region and beyond, for millennia, especially since forced expulsion from Spain in 1492. Rich in culture, customs and zest for life, Sephardi Jews have been major contributors to Jewish and secular intellectual life, liturgy, musical and literary traditions, song, dance, and cuisine - all with unique vivaciousness and verve.

Sephardic cultures are further enriched by their own lyrical, cross-pollinated languages, including Judeo-Arabic, Judeo-Persian tongues, and most notably, Ladino (Judeo-Spanish). Interestingly, the term "Sephardic" is now more broadly understood to encompass both Jews of Iberian origin in the strict sense, as well as of North African, Middle Eastern, aka Mizrahi, Persian, Central Asian, and sometimes even Ethiopian background who may have nothing to do with Spain.

This year's Spotlight on Sephardic Life pays tribute to Seattle's unique heritage as home to the third largest Sephardic population in the US, most from Turkey and Rhodes, while VIDAS LARGAS by extension celebrates the rich and vibrant multiplicity of Sephardic Life's portrayal on screen through life stories, sagas and fables from Spain, Greece, Rhodes, Turkey, Thessalonica, Morocco, Algeria, Egypt, Iraq France and Israel.

Live Long, Live Large. L'Chaim!

THE FLOOD | Opening Night Film | Thursday, March 15

MY SWEET CANARY | Speaker: UW Professor Davin Naar | Sunday, March 18 | Followed by an echar lashon ("coffee klatsch")

FREE MEN | AJC Bridge Series Showcase | Sunday, March 18

IRAQ N'ROLL | Monday, March 19

MY LOVELY SISTER | Sunday, March 25

Sephardic Spotlight Community Partners: Congregation Ezra Bessaroth, SAMIS FOUNDATION, Seattle Sephardic Brotherhood, The Summit at First Hill/Kline-Galland and The Samuel and Althea Stroum Jewish Studies program at University of Washington

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AJC is a global advocacy organization, fostering democracy and human rights, while seeking to enhance the peace and security of the Jewish people and Israel. Our advocacy has influenced outcomes through diplomatic, legislative and interreligious partnerships. AJC's agenda is focused on four critical issues: Israel's security, the Iran nuclear threat, energy independence and security and immigration reform.

AJC BRIDGE SERIES: DIALOGUE FILMS
To highlight AJC's bridge-building mission at the Festival, this film series will delight audiences and engage them in deeper dialogue with AJC experts, scholars, filmmakers and guest speakers addressing interfaith/intergroup relations, Israel, immigration and issues of the day.

International Relations:
MY SO-CALLED ENEMY | Director Lisa Gossels | Building Bridges Through Dialogue | Sunday, March 18

Intergroup Dialogue:
FREE MEN | Director Ismaël Ferroukhi and actor Tahar Rahim (invited) | Sunday, March 18

Israel:
THE JUDGE | Intro by Marc Stern, AJC General Counsel followed by a debate | Wednesday, March 21 | SIFF Cinema at The Uptown

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