

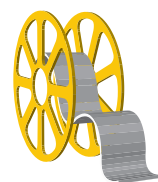


General Information

All films are presented at Celebration! Cinema North located at the corner of Knapp St. & East Beltline, Grand Rapids, MI

All Individual Tickets are \$6.00.
For tickets and information contact
the Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids:
(616) 942-5553
2727 Michigan NE,
Grand Rapids, MI 49506
or visit us at
www.jewishgrandrapids.org

Despite our best intentions and efforts,
sometimes arrangements go awry.
If necessary, we reserve the right to change
or cancel movies or locations.



**Sunday, May 2
through
Thursday, May 6, 2010**

At  **Celebration!
Cinema North**

ELI & BEN

CAMERA OBSCURA

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NORA'S WILL

Welcome to the 2010 Jewish Film Festival

Welcome to the 12th Annual Jewish Film Festival of Grand Rapids, sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids. We are thrilled to be back at the beautiful Celebration! Cinema North. Jack Loeks Theaters and Celebration! Cinema have been very avid supporters of the Jewish Film Festival. Please be sure to help us in expressing our gratitude to our generous hosts.

Listed elsewhere in the program are Film Festival committee members, many of whom spent a considerable amount of time screening films, attending committee meetings, making arrangements for special events and volunteering to usher and sell tickets.

The committee has selected a variety of movies: documentaries, dramas, and comedies in English or subtitled. The material is generally family oriented although parental guidance is always a good idea.

Also listed in the program is a roster of our sponsors. Their generous donations allow us to keep individual ticket prices affordable for film lovers.

On behalf of the Film Festival committee and the Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids, thank you for your interest and patronage.

Enjoy!

The Twelfth Annual Film Festival Steering Committee.

Jewish Film Festival Mission Statement

The mission of the Jewish Film Festival of Grand Rapids is to entertain and to educate. The festival uses the power of film to challenge conventional perspectives on complex and dynamic issues facing the Jewish people and the community as a whole. It also provides a forum for the Grand Rapids community to dialogue with filmmakers, producers, writers and expert panelists. Please join us as the festival brings our community together for five days of cultural enlightenment and entertainment.

Jewish Film Festival Committee

Donna Boorstein • Jeff Bootzin • Sari Cohen
Sheila Frank • Rick Hay • Stephanie Hurwitz
Bev Knopp • Lori Jacobs • Julian Joseph • Michelle Kanig
David Reifler • Sue Remes • Karen Sigal
Judy Subar • Bernice Weiner • Mort Zukerman

Our Sponsors

*The Jewish Film Festival Committee would like to thank
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Fan (\$50.00)

Mort Zukerman

brilliance to eroticism, horror and madness, with flashbacks to the physical and psychological demoralization he endured under Commandant Klein in the Sterring death camp. Stein appears to have everyone stymied and overawed, but an unusual new patient seems to have the magnetic power to break him free of the grip of his relentless torment.

Guest speaker:
Grand Rapids native
film director
Paul Schrader



NORA'S WILL (5 DIAS SIN NORA)

Thursday, May 6th
7:30 p.m.

Spanish with
subtitles

90 min

Before dying, Nora schemes a plan to make José, her ex-husband, take care of her corpse. But she is missing something. For the only flaw in the plan – a mysterious photograph forgotten under the bed – will lead to an unexpected outcome reminding us that the biggest love stories are sometimes hidden in the smallest places.



ELI & BEN

Sunday, May 2nd

3:00 p.m.

FAMILY MATINEE

Special Family Admission Price: Max \$18 per family

Hebrew with subtitles

89 min

Eli is 12 years old and his world is turned upside down when his father, the City Architect of Herzelya, is charged with taking bribes. The father is taken into custody right before Eli's eyes and the news makes its way into the newspaper and the school ground alike. Eli is convinced that his father is innocent. He intends to draw on the full reserves of his innocence and mischief to see to it that his father is released. But the path would not be easy. Eli will have to face injustice, corruption and pretense, among both adults and children. He will have to shape his own principles and stick to them. In the process he will re-discover his father and taste the bitter sting of first love.



CAMERA OBSCURA

Monday, May 3rd

7:30 p.m.

Spanish & Yiddish with subtitles

86 min

At the end of the 19th century, a baby girl is born only feet from the new world as a ship of immigrants docks in Buenos Aires harbor. Shy and self-conscious, Gertrudis grows up and into her role as the ugly duckling in a colony of Argentinean Jews. She fashions herself almost invisible, even hiding her face in photographs. After she is married



off to an older, wealthy Jewish rancher, Gertrudis meets expectations and raises a family. The years pass and she finds solace in the beauty of everyday life, turning the tasks of setting the table or preparing a meal into aesthetic pursuits. One day her husband invites a gentle, nomadic French photographer to take a family portrait. His wondrous Surrealist photographs and uncompromising vision, allow Gertrudis to see herself for the first time.

Guest speaker:
photographer David Lubbers

SPRING OF 1941

Tuesday, May 4th

7:30 p.m.

English

Rated ®

97 min

Spring of 1941 is the story of Clara, her husband, and two daughters, a Jewish family seeking shelter as Nazis storm Poland. They find a safe house in the farm of Emilia, their local grocer. After her husband was taken to fight for his country and does not return, Emilia is all alone in the large house. Under the horrors of the war and the agony of death that surrounds, an impossible love triangle erupts.

The fragile arrangement, made only in order to live, is tested again and again.

In 1971 world famous Cellist Clara Plank returns to Poland for the first time. She is the guest of honor in a gala concert to be held in her home town. But the familiar sights and faces are so powerful that her mind wanders to that one spring, 30 years earlier, when that terrible war came to destroy her world.



Wednesday, May 5th

4:30 p.m.

Children's Festival

WHITE BALANCE

Hebrew with English subtitles

50 min

Twelve year-old Itamar has a deep passion for ice skating. However, he is slowly losing his hearing, which forces him away from his singular passion.

Itamar refuses to accept his doctor's orders and his parents' wish that he stay away from the ice rink. Enter Natalie, his new skating partner, who is a wild and disobedient girl. Together they struggle and grow within a complicated world of adolescence.



MIDDLE EASTERN DINNER

Wednesday, May 5th

6:00 p.m.

in the Wave Room at Celebration! Cinema

Adults: \$7.00 – Children (12 and younger): \$5.00

**R.S.V.P. by May 3rd to the Jewish Federation
at 942-5553**

ADAM RESURRECTED

Wednesday, May 5th

7:30 p.m.

English

Rated ®

106 min

Adam Resurrected follows former Berlin magician and circus impresario Adam Stein (Jeff Goldblum), an enthralling, enigmatic patient at a remote Israeli rehabilitation outpost for Holocaust survivors.

Entertainer, clairvoyant, sophisticate and lothario, Stein veers from