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GENERAL INFORMATION

- Ticket hotline receptionists are volunteers, please be patient. For detailed questions re schedule, programming, sponsorship, volunteering, special needs, call the AJC/SJFF office at: 206.622.6315x5
- Tickets can be purchased online until about an hour prior to screening time
- Online and phone purchases are will-call only and can be picked up the Festival Box Office, open 30 minutes prior to screenings at all venues.
- Processing fee for online/phone purchases is \$1.25 Per item, max \$5 total. No fees for tickets purchased in person.
- All passes are non-refundable and, except for Flex Pass, non-transferable. Pass holder seating reserved until 15 minutes prior to screening. Arrive early to guarantee seating.

SeattleJewishFilmFestival.org

INFORMATION: 206.622.6315 • TICKETS: 206.324.9996

TICKET SALES

GENERAL ADMISSION

- \$11 General admission
- \$8 AJC Members, Student with valid ID/Youth under 13/Seniors 65+ (ID required at will call)
- \$8 SIFF members for SIFF Cinema films only
- \$8 Groups of 12 or more (phone orders only: 206.324.9996)

SPECIAL EVENTS

TOM DOUGLAS LAUNCH PARTY

- \$25 General | \$50 Red Carpet Experience includes goodie/swag bag
- Advance ticket sales only. Only VIP Sponsor Pass includes admission. All others require special event ticket.

OPENING & CLOSING NIGHTS

- \$18 | \$11 Student/Seniors
- Only VIP Sponsor & Festival Plus Passes includes admission. All others require special event ticket.

MATZOH MOMMA SUNDAY BRUNCH & FAMILY FILM

- \$20 | \$15 Student/child/senior | \$60 family of 4
- All Passes include one admission.

PASS SALES

SJFF FESTIVAL PASS BASIC

- \$165 | \$135 AJC Member/Student/Senior 65+
- All general admission films and Matzoh Momma Sunday Brunch.

SJFF FESTIVAL PASS PLUS

- \$200 | \$175 AJC Member/Student/Seniors
- All ticketed film events (including opening and closing nights) and Matzoh Momma Sunday Brunch (Does not include Launch Party)

SJFF FLEX PASS: "8 PUNCH & BRUNCH"

- \$85 | \$65 AJC Member/Student/Senior 65+
- Includes 8 general admission film "punches" and one passholder admission to Matzoh Momma Sunday Brunch.

FESTIVAL BOX OFFICE

ADVANCE SALES

Passes and tickets for films and special events are non-refundable and can be purchased online, through our ticket hotline, or in person/walkup: SIFF Cinema, 321 Mercer Street (check times) or SIFF Offices, 400 Ninth Ave. N (regular business hours).

DAY OF SHOW

Same-day tickets can only be purchased in person at the Festival Box Office, open 30-minutes prior to screenings at our venues, AMC Pacific Place II & SIFF Cinema. Please check website homepage or Facebook to learn if screenings are sold out.



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AJC SEATTLE JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL

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Ahead of Time
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Matchmaker

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Human Resources Manager
In the Family
Jews & Baseball
Nora's Will
The Trotsky
100 Voices: A Journey Home

AJC STAFF/BOARD PICKS:

AJC Bridge Series
Delicious Peace
The Round Up

100 Voices
Precious Life

MEET THE DIRECTOR/SPEAKERS

100 Voices: A Journey Home
Human Resources Manager
A Jewish Girl in Shanghai
Trees Cry for Rain

Delicious Peace
In the Family
Precious Life
The Round Up

FEATURE FARE: COMEDIES & DRAMAS

Anita (bittersweet drama)
The Concert (light-fare comedy)
Human Resources Manager (offbeat, comedy/drama)
Matchmaker (coming of age)
Nora's Will (offbeat)
The Round Up (star-studded)
The Trotsky (coming-of-age farce)

FOR THE KINDER (KIDS TO TEENS)

A Small Act (all ages)
Jews and Baseball (all ages)
A Jewish Girl in Shanghai (7+) Klezmatiks (all ages)

LITERALLY: BOOK CLUB OUTINGS

Amos Oz
Human Resources Manager
Ahead of Time

FAMILY HEALTHCARE

In the Family
Wrong Side of the Bus
Precious Life

JEWISH ACT/IVISM IN AFRICA

A Small Act
Wrong Side of the Bus
Delicious Peace

INDEPENDENT LENS: FILM-LOVERS

A Film Unfinished
He's My Girl
The Trotsky
Ahead of Time
Human Resources Manager

VIVE LE FRENCH

The Concert
He's My Girl
The Round Up
The Trotsky

2011 ANNUAL AJC "SWEET 16TH" SEATTLE JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL



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BUILDING BRIDGES: WELCOME

"All the world is a narrow bridge and the main thing is not to be afraid."

Rav Nachman of Breslev's (1772-1810) words have been interpreted foremostly as unbridled optimism, encouraging the triumph of hope over fear—something that has resonated with Jews living in turbulent times for centuries. More recently, Rabbi David Wolpe poses a different interpretation: "The world is a bridge on which we pass from one thing to another... The secret is not to find a safe place, but to navigate the narrow crossing and remain unafraid."

As the premiere Jewish event in the Pacific Northwest, AJC Seattle Jewish Film Festival (SJFF) is emblematic of AJC's core mission, promoting interethnic, interfaith and intergroup understanding and cooperation, fostering democratic and religious pluralism and universal human rights, while standing up to racism, bigotry and intolerance. In this sense, navigating a narrow bridge means the ability to both partner—link arms in the same direction—as well as make or give way to others crossing your path. Dialogue is the foundation for mutual understanding.

Shining a bright light on the cultural, ethnic, religious and demographic diversity, this year's Festival introduces the **"AJC Bridge Series,"** spotlighting four films about the global Jewish experience in concert with other communities followed by vibrant discussion with AJC experts, filmmakers and guest panelists. Meet **Jason Isaacson** and **Randy Brown**, **AJC Director of Government and International Affairs** and **AJC Asst. Director of Interreligious & Intergroup Relations**, respectively, as well as filmmakers **Curt Fissel** and **Ellen Friedland** who will discuss their film **Delicious Peace Grows In A Ugandan Coffee Bean** about a Jewish/Muslim/Christian fair-trade coffee cooperative. Don't miss the opportunity Opening Night to meet SJFF 2011 REEL Difference Award recipient, Israeli Director **Eran Riklis** (**Syrian Bride**, **Lemon Tree**, **Human Resources Manager**), whose work underscores the hapless absurdity of border crossings and immigration policies.

In all, the **"Sweet 16th"** Annual AJC Seattle Jewish Film Festival showcases intercultural exchanges and dialogues in a stellar lineup of 30 critically acclaimed international, independent films, thoughtful programming and enthralling guests, musical performances and panel discussions you won't cross paths with anywhere else.

Make way 520—Seattle bridges will widen.

Come join us and thank you for your support!

Pamela Lavitt
Pamela Lavitt
Festival Director

David Brumer
David Brumer
AJC Board Member / Festival Co-chair

Wendy Kaplan
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BRIDGE SERIES

March 13 - PRECIOUS LIFE
March 14 - DELICIOUS PEACE
March 17 - THE ROUND UP
March 20 - 100 VOICES

"Building bridges of mutual understanding" has been AJC's tag-line for many years. This year, AJC Seattle Jewish Film Festival's theme is "building bridges" - through cinema and dialogue, in community and across global and cultural divides and our new AJC Bridge Series features four (4) incredible films that explore AJC's bridge-building mission through film, musical performance and in vibrant discussion with filmmakers, scholars and guest artists. This series promises to engage, delight and transport audiences.



Sunday, March 13 | 4:30 PM | AMC Pacific Place II PRECIOUS LIFE Centerpiece Film & Panel Discussion

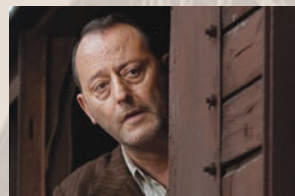
With war in Gaza imminent, four-month-old Muhammad needs a costly bone-marrow implant—which only an Israeli hospital can perform—or he will die.

AJC DIALOGUE: Panel of medical experts, bioethicists and AJC's Director of Government and International Affairs, Jason Isaacson. Moderated by Margaret Larsen, host of KING-5 "New Day Northwest."

Monday, March 14 | 7:30 PM | SIFF Cinema DELICIOUS PEACE Jewish Act/ivism in Africa

In 2003, a Jewish coffee farmer in Uganda joined forces with his Christian and Muslim neighbors to form an interfaith, fair-trade coffee cooperative.

AJC DIALOGUE: Director Curt Fissel and Producer Ellen Friedland.



Thursday, March 17 | 7:30 PM | SIFF Cinema THE ROUND UP (LA RAFLE)

Set during one of the darkest moments in modern French history, The Round Up is a pathbreaking, star-studded dramatic re-creation of the Vichy regime's imprisonment of 13,000 Parisian Jews in 1942.

AJC DIALOGUE: Introduction by Simone Rodan-Benzaquen, AJC's Representative in France.

Sunday, March 20 | 7:30 PM | SIFF Cinema 100 VOICES: A JOURNEY HOME Closing Night Film & Concert

A group of the world's finest cantors returns to Poland for a series of exhilarating, historical concerts in this deeply moving documentary. Pre-film concert with Cantor Nathan Lam and Seattle Jewish Chorale.

AJC DIALOGUE: Directors Mathew Asner and Danny Gold, Cantor Nathan Lam and Rabbi Randy Brown, AJC Assistant Director of Interreligious & Intergroup Relations



All films general admission except Closing Night. See ticket page for pricing. We suggest you purchase tickets early.

AJC 2011 GLOBAL FORUM

A GLOBAL VOICE FOR A GLOBAL ERA

These are immensely complex times. Israel is confronted by ever-present dangers. The U.S.-Israel relationship faces new challenges. Many Jewish communities around the globe are anxious about anti-Semitism, in all its guises. As our interconnected world grows more complex, AJC's value has surged.

AJC's unparalleled access to key decision-makers around the world and our ability to effect change has strengthened Jewish well-being and advanced democratic values. Our network of intergroup relationships also continues to expand worldwide, and we have ties to almost every significant faith and ethnic group. AJC's longtime commitment to human freedom, human rights, and human dignity for all is unwavering.

Together, we can continue to write history. Let's ensure that the best days of the Jewish people are ahead of us.

JOIN US FOR THE 2011 AJC GLOBAL FORUM

April 27-29
Grand Hyatt Hotel
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Register by March 15 and save \$150



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Adam Goldblatt
President

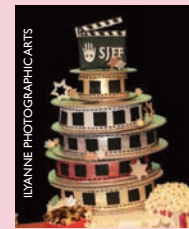
Wendy Rosen
AJC Director



TOM DOUGLAS LAUNCH PARTY Thursday, March 3 | 7-10 PM | Pallace Ballroom

Our Premiere "Red Carpet" Party showcases "culinary bridges" and creative Jewish cuisine, an international "spice market" of global flavors, rhythms by The Eli Rosenblatt Band and short films. Don't miss this swanky kick-off to our spicy "Sweet 16!" Great fare, fanfare, friends and film fabulousness in one fell swoop!

Tickets: \$25 | \$50 "Red Carpet Experience" includes goodie/swag bag



OPENING NIGHT FILM AND FESTIVITIES

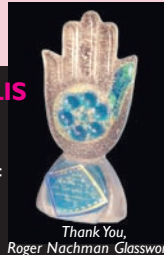
Saturday, March 12 | 7:30 Program Begins | AMC Pacific Place II

Our "Sweet 16" kicks off with a triple treat: (1) Keynote Welcome from Jason Isaacson, AJC's Director of Government and International Affairs. (2) Discuss Opening Night Film HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGER with the film's illustrious Director Eran Riklis. (3) Enjoy scrumptious "Sweet 16 Treats" from Sponsors Holly Levin and Blazing Bagels. The Cake Lady will serve up one of her masterpiece creations. **Special Guest: Dir. Eran Riklis**

MEET 2011 REEL DIFFERENCE AWARD WINNER ERAN RIKLIS



On Opening Night, SJFF proudly applauds an internationally and critically acclaimed Israeli director, whose films—SYRIAN BRIDE (SJFF 2006) and LEMON TREE (SJFF 2009)—are magnificent examinations of the hapless surrealism of national borders—political, psychological, metaphorical.



MATZOH MOMMA SUNDAY BRUNCH & FAMILY FILM Sunday, March 13 | AMC Pacific Place II, 2nd Floor | 10 AM Brunch | 11 AM Film

Matzoh Momma Catering proudly hosts an incredible spread of fresh, homemade, flavorful Jewish comfort food to start your first Festival Sunday off right, with music by The Jim Mirel Shalom Klezmer Band. Followed by the film, JEWS & BASEBALL. Kids in baseball shirts or hats win a prize!



IL FORNAIO VIP GALA By Invitation | RSVP Only Sunday, March 13 | 6:45 PM

Following this year's "AJC Bridge Series" Centerpiece Film & Panel: PRECIOUS LIFE, enjoy delicious, rustic breads and authentic dishes, great wine and Tiramisu. In the tradition of Italian trattorias. Rub shoulders with SJFF special guest artists and VIPs.

AJC BRIDGE SERIES CLOSING NIGHT: 100 VOICES & CONCERT Sunday, March 20 | 7:30 Program Begins | SIFF Cinema | "Sweet 16 Treat" Sponsor: Top Pot Doughnuts

SHORT FILM PROGRAM

AT TOM DOUGLAS LAUNCH PARTY, STREAMING ON INDIEFLIX.com
AND PAIRED WITH FEATURE FILMS AT THE FESTIVAL (CHECK LISTINGS)



(ROCK THE) BELZ d. Kaveh Nabatian, 2009, Canada, 5 min.

Featuring the music of Socalled, this whimsical and bittersweet short mixes a traditional Yiddish ballad with rap and puppetry. **Plays with THE KLEZMATICS: ON HOLY GROUND**

AUTOMATION

d. Nati Meir, 2010, Israel, 12 min.

Haim lives near Sderot, puts up billboards for a living and is stricken with panic attacks and hallucinations.

Plays with THE MATCHMAKER



BANANA BREAD

d. Barton Landsman, 2009, USA, 9 min.

Matt Meyerson has a worried Jewish mother. In his case, she actually has good reason to worry.

Plays with NORA'S WILL

MIRACLE LADY

d. Moran Somer & Michal Abulafia, 2009, Israel, 10 min.

An old, forgotten miracle changes the fates of two old ladies.

Plays with TREES CRY FOR RAIN



SELTZER WORKS d. Jessica Edwards, 2010, USA, 7 min

In the early 1900s, thousands of seltzer deliverymen criss-crossed the nation, schlepping heavy glass bottles full of fizzy water to millions of thirsty customers. Meet a third-generation Seltzer man.

Plays with JEWS AND BASEBALL

THE TAILOR

d. Gordon Grinberg, 2011, USA, 6 min.

The Tailor is a hilariously charming tale and homage to the past, with a present day twist.

Plays ONLY at Tom Douglas Launch Party



SHORT FILM VENUES:



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FILM SCHEDULE MARCH 12-20

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SATURDAY, MARCH 12 | AMC PACIFIC PLACE

OPENING NIGHT FILM, TREATS & FESTIVITIES THE HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGER (Shlichato shel ha'Memuna al Mashabei Anosh)



7:30 PM Program Begins
Eran Riklis | Israel, Germany, France, Romania 2010 | 103 mins | Drama-Comedy | Hebrew, English and Romanian w/subtitles
A Jerusalem bakery human resources manager goes above and beyond the call of duty, and discovers his own humanity, while escorting the body of a suicide-bomb victim back to her Romanian homeland in this quirky and humane drama that won five Israeli Ophir Awards, including Best Picture. Dir. Eran Riklis (SYRIAN BRIDE, THE LEMON TREE) turns in a quirky, humane, and observant drama, adapted from a story by celebrated Israeli novelist A.B. Yehoshua. Join us after for centerpiece cake!

Special Guests: Director Eran Riklis and AJC's Jason Isaacson
Community Partners: Consulate General of Israel to the Pacific Northwest
"Sweet 16 Treat" Sponsors: Holly Levin/The Cake Lady & Blazing Bagels

STROM JCC HOSTS "PARENTS NIGHT OUT" Sat. March 12 | 5 - 10:45 PM | SJCC Mercer Island & Seattle North End locations

Your kid(s) will enjoy a pizza dinner, games, art projects, and at the Mercer Island location, the pool. It's a win-win situation for the whole family.
Registration: \$25 first child | \$15 siblings. Pre-K-5th grade.
RSVP: sjcc.org, mattk@sjcc.org or 206.388.0830. Specify which location.

SUNDAY, MARCH 13 | AMC PACIFIC PLACE

MATZOH MOMMA SUNDAY BRUNCH & FAMILY FILM JEWS AND BASEBALL: AN AMERICAN LOVE STORY WITH SHORT: SELTZER WORKS 10:00 AM Brunch | 11:00 AM Film

Dir. Peter Miller | Canada, USA 2010
91 mins. | English | Documentary
A rousing homage to the national pastime sure to delight fans and non-fans alike of all ages, the film charts the historic and cultural contributions of the greatest Jewish baseball leaguers ever to step onto the field. Narrated by Dustin Hoffman.

Brunch Sponsor: Matzoh Momma Catering
Community Partners: Camp Solomon Schechter, Congregation Bet Chaverim, NW Yeshiva High School, Stroum JCC & URJ Camp Kalsman

THE KLEZMATICS: ON HOLY GROUND 1:00 PM Dir. Erik Greenberg Anjou | USA 2010 | 106 mins. | English | Documentary WITH SHORT: (ROCK THE) BELZ

A delightful look at the colorful personalities and creative process behind the Grammy Award-winning, New York-based, klezmer fusion band. Defying categorization, the geniuses of The Klezmatics have been breaking ground by redefining Jewish music for more than 20 years, in collaboration with diverse groups such as Pilobolus Dance Theatre, Itzhak Perlman, Tony Kushner, and Joshua Nelson.

A JEWISH GIRL IN SHANGHAI 12:50 PM Dir. Wang Genfa | China 2010 | 80 mins. | Mandarin w/subtitles | Animation

Rina and her younger brother courageously flee from Austria to Shanghai, and wait for their parents' emigration to the Chinese neighborhood where 30,000 Jews took refuge during WWII. With exquisite animation, this endearing story about the strong bond of friendship between the children and a local Chinese boy merchant is based on the ground-breaking graphic novel by Wu Lin and is the first Chinese film shown at the Jerusalem Film Festival. (Reading Age: 7+. Some violent images of war, and depictions of Nazi perpetrators and Japanese military.)

Introduction by: Yomi Braester, UW Professor of Comparative Literature and Chinese Cinema
Community Partners: Secular Jewish Circle of Puget Sound

TREES CRY FOR RAIN: A SEPHARDIC JOURNEY WITH SHORT: MIRACLE LADY 3:00 PM Dir. Bonnie Burt | USA 1989 | 40 mins. | English and Ladino w/subtitles | Doc

This fascinating movie opens a personal vista onto the rich but vanishing Sephardic culture and its language, Ladino. With stories, songs, food, and music, the eloquent Rachel Amado Bortnick, an American immigrant from Turkey, shares the traditions and food ways that were passed down to her through the generations.

Special Guest: Rachel Amado Bortnick, founder of "Ladino komunita"
Community Partners: Seattle Sephardic Brotherhood & Washington State Jewish Historical Society
"Sweet 16 Treat" Sponsor: Eli Varon (homemade biscochos)

INGELORE 3:15 PM Dir. Frank Stiefel | USA 2009 | 40 mins. | English and American Sign Language | Documentary

Filmmaker Frank Stiefel artfully compiles this moving tribute to his mother, Ingelore, a deaf Jewish woman who endured unimaginable

isolation and suffering in Nazi Germany only to reclaim her dignity and freedom by traveling to America. Her silent eloquence expresses the horror and confusion of her tumultuous childhood and ultimate triumph.

Community Partner: Senior Services

AJC BRIDGE SERIES CENTERPIECE SCREENING & PANEL DISCUSSION

PRECIOUS LIFE 4:30 PM Dir. Shlomi Eldar | Israel 2010 | 86 mins. | Arabic, English, and Hebrew w/subtitles | Documentary

Sponsored by Deborah and Doug Rosen
With war in Gaza imminent, four-month-old Muhammad needs a costly bone marrow implant—which only an Israeli hospital can perform—or he will die. Shortlisted for a 2011 Oscar for Best Documentary Feature, Dir. Shlomi Eldar, an Israeli TV news reporter, chronicles a medical cliffhanger that produces moral and ethical contradictions for all involved. A remarkably evenhanded platform for dialogue and debate, PRECIOUS LIFE is a moving cinematic bridge between warring factions.

Medical Ethics Panel: Dr. Howard Franklin, MD, DrPH (Dean of UW School of Public Health), Rabbi Moshe Kleitenik (Bikur Cholim/Jewish medical ethics expert) and others. Moderated by Margaret Larson, Host of KING's "New Day Northwest"
Community Partners: Alexander Muss School in Israel, Bet Alef Meditative Synagogue, and Maimonides Society Medical Professionals

THE MATCHMAKER (Once I Was) 7:50 PM Dir. Avi Nesher | Israel 2010 | 112 mins. | Hebrew w/subtitles

SHORT: AUTOMATION
It is the summer of 1968 in Haifa, soon after the Six-Day War. Sixteen-year-old Arik gets a job working for Yankele, a mysterious Romanian matchmaker and a Holocaust survivor, who introduces him to a quirky cast of characters in this strong, accessible, character-driven drama, nominated for seven Israeli Ophir Awards, including Best Picture.

Community Partners: American Technion Society Northwest Chapter and Consulate General of Israel to the Pacific Northwest

MONDAY, MARCH 14 | SIFF CINEMA

JEWISH ACT/IVISM IN AFRICA

WRONG SIDE OF THE BUS 6:00 PM
Dir. Rod Freedman | Australia 2009 | 56 mins. | English | Documentary
Sidney Bloch, a professor of psychiatry from Australia, has suffered from a troubled conscience for forty years. He returns to Cape Town for his medical school reunion to resolve his guilt about his lack of courage in resisting apartheid, but what will it take to free him from his past? He and his son seek out out victims of apartheid, political activists and colleagues who remained in South Africa and made a difference. What truths or reconciliations will it take to free Sid from his past?

Introduction by: Dr. Ron Schneeweiss, who appears in the film
Community Partner: Anti-Defamation League Pacific NW Region & Congregation Beth Shalom

AJC BRIDGE SERIES

DELICIOUS PEACE GROWS IN A UGANDAN COFFEE BEAN 7:30 PM

Dir. Curt Fissel | Uganda/USA 2010 | 40 mins. | English | Documentary
In 2003, a Jewish coffee farmer in Uganda joined forces with his Christian and Muslim neighbors to form an interfaith, fair-trade coffee cooperative. Now, the standard of living of the farmers is improving, and their message of peace and fair wages while spreading to coffee customers all over the United States, has particularly inspired interfaith and Jewish congregations, social-action committees and Bar/Bat mitzvah projects to purchase and raise awareness about the farmers' plight. Narrated by Ed O'Neill.

Special Guests: Director Curt Fissel & Producer Ellen Friedland
Community Partners: Kol HaNeshamah: West Seattle's Progressive Synagogue, Small Changes & Young Leadership Division
"Sweet 16 Treat" Sponsors: Trabant Coffee and Chai & Central Co-op

A SMALL ACT 9:00 PM Dir. Jennifer Arnold | USA 2010 | 88 mins. | English and Swedish w/subtitles | Documentary

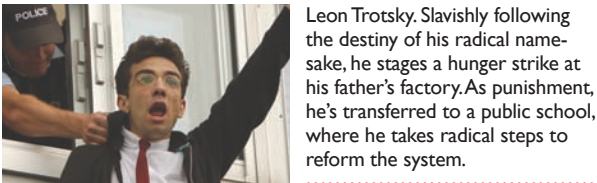
This moving documentary tells the story of Hilde Back, a Holocaust survivor living in Sweden, who for \$15 a month sponsored a young, rural Kenyan student. Now a Harvard graduate and human rights lawyer for the United Nations, Chris Mburu decides to find the stranger who changed his life. Inspired by her generosity, he starts a scholarship program in her name. This inspiring film interweaves seemingly separate lives into a cohesive whole with clarity and grace, and bears witness to the ripple effect a single action can create.

Community Partner: Anti-Defamation League Pacific Northwest Region

TUESDAY, MARCH 15 | SIFF CINEMA

THE TROTSKY 7:00 PM Dir. Jacob Tierney | Canada 2009 | 113 mins. | English | Feature

Leon Bronstein (Jay Baruchel), a well-to-do 17-year-old Jewish geek in Montreal, is convinced he's the reincarnation of Bolshevik revolutionary



Community Partners: Herzl-Ner Tamid Conservative Congregation, Temple Beth Am & Temple B'nai Torah

A FILM UNFINISHED 9:30 PM Dir. Yael Hersonski | Germany/Israel 2010 | German, Polish, Hebrew, Yiddish w/subtitles | Documentary

This powerful, layered documentary achieves a remarkable feat: a penetrating look at the now-infamous, unfinished Nazi propaganda film about the Warsaw Ghetto that historians relied on as an authentic record. Interviews with surviving "actors" and cameramen shake our uncritical trust in the photographic image and the way we perceive the historical past.

Introduction: Richard Block, UW Professor Germanics Department
Community Partners: Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany and Samuel & Althea Stroum Jewish Studies Program at UW

STROM JCC SENIOR FILM & BAGEL LUNCH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16 | NOON

THE KLEZMATICS: ON HOLY GROUND Cost: \$7 | RSVP Required: 206.232.7115 x269 or ronia@sjcc.org NO Tickets sold @ door or online. Seating limited.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16 | SIFF CINEMA

AMOS OZ: THE NATURE OF DREAMS 6:15 PM Dir. Masha Zur Glazman, Yonathan Zur | Israel 2009 | 86 mins. | English, German, Hebrew w/subtitles | Doc

Take an intimate journey alongside Amos Oz, one of Israel's greatest and most controversial authors, a rare voice of reason and compassion, and a staunch advocate for peaceful coexistence. Truly poetic, the film opens a window onto a fractious Israel and asks if reconciliation is really possible.

Sweet 16 "Literary" Treat Sponsor:
Polyglot, Stories from the West's Wet Edge

ANITA 8:40 PM Dir. Marcos Carnevale | Argentina 2009 | 104 mins. | Spanish w/subtitles | Feature

A terrorist bombing in Buenos Aires opens the world of a girl with Down syndrome and propels her on a life-changing journey in this poignant family drama. Wandering the city to find her mother and brother, she receives help from unexpected places and touches the lives of those she meets.

Introduction by: The Arc of King County
Community Partners: Jewish Family Service Seattle

THURSDAY, MARCH 17 | SIFF CINEMA

AJC BRIDGE SERIES THE ROUND UP (La Rafle) 7:30 PM Dir. Roselyne Bosch | France 2010 | 115 mins. | French w/subtitles | Feature

Set during one of the darkest moments in modern French history, THE ROUND UP is a wrenching, dramatic re-creation of the Vichy regime's imprisonment of 13,000 Parisian Jews in 1942, with a star-studded cast including Jean Reno (THE DAVINCI CODE), Mélanie Laurent (INGLOURIOUS BASTERDS, THE CONCERT) and Gad Elmaleh (PRICELESS). One of the most anticipated movies of the festival by producer Ilan Goldman (LAVIE EN ROSE). It's not to be missed!

Introduction by: Robert L. Herschkowitz, survivor & Holocaust educator
Community Partners: American Association of Teachers of French in honor of Holocaust teacher Susan Redd, Washington Coalition of Rabbis & Washington State Holocaust Education Resource Center

AHEAD OF TIME 9:45 PM Dir. Bob Richman | USA 2009 | 73 mins. | English, Hebrew w/subtitles | Documentary

American writer, journalist, photographer, diplomat and humanitarian, Ruth Gruber had a remarkable journey as an eyewitness to some of history's most important moments, including the founding of Israel. Covering stories from the frozen tundras of Alaska and the Soviet Arctic to arid Middle Eastern deserts, Ruth Gruber didn't just report the news...she made it!

Community Partners: Kline Galland Home/Summit at First Hill

SATURDAY, MARCH 19 | SIFF CINEMA

THE CONCERT (Le Concert) 9:30 PM | Dir. Radu Mihaileanu France 2009 | 119 mins. | French, Russian w/subtitles | Feature

Introduction by: Brad Eaton, Classical KING-FM 98.1 AM host
A former Russian conductor, ousted for having kept on the Jewish musicians during the Communist era, now works as a janitor at the

Bolshoi Concert Hall. He intercepts a fax invitation for the Bolshoi Orchestra to perform in Paris. As clever revenge, he organizes a rag-tag ensemble of old musicians to perform instead. A hilarious romp and poignant reunion, starring Melanie Laurent (INGLOURIOUS BASTERDS, THE ROUND UP).

Community Partner:
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SUNDAY, MARCH 20 | SIFF CINEMA

PANEL DISCUSSION: GENETICS, FAITH & FAMILY Dedicated in Blessed Memory of Merrily Laytner, z"l

IN THE FAMILY 1:00 PM
Dir. Joanna Rudnick | USA 2010 | 88 mins. | English | Documentary
Sponsored by Floyd and Delores Jones Cancer Institute at Virginia Medical Center
At 31, filmmaker Joanna Rudnick tests positive for the BRCA mutation and faces an impossible decision: remove her breasts and ovaries or risk incredible odds of developing cancer. IN THE FAMILY is a ground-breaking investigation, intensely personal and timely, that explores the wrenching decision the director faces as she attempts to answer the question: How much do you sacrifice to survive? The film has strong local resonance, featuring Dr. Mary-Claire King, a geneticist at UW, world-renowned for BRCA mutation research, and the Hanke family of Vancouver, WA, who will all join us.

Special Guest Panel: Dir. Joanna Rudnick, Dr. Mary-Claire King (UW Genome Sciences), Cathleen M. Goetsch (ARNP/Genetics Counselor/Virginia Mason), Julie Hanke and daughters Corrin, Rachael and Stacy. Moderated by Joanne Silberner, UW Journalism School and former NPR Health Policy Correspondent.

NORA'S WILL (Cinco Dias Sin Nora) 3:30 PM Dir. Mariana Chenillo | Mexico 2010 | 90 mins. | Spanish w/subtitles | Feature

SHORT: BANANA BREAD
Nora had a plan to bring her ex-husband José and the rest of their family together for a magnificent Passover feast after her suicide. But a mysterious photograph from the past leads José to re-examine their relationship and rediscover their past. Winner of seven Mexican Academy Awards, this comedic melodrama is laden with unfolding secrets. Winner of 7 Mexican Academy Awards.

HE'S MY GIRL (La Folle Histoire D'Amour De Simon Eskenazi) 5:30 PM | Dir. Jean-Jacques Zilbermann | France 2009
90 mins. | French w/subtitles | Feature
In this wry comedy, clarinetist Simon Eskenazy (last seen in MAN IS WOMAN) has so much going on that he can't finish his Klezmer record. Distractions abound: a hypochondriac mother, an ex-wife and son who reappear after 10 years, a lover whom he daydreams about and an Arab transvestite set on dazzling him. An intelligent comedy about lost souls finding love.

Community Partners: Bashert: The LGBTQ Initiative, Congregation Tikvah Chadasha & Three Dollar Bill Cinema

AJC BRIDGE SERIES CLOSING NIGHT FILM & CONCERT

Dedicated in Blessed Memory of Cantor Harry P. Silversmith z"l (Pnchas Zvi, 1910-1991)
Beloved Sweet Singer of Israel.

100 VOICES: A JOURNEY HOME
7:30 PM Program Begins
Dir. Matthew Asner and Danny Gold | France 2010 | 91 mins. | English, Polish, Hebrew & Yiddish w/subtitles
Sponsored by: Dillon Design and Construction, Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle & razzmatazzjewelry.com
A group of the world's finest cantors, including Nathan Lam, "Cantor to the Stars" from Stephen S. Wise Synagogue in Los Angeles, returns to Poland for a series of exhilarating, historical concerts in this deeply moving documentary. Their emotional mission of reconciliation celebrates the resilience of Jewish tradition and the power of music to build bridges and heal hearts.

Special Guests: Directors Matthew Asner & Danny Gold, and AJC's Rabbi Randy Brown. Pre-film Concert Features Cantor Nathan Lam & Seattle Jewish Choral

Community Partners: Seattle Jewish Choral and Seattle Men's Chorus
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