



**Celebration!® Cinema North**

**Sunday, May 5 Family Matinee 4:30 pm**

## SPECIAL INTERVIEW

55 minutes Israeli Documentary / Hebrew with subtitles



Two young people with disabilities become star reporters in this uplifting documentary. Efrat Dotan is 27 years old and has Down syndrome; 20 year-old Matanel Bitton has developmental disabilities. Efrat and Matanel spend

their days at Israel's SHALVA; The Association for Mentally & Physically Challenged Children, where they are taught life skills that enable them to reach their maximum potential. They have interviewed many well-known personalities but their dream is to interview President Barak Obama. We follow them on a journey as they pursue their dream and allow us a peek into their unique world.



**Guest speaker: Johnnie Tuitel, motivational speaker**  
[www.ruthfilms.com/films/new-releases/special-interview.html](http://www.ruthfilms.com/films/new-releases/special-interview.html)

## DINNER AT THE CINEMA

**Catered by Jimmy John's 6:00 pm**



**Sunday Deals:**  
**1 Movie & Dinner \$10.00**  
**2 Movies & Dinner \$15.00**

RSVP by May 3rd to JFGR at  
 616-942-5553 or Sari@jfgr.org



**ADMISSION IS \$6.00 PER FILM. FLEX PASS TICKETS for 8 Admissions are \$36.00 and are available until May 1st at JFGR. For more info call 616-942-5553 or email sari@jfgr.org**

**Sunday, May 5 7:00 pm**

## A BOTTLE IN THE GAZA SEA

99 minutes French-Israeli Drama

French, Hebrew, English and Arabic with subtitles

17 year-old French-Israeli teen, Tal, writes a letter, slips it into a bottle and has her brother throw it into the sea near Gaza. A few weeks later, Tal hears from a young Palestinian, Naim, who has found the letter. As a vigorous e-mail correspondence ensues, Tal and Naim begin to follow each other's lives.



[www.hd-trailers.net/.../a-bottle-in-the-gaza-sea/](http://www.hd-trailers.net/.../a-bottle-in-the-gaza-sea/)

**Monday, May 6 7:30 pm**

## THE LAST SURVIVOR

84 minutes Documentary / English

*The Last Survivor* is an award-winning, feature-length documentary film that presents the stories of four survivors and their struggle to make



sense of tragedy, by working to educate a new generation, inspire tolerance and spark a civic response to mass atrocity crimes. Following the lives of survivors of four different genocides and mass atrocities – The Holocaust, Rwanda, Darfur, and Congo – *The Last Survivor* presents a unique opportunity to learn from the lessons and mistakes of our past in order to have a lasting social impact on how we act collectively in the face of similar issues which still exist today.

**Guest Speakers: Dr. Robert Franciosi; GVSU English professor and Abubakar Rassol, Darfur survivor**

[www.thelastsurvivor.com](http://www.thelastsurvivor.com)

Tuesday, May 7

7:30 pm

## KADISH FOR A FRIEND

94 minutes German Drama

German, Arabic and Russian with English subtitles

A moving tale of reconciliation and forgiveness amidst an ancient conflict. Inspired by a true story, this film transcends that clichéd theme as the pivotal relationship crosses deep ethnic and religious divisions between Jews and Arabs.

Muslim teen, Ali Messalam, and his family move into Berlin's Kreuzberg area, where he is pressured by his friends to vandalize the apartment of his elderly, feisty Russian neighbor, Alexander Zamskoy. To avoid being deported, Ali's parents send him back to Zamskoy's place to repair the damage. This coming-of-age story, inspired by two real people, is a stirring feature debut by Moscow-born, German filmmaker, Leo Khasin.



[www.youtube.com/watch?v=PEOnWncyEmc](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PEOnWncyEmc)

Wednesday, May 8

6:00 pm

## FILM FESTIVAL DINNER

### Israel Independence Day Middle Eastern Dinner



**Festival Raffle  
in the Wave Room**

**Catered by  
RAAD'S Mediterranean Grill**



Adults: \$8.00 - Children (12 and younger): \$5.00

RSVP by May 3rd to the Jewish Federation

At 942-5553 or [Sari@jfg.org](mailto:Sari@jfg.org)

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

For information call: Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids,  
616-942-5553 or visit [www.jewishgrandrapids.org](http://www.jewishgrandrapids.org)

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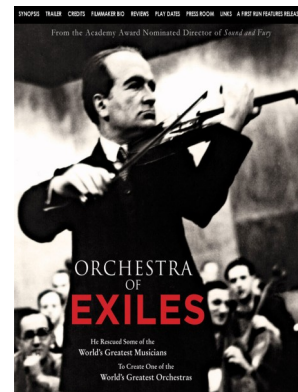
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7:30 pm

## ORCHESTRA OF EXILES

85 minutes Documentary / English

Featuring Itzhak Perlman, Zubin Mehta, Pinchas Zukerman, Joshua Bell and others, *Orchestra of Exiles* is the suspenseful chronicle of how one man helped save Europe's premiere Jewish musicians from obliteration by the Nazis during WWII. In the early 1930's, Hitler began firing Jewish musicians across Europe. Overcoming extraordinary obstacles, violinist Bronislaw Huberman moved these great musicians to Palestine and formed a symphony that would become the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra. With courage, resourcefulness and an entourage of allies including Arturo Toscanini and Albert Einstein, Huberman saved close to 1000 people.



**Guest Speaker: Josh Aronson,**

**Producer/Director of the film**

[www.aronsonfilms.com/Orchestra\\_Trailer.html](http://www.aronsonfilms.com/Orchestra_Trailer.html)

Thursday, May 9

7:30 pm

## REMEMBRANCE

105 minutes German-Austrian Drama

German, English, Polish with English subtitles

Inspired by true events, *Remembrance* is a remarkable love story set against the backdrop of the darkest of times. A German concentration camp in Poland, 1944: romance blossoms between a young Jewish woman, Hannah (Alice Dwyer) and Polish political prisoner Tomasz (Mateusz Damięcki). They steal passionate moments together and fueled by love, they manage a daring escape. But during the chaos and confusion of the last moments of war, they lose all trace of one another. More than thirty years later, happily married New Yorker Hannah (Dagmar Manzel) sees a familiar face on TV. Could it really be Tomasz, the man she loved and lost all those years ago?



[www.yousendit.com/download/UW14R0IkRkVGOJ4Tk1UQw](http://www.yousendit.com/download/UW14R0IkRkVGOJ4Tk1UQw)