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## Courage

Dear movie lovers,

I am so excited to welcome you to the 15th Hong Kong Jewish Film Festival; this is a very special year for many reasons.

Firstly we have a new partner and venue, the Asia Society Hong Kong Center, and I know you will all enjoy the change of scenery in this stunning location. We are very appreciative to the Asia Society for helping us reach all their members, helping us to grow our audience and diversity considerably.

In addition this year we have more films than ever before, 23 feature length movies plus 4 shorts. There are so many exceptional movies I would be hard pressed to name my favorite, but there really is something for everyone...

This past summer was a hard one for every Jew in terms of what was going on in Israel and the growing anti-Semitism in Europe. Our opening film 24 Days is a harrowing and often uncomfortable look at what is happening in France today, and we felt it our duty to shine a light on the situation, hoping in some small way we can somehow wake up an oblivious world. We can only pray for peace and tolerance.

Courage was an easy decision as a theme, most of our films have a hero or heroine who stands up for their beliefs, faces adversity and understands what needs to be done. We are proud to do our small part in bringing you their stories.

Thank you to my wonderful board for all their hard work, and thank you all for your continued support.

Looking forward to seeing you at the movies

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "debby". The signature is stylized with a long, sweeping horizontal line underneath the name.

Debby Amias  
chair



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Dear Friends,

We are all here to welcome the launching of the annual Hong Kong Jewish Film Festival as it kicks off its 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary on November 29 , a memorable date to us all as it is exactly 67 years for the UN resolution on the creation of a Jewish State.

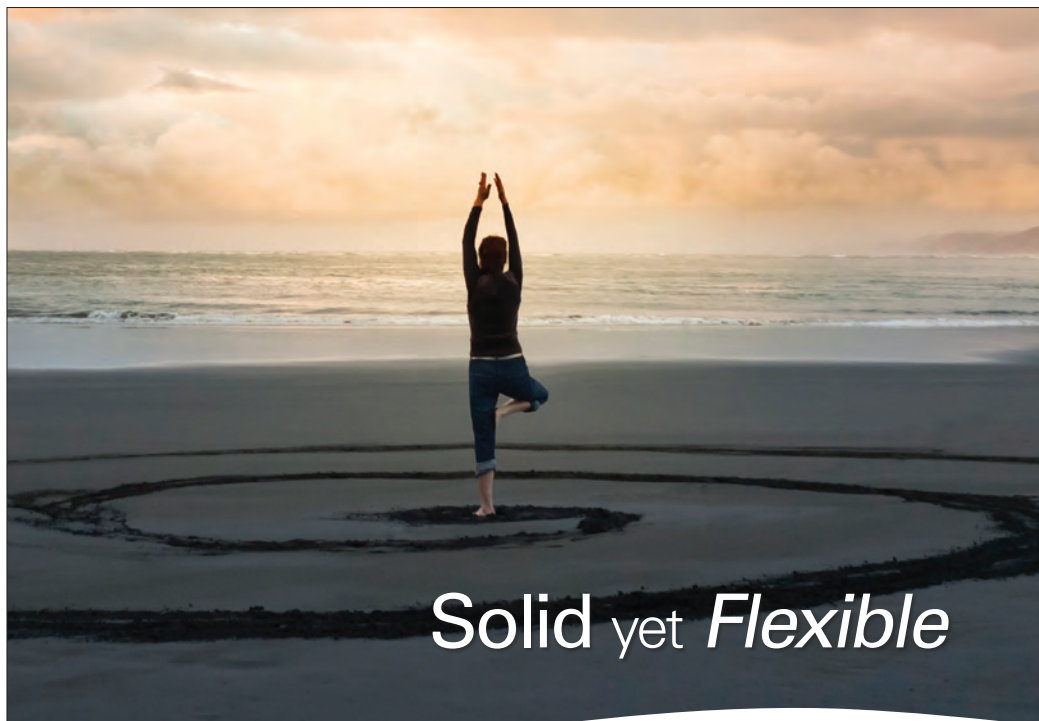
The Hong Kong Jewish Film Festival has always been an important highlight of the year for the movie goers of Hong Kong and Macao. This year will be an exciting one as the festival has a new partner, Asia Society, Hong Kong Centre, and the screening of all 27 world-class films will be held at this venue for the very first time.

The theme of the films this year will be on the concept of "courage". This indeed reflect the innovative spirit, enthusiasm and ambition of the HKJFF.

Special acknowledgement must be attributed to the Chair Mrs. Debby Amias for her leadership and to the board members of the HKJFF, for their vision and relentless work.

Heartiest congratulations to HKJFF and Asia Society, Hong Kong Centre, for every success in their endeavors. May this happy cooperation continue to bring joyfulness and enlightenment to the audiences in the future.

  
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Our loyalties lie first and foremost with our members, acting as their voice in advising the Israeli Government in matters affecting businesses and the economy, providing members with business information and opportunities, and facilitating networking through a variety of Chamber activities.

The Jewish Community and the Chamber members have enjoyed the spectacular movies we have seen the past 15 years. Thanks to Sharon Ser and her team.

Movies are wonderful entertainment. You can express happiness, love, sorrow and harmony. I see this event as a significant culture exchange between the Jewish nation and the Chinese society in Hong Kong as well as the rest of the community.

**We couldn't have come this far without you.**

Best wishes

Rafael Aharoni

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## Maccabi World Union (HK Chapter) Ltd. Hong Kong – Macau – China

On behalf of Maccabi World Union - Hong Kong – Macau – China, the Board of Directors and myself, my heartiest congratulations to Hong Kong Jewish Film Festival on its 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

The Jewish Community and our Maccabi members have enjoyed the spectacular movies we have seen for 15 years. The film festival has gone from strength and strength, especially under the leadership of Sharon Ser. I am sure this film festival will grow even bigger and better in the future.

At this opportunity, on behalf of Maccabi World Union - Hong Kong – Macau – China, the Board of Directors and myself, my heartiest congratulations to the wonderful team who participated in the 19<sup>th</sup> Maccabiah Games on 18 July 2013.

Your hardship, your determination and devotion to succeed has shown the outstanding result by bringing 10 medals back!

You have given a tremendous pride to the Jewish Community of Hong Kong, to the world Jewish Community and the State of Israel.

At this opportunity, I would like to congratulate Daniel Gordon who has been appointed as President of Maccabi Hong Kong, Macau, China for his tireless work that he has given all of us in order to accomplish this event and make it a success.

I also would like to thank Jeremy Levy for all his time and effort that he has put through the years not only for Maccabi but for the Israeli Chamber of Commerce, for ZAKA and for many many other occasions that he volunteered himself his time and his money to help the Jewish Community of Hong Kong and the State of Israel.

I would like to thank all of our supporters, members and friends for the encouragement they have given us over the years. We couldn't have come this far without you.

**CHAZAK CHAZAK V'NITCHAZEK!**

Rafael Aharoni  
Chairman



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### Message from ZAKA Hong Kong – Macau - China

Congratulations on the 15th Anniversary of the Hong Kong Jewish Film Festival!

The Jewish Community and the Chinese society have been enjoying various kinds of Israeli films for years. Under the leadership of Sharon Ser and her team, I am sure the film festival will grow even bigger and better in the future.

The ZAKA rescue and recovery organization has been carrying out its sacred work in Israel and abroad for twenty years. Twenty years of selfless dedication to saving those who can be saved and honoring those who cannot.

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As a result of these international activities and especially during the years in which terror has invaded our lives, ZAKA has been recognized as an integral part of the rescue and recovery framework in Israel.

I look forward to having your support at our up-coming event soon!

Best wishes

Rafael Aharoni

**We couldn't have come this far without you!**



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Maccabi HK won 10 medals at the Maccabiah Games in Israel in 2013 with every athlete proud to represent their community.

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*We wish continuous success  
to the Hong Kong Jewish  
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# 24 Days

(24 Jours: La vérité sur l'affaire Ilan Halimi)

24 天



'A white-knuckle dramatization' The Hollywood Reporter

Sticking dangerously close to the real-life incident that inspired it, 24 Days offers up a white-knuckle dramatization of the nearly month-long kidnapping and torture of 23-year-old Ilan Halimi, whose traumatic ordeal at the hands of the "Gang of Barbarians" prompted a massive police manhunt and, eventually, a national outcry against anti-Semitism in France.

A powerful and timely film by one of France's most celebrated filmmakers.

「劇本令人驚慄」。荷里活報導者

二十三歲的伊蘭·哈廉米遭「野蠻人幫綁架及折磨幾近一個月，吃了不少苦頭。警方展開大規模的追捕行動，最終令法國人民強烈譴責國內的反猶主義。《24 天》根據這件真實事件改編，劇本令人驚慄。

電影由法國享負盛名的製片人製作，劇力萬鈞，也是切合時宜之作。

導演亞力山大·亞卡迪及路德·哈廉米將會出席這場放映會。

France 2014 | Drama |  
French with English and  
Chinese subtitles | 110 mins  
Director: Alexandre Arcady

SATURDAY

NOVEMBER

29

7:30 PM

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## PRESS QUOTES

- "Terrific Cast" (Hollywood Report)
- "Gripping and carefully-plotted thriller" (Toronto Jewish Film Festival 2014)

**Director Alexandre Arcady, and the mother of Ilan Halimi, Ruth Halimi will both be in attendance.**

Film to be followed by our famous dessert party, kindly sponsored by Jonathan and Isabelle Liberman.

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Germany, France 2013 |  
Drama | Polish, Yiddish, Hebrew  
and German with English and  
Chinese subtitles | 107 mins  
Director: Pepe Danquart

## Run Boy Run (*Lauf Junge Lauf!*) 跑啊，男孩，跑啊

SUNDAY  
**NOVEMBER**  
**30**  
1:00 PM

波蘭語、意第緒語、希伯來語、德語，  
附中、英文字幕。



A superlative saga of courage and compassion, *Run Boy Run* tells the extraordinary true story of a Polish boy who seeks the kindness of others in his solitary struggle to outlast the Nazi occupation and keep alive his Jewish faith.

An unforgettable cinematic experience featuring exceptional performances, arresting cinematography and transcendent musical score, *Run Boy Run* is directed by Oscar-winner Pepe Danquart and based on the bestselling Holocaust novel by Israeli author Uri Orlev.

納粹軍佔領了波蘭。一個波蘭男孩獨自掙扎求存，希望能捱過這段艱苦歲月。他也竭力維持自己的猶太教信仰。在這段日子中，他曾向多人求助。他的真實經歷令人驚歎。這齣優秀的影片，把人类的勇氣及同情心表露無遺。

電影中演員精湛的演出、引人入勝的攝影及卓越的配樂，都令觀眾留下深刻印象。執導的是奧斯卡大獎得主比比·丹桂，而劇情則是根據以色列作家尤理·柯利夫一本暢銷的小說改編。小說的主題為第二次世界大戰時納粹軍對猶太人的大屠殺。

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24 Days, Secrets of War and Run Boy Run  
at selected schools in Hong Kong.**



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'The Hong Kong Holocaust and Tolerance Resource Centre Limited' and sent to  
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USA 2013 | Drama | English  
| 17mins  
Director: Sam Zalutsky

## *How to Make it to the Promised Land*

SUNDAY  
**NOVEMBER**  
**30**  
3:20 PM

followed by  
Secrets of War



Lizzie, a precocious teenage girl, is forced to play a Holocaust role-play "game" while attending a Jewish camp. A short film to make you think...

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# Secrets of War

France, Germany | 2014 |  
Family Drama, Adventure  
| Dutch, English Subtitles |  
95 mins  
Director: Dennis Bots



SUNDAY

**NOVEMBER**  
**30**

3:40 PM

preceded by  
How to Make it to the  
Promised Land

In 1943, two young best friends in the Nazi-occupied Netherlands find their bond put to the supreme test in this bittersweet ode to innocence lost. Set in 1943 against the backdrop of World War II, *Secrets of War* tells a story of youth thrust into an all-too-adult world, where the loyalties and betrayals of childhood have stakes higher than anyone could imagine. Conflict rages across Europe and the Nazis have occupied the Netherlands, but for twelve-year-old best friends Tuur (Maas Bronkhuyzen) and Lambert (Joes Brauers), not much seems to have changed: they still go to school each day, and still play "War" with their wooden guns in the forest and underground caves just outside their small village. But the realities of the conflict soon intrude on their familiar world: Lambert is bullied over his family's affiliation with the local Nazi party, while Tuur's parents and brother are mysteriously quiet on the subject of a resistance group rumoured to be developing in the town. When the boys begin to compete for the attentions of Maartje (Pippa Allen), a young newcomer to their class, their bond is put to the test. And when Maartje grows closer to Tuur, Lambert's jealousy sets in motion a series of events that will alter all three children's lives. Adapted from Jacques Vriens's bestselling young-adult novel (inspired by events that occurred in the author's native region of South Limburg), *Secrets of War* is a harrowing account of friendship and courage. Skilfully and sensitively directing a talented young cast, Dennis Bots handles the difficult subject matter with reverence. Both a gripping wartime drama and an affecting coming-of-age story, the film is a bittersweet ode to innocence lost.

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*In honour of the grandmother (o.b.m) appearing in Life in Stills and also Vivienne Piciotto, Anneke Patria, Ketty Grossman, my mother and all the other feisty women of a certain age in the community.*

***Sharon Ser and the Feisty Ladies***



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## Life in Stills

Germany, Israel 2011 |  
Hebrew with English subtitles |  
60mins  
Director: Tamar Tal



SUNDAY

**NOVEMBER**  
**30**

5:35 PM

Israel's most famous photographer, Rudi Wasserstein, gave the nation some of its most iconic images. But his momentous photo studio, still run by his 96 year-old widow, Miriam, is in trouble. In this delightful, intimate portrait, the camera follows the relationship between the stubborn, feisty Miriam and her gentle grandson as they struggle with property developers to save the shop and its archive – home to over a million of Rudi's priceless negatives – for the nation's heritage. A touching, funny portrait of two generations who don't always see eye to eye but find strength in each other.

### PRESS QUOTES

"Unique and moving, a great film" Ha'aretz

**The grandson, Ben Peter, will be in attendance.**

With many thanks to our sponsor Sharon Ser, honouring her mother Irene Ser, and Vivienne Piciotto, Anneke Patria, Ketty Grossman and all other feisty women in the Hong Kong community of a certain age.

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Successful Year*

*debby, jeremy and ellie amias*



# *In Silence*

(*V tichu*)

Slovakia, Czech Republic  
2014 | Drama | English and  
Slovak with English subtitles |  
84 mins  
Director: Zdeněk Jiráský



SUNDAY

**NOVEMBER**  
**30**

6:50 PM

A highly original, visually stunning and emotionally devastating film that celebrates the musicians whose lives were lost in the Holocaust.

Czech director Zdeněk Jiráský had planned his film to be a documentary but, through the amassing of material, ended up with a highly original drama. The level of invention and intensity is unforgettable and brings home the power of cinema.

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Israel 2013 | Drama | Arabic  
and Hebrew with English  
subtitles | 84 mins  
Director: Adi Adwan

## Arabani

SUNDAY  
**NOVEMBER**  
**30**  
8:35 PM



Winner at the Jerusalem International Film Festival. A closed and deeply conservative Druze community is scandalized by the return of one of its native sons in Arabani, the first film by an Israeli-Druze filmmaker.

Newly divorced from his Jewish wife, Yosef arrives in the village of Sumaka with his two unruly teenage kids. A suspicious community turn on him and his children, as they start new relationships and romances with the locals, causing tensions to erupt.

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# *Hanna's Journey*

*(Hannas Reise)*

Germany, Israel 2013 |  
Drama | English, Hebrew  
and German with English  
subtitles | 100 mins  
Director: Julia von Heinz



Monday

**DECEMBER**

**1**

7:00 PM

Unexpected romantic complications arise when a young German student, Hanna, travels to Israel to further her career. When an Israeli colleague starts goading her with Holocaust jokes and cynical comments on German history, tensions rise but so do romantic interests....

Based on the Theresa Bäuerlein novel, *Hanna's Journey* is a provocative and engaging examination of the after-effects of the Holocaust on third-generation Germans and Israelis. It also features beautiful camerawork by award-winning cinematographer Daniela Knapp, who contrasts the hot, chaotic bustle of Tel Aviv and Jerusalem with the wintry symmetry of Berlin.

**Producer Saar Yogev will be in attendance.**

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Venezuela, Argentina,  
Uruguay, USA 2013 | Drama  
| Spanish, Arabic, Hebrew  
and French with English  
subtitles | 90 mins  
Director: Joel Novoa

## G-d's Slave (Esclavo de Dios)

MONDAY

DECEMBER

1

9:00 PM

Disturbing images



Taut and mesmerising, fast action drama-thriller, based on the true story of the 1994 bombing of the Jewish community centre in Buenos Aires.

Award-winning young Venezuelan director Joel Novoa Schneider draws compelling performances from his two troubled protagonists: one a 'sleeper' terrorist, activated to carry out a deadly mission and the other, a Mossad agent, desperate to avoid past mistakes and prevent tragedy.

Fresh and unpredictable from start to finish this is an outstanding debut from one of the rising stars of Latin American cinema.



# Wakolda

(The German Doctor)

德國醫生

Argentina, France, Norway,  
Spain 2013 | Drama |  
Spanish, German, Hebrew  
with English subtitles | 93mins  
Director: Lucia Puenzo



Lucia Puenzo's striking *Wakolda* premiered in Cannes 'Un Certain Regard, 2013, and was immediately snapped up by the Toronto International Film Festival.

A deeply atmospheric and eerily gripping thriller, set in the stunning landscape of the Patagonian hills in the 1960s, about an innocent family who unknowingly welcomes a Nazi war criminal into their home.

When Nazi-hunting news reports start showing up on the TV, locals start sensing that something is wrong, and that the family is in danger.

這齣驚險電影氣氛緊張怪異，令人恐懼，把觀眾壓得透不過氣來。故事發生在 1960 年代，地點為風景優美的巴塔哥尼亞山區（位於南美）。內容講述一個純真的家庭，在不知情的情況下收留了一名納粹戰犯。

這個家庭的成員包括一名懷了孕的母親及一名身材嬌小的女兒，而所有家人都視那名戰犯為朋友。不久，電視的新聞節目開始報導關於追捕納粹黨員的消息。當地的人覺得有點不對勁，並擔心那名戰犯會危害那家人的安全 ...

TUESDAY

**DECEMBER**

**2**

11:00 AM

and

THURSDAY

**DECEMBER**

**4**

9:05 PM

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# Anywhere Else

(Anderswo)

Germany, Israel 2014 |  
Comedy/ Drama | German,  
English, Hebrew and Yiddish  
with English subtitles | 84  
mins  
Director: Ester Amrami



TUESDAY

**DECEMBER**

**2**

7:00 PM

Fresh from its prize-winning debut at the Berlin Film Festival comes this charming film about a young Israeli woman figuring out where and with whom she feels most at home.

Filled with humour and emotional depth, and featuring engaging performances from the entire cast, including star Neta Riskin (Shtisel), as Noa, who is torn between her gorgeous German boyfriend and her crazy Israeli mother.

Starring: Neta Riskin, Golo Euler, Hana Laslo, Hana Rieber, Dovaleh Reiser, Romi Abulafia, Kosta Kaplen Best Independent Film at the 2014 Karlovy Vary International Film Festival.

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# Transit

運輸

Phillipines 2013 | Drama |  
English, Hebrew, Filipino,  
Tagalog with English and  
Chinese subtitles | 93 mins  
Director: Hannah Espia



TUESDAY

DECEMBER

2

8:50 PM

Transit was the Filipino entry for the 2014 Best Foreign Film Oscar.

When Moises, a Filipino caregiver comes home to Tel Aviv for his son Joshua's fourth birthday, his world is turned upside down by the unnerving news that children of foreign workers are at risk of deportation following the passing of a new law.

A thoughtful and moving film that captures both the beauty and dangers of a foreign city as both a place of opportunity and a source of anxiety for immigrants. Director Hannah Espia explores with sensitivity the theme of home and national identity in the globalized world.

莫西斯來自菲律賓，在以色列當護理員，住在台拉維夫。這一天，他特地回到台拉維夫慶祝兒子（約書亞）的四歲生日。就在此時，他獲悉以色列通過了新法例，法例規定：外地勞工的子女可能會被驅逐出境。這一消息令莫西斯緊張兮兮，更把他的生活弄得七顛八倒。

對移民來說，異地城市既能提供機會，也能帶來憂慮。這齣電影能把異地城市的優點和風險都刻畫出來，十分感人。導演漢娜·艾斯彼亞以細膩的手法，探討在全球化的世界裡，家庭和民族認同這些主題。

英語、希伯來語、菲律賓語、塔加族語，附中、英文字幕。

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# Noodle

小麵條

Israel 2007 | Drama |  
Hebrew and Mandarin with  
English and Chinese subtitles  
| 90mins  
Director: Ayelet Menahemi



WEDNESDAY

DECEMBER

3

11:00 AM

A charming and deeply moving comic-drama about a young Israeli woman and an abandoned Chinese boy whose lives converge in the most surprising manner.

Miri, a thirty something flight attendant lives with her volatile sister Gila, who is in the throes of a mid-life crisis. Returning home from work one day Miri thinks nothing of being asked to look after their Chinese maid's young son. But when she fails to return Miri finds herself with a six year old Chinese boy silently waiting for his mother to come back. Flawless script, witty dialogue and well crafted visuals are all spiced up with a sensitive insight into human lives and loves, turning this film into a memorable cinematic experience.

希伯來語、普通話、附中、英文字幕。

這齣喜劇討人喜歡，又感人至深。故事講述一名年輕的以色列女子及一名遭遺棄的男童的故事。二人的生活意外地匯合起來，引發一連串事件。

美莉今年三十多歲，是航空公司的空中服務員。她跟姊姊芝娜同住。芝娜處於中年危機的困境之中，脾氣壞極了。一天，美莉下班後回到家裡。她那中國籍的女傭請她暫時代為看管自己年幼的兒子。最初美莉不以為意，但女傭一去不返，剩下那個六歲的中國男孩靜靜地等著母親回來。美莉怎樣處理這個男孩呢？本片的劇本無懈可擊，對白幽默，視覺效果極佳，對人類的生活和親情有敏銳的洞察力，令觀眾回味無窮。

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#### 29 NOV SATURDAY

7:30 PM	24 Days 24 天	Presented with Chinese subtitles (有中文字幕)
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#### 30 NOV SUNDAY

1:00 PM	Run Boy Run 跑啊，男孩，跑啊	Presented with Chinese subtitles (有中文字幕)
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3:20 PM	How to Make it in the Promised Land followed by Secrets of War	
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5:35 PM	Life in Stills	
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6:50 PM	In Silence	
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8:35 PM	Arabani	
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#### 1 DEC MONDAY

7:00 PM	Hanna's Journey	
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9:00 PM	G-d's Slave	
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#### 2 DEC TUESDAY

11:00 AM	Wakolda/The German Doctor 德國醫生	Presented with Chinese subtitles (有中文字幕)
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7:00 PM	Anywhere Else	
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8:50 PM	Transit 運輸	Presented with Chinese subtitles (有中文字幕)
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**3 DEC WEDNESDAY**

11:00 AM	Noodle 小麵條	Presented with Chinese subtitles (有中文字幕)
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7:00 PM	Under the Same Sun	
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8:50 PM	Besa the Promise 承諾	Presented with Chinese subtitles (有中文字幕)
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**4 DEC THURSDAY**

7:00 PM	The Attack	
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9:05 PM	Wakolda/The German Doctor 德國醫生	Presented with Chinese subtitles (有中文字幕)
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**6 DEC SATURDAY**

7:30 PM	The Green Prince	
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9:20 PM	Kidon	
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**7 DEC SUNDAY**

11:00 AM	G-d Is Kidding followed by Belle et Sébastien	Presented with Chinese subtitles (有中文字幕)
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1:10 PM	Above and Beyond	
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3:00 PM	Dancing in Jaffa 加法市的舞者	Presented with Chinese subtitles (有中文字幕)
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5:00 PM	Hannah Cohen's Holy Communion followed by Sturgeon Queens	
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6:20 PM	The Seder followed by Cupcakes	
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8:25 PM	Magic Men	
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Israel 2013 | Drama | English,  
Hebrew and Arabic with  
English subtitles | 84 mins  
Director: Sameh Zoabi

## *Under the Same Sun*

WEDNESDAY  
**DECEMBER**  
**3**  
7:00 PM



A utopian fantasy, set in the near future, where an Israeli and a Palestinian businessman introduce solar energy to the West Bank, with glorious results!

Search for Common Ground, a conflict resolution NGO, supported the making of this thought-provoking and imaginative film, which was broadcast simultaneously in Israel and Palestine.

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# Besa The Promise

承諾

USA 2012 | Documentary |  
English with Chinese subtitles  
| 86 mins  
Director: Rachel Goslins  
Music: Phillip Glass



*"IN A SMALL, LITTLE COUNTRY CALLED ALBANIA, SIMPLE PEOPLE DID SIMPLE THINGS, BUT IN RETROSPECT THEY WERE NOT SIMPLE AT ALL, THEY WERE GREATLY HEROIC"*

This compelling documentary reveals the little known history of Albanians, mostly Muslims, who risked their lives sheltering Jews during WWII, following the ancient moral code of besa (a promise).

The film tells a remarkable story of the gentle, thoughtful Albanian toyshop owner Rexhep Hoxha in his quest to find the Jewish family his father sheltered and to return the sacred books left in his care sixty years ago.

Featuring original music by Philip Glass and striking portraits by American photographer Norman H. Gershman, this is a truly inspiring tale of simple humanity, bravery and the possibility of co-existence.

「在阿爾巴尼亞這個小小的國家，普通的人幹普通的事。可是回想起來，這些人絕普通：他們簡直是大英雄。」

這套激動人心的紀錄片揭露了一段鮮為人知的歷史。這段歷史涉及一群阿爾巴尼亞人。他們多是回教徒。在第二次世界大戰期間，他們遵循《承諾》這個古老的道德規範，冒著生命危險，為猶太人提供庇護所。

這齣電影講述歷史合·何斯夏的故事。何氏是阿爾巴尼亞一家玩具店的店主，個性溫柔體貼。他的父親在六十年前曾為猶太人提供庇護所，並代他們保管一批神聖的書籍。現在何氏努力尋找那家人，以便把書籍交還。

WEDNESDAY

DECEMBER

3

8:50 PM

英語，附中文字幕。

## PRESS QUOTES

"...a lesson in interfaith cooperation..." , Laura Koran, CNN

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# The Attack

France, Qatar, Egypt,  
Belgium and Lebanon 2012 |  
Drama | Arabic and Hebrew  
with English subtitles | 105  
mins  
Director: Ziad Doueiri



THURSDAY

**DECEMBER**

**4**

7:00 PM

Disturbing images

Dr. Amin Jaafari (award-winning actor Ali Suliman) is an assimilated Palestinian Israeli surgeon who seems to have it all with a promising career with honors among the Israelis in Tel Aviv.

That all changes after a devastating terrorist suicide bombing and his beloved wife, Siham, is found among the dead as the primary suspect.

A riveting drama with exceptional performances.

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Israel, Germany, UK 2013 |  
Documentary | English and  
Hebrew with English subtitles  
| 99mins  
Director: Nadav Schirman

## *The Green Prince*

SATURDAY

**DECEMBER**

**6**

7:30 PM

Disturbing images



Based on the best-selling book *The Son of Hamas*, this real-life thriller tells the story of one of Israel's most prized intelligence sources, the son of a top Hamas leader. Under the code name 'The Green Prince', he was recruited to spy on his own people for over a decade.

### PRESS QUOTES

"Captivating and emotional. Full of twists and turns"

"Gripping documentary thriller" –  
NY Times

Focusing on his complex relationship with his handler, this is a gripping account of terror, betrayal, impossible choices and of a friendship that defies all boundaries.

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# Kidon

Israel, France 2013 | Comedy |  
English, Hebrew, and French with  
English subtitles | 97 minutes |  
Cast: Bar Refaelli, Sasson Gabai  
Director: Emmanuel Naccache



Fast-moving comedy thriller starring a 'Who's Who' of actors including Bar Refaelli and Sasson Gabai.

The assassination of a Hamas operative Mahmoud al-Mabhouh in Dubai in 2010 was blamed on Mossad, but was the agency framed by a group of small-time criminals? That is the premise of this entertaining and fast-paced spy heist movie.

SATURDAY

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**6**

9:20 PM

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Israel 2012 | Animation |  
Hebrew with English subtitles  
| 7mins  
Directors: Boaz Balachsan &  
Dima Tretyakov

## *G-d is Kidding*

SUNDAY

**DECEMBER**

**7**

11:00 AM

followed by  
Belle et Sébastien



*BITFILM Hamburg (Germany)*  
*2013-04 1st Place, 2D contest*

An animation exploring the eternal philosophical questions about G-d and faith through the eyes of children.

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# Belle et Sébastien

France 2013 | Drama |  
French and German with  
English and Chinese subtitles  
| 98 mins  
Director: Nicolas Vanier



The 1960s TV series beloved around the world has been remade for a new generation as a heart-warming family film that deserves to be seen on the big screen.

Belle et Sébastien is set high in the snowy Alps during the Second World War. The resourceful Sébastien (an adorable Félix Bossuet) is a lonely boy who tames and befriends a giant, wild mountain dog, Belle – even though the villagers believe her to be ‘the beast’ that has been killing their sheep.

At the same time, the Germans have arrived in the peaceful village looking for resistance members who are helping Jewish refugees escape into Switzerland. Through danger and adventure, Belle et Sébastien forge an indestructible friendship.

Set against breathtaking scenery and a dramatic time in history, and co-starring Tchéky Karyo, one of France’s most popular actors, this moving story will be enjoyed by the whole family.

SUNDAY

**DECEMBER**  
**7**

11:10 AM

preceded by G-d is Kidding

附中文字幕。

## PRESS QUOTES

“A well-crafted outdoor action-adventure in the old school Disney tradition”, Hollywood Reporter

Stars: Félix Bossuet, Tchéky Karyo,  
Mehdi El Glaoui 2014 Youth Jury  
Award Prize for Best Films4Families  
Feature: Grand Jury Prize

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# Above and Beyond: The Birth of the Israeli Air Force

USA 2014 | Documentary |  
English | 87 mins  
Director: Roberta Grossman



SUNDAY

**DECEMBER**

**7**

1:10 PM

In 1948, a group of World War II pilots volunteered to fight for Israel in the War of Independence. As members of "Machal" – volunteers from abroad – this ragtag band of brothers not only turned the tide of the war, preventing the possible annihilation of Israel at the very moment of its birth; they also laid the groundwork for the Israeli Air Force. Above And Beyond is their story.

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# Dancing in Jaffa

加法市的舞者

Israel, USA 2013 |  
Documentary | English,  
Arabic and Hebrew with  
English and Chinese subtitles  
| 88mins  
Director: Hilla Medalia



SUNDAY

DECEMBER

7

3:00 PM

A story to make your heart sing. The renowned dancer and teacher Pierre Dulaine, returns to his native Jaffa for the first time since he left with his Palestinian-French mother and his Irish father, as a child.

He is determined to teach the 'two step' to 11 year-old Palestinian and Israeli children in his own bid to overcome political and cultural differences. Not a simple task and he encounters a whole lot of resistance and prejudice along the way whilst setting a significant challenge to the children and their families.

This tender and elegant film proposes a glimmer of hope in the darkness of the Middle East conflict.

這是一齣令人心花怒放的電影。彼亞·杜齡是大名鼎鼎的舞蹈家兼導師。加法市是他的故鄉。彼亞的父親是愛爾蘭人，母親則具巴勒斯坦人和法國人的血統。彼亞在童年時隨父母離開故鄉。這是他首次回到這個城市來。

為了消除加法市居民在政治與文化上的分歧，彼亞決心教導十一歲的巴勒斯坦及以色列的兒童跳「二步舞」。這項工作艱鉅得很，因此彼亞碰到不少阻力和偏見。此外，他亦給那群兒童及他們的家人帶來一項重大的挑戰。

英語、阿拉伯語、希伯來語，附中、英文字幕。

## PRESS QUOTES

"A sweet and incredibly moving tale filled with moments of truth, poignancy and hope", Indiewire

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United Kingdom | Drama |  
English | 12 mins  
Director: Shimmy Marcus

## Hannah Cohen's Holy Communion

SUNDAY  
**DECEMBER**  
**7**

5:00 PM

followed by  
The Sturgeon Queens



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– Washington Jewish Film  
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Best Short Audience Award  
– Cine Gael Montreal Film  
Festival

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– Door County Short Film  
Festival

Best Short – Waterford Film  
Festival

Best Script – Pears Foundation  
Short Film Script Award

'Hannah Cohen's Holy Communion' is a heart-warming tale about a little girl, and the lengths she's prepared to go to, to be just like all the other little girls. This film explores a rarely glimpsed Ireland, as seen through the eyes of a middle class Dublin Jewish girl. An Irish/Jewish film with an international feel, the beauty of this story lies in its simplicity, humour, and the universal desire to fit in.

Hannah Cohen picked up the Silver Award at the Robinson International Short Film Competition



# *The Sturgeon Queens*

USA 2014 | Documentary |  
English | 54 mins  
Director: Julie Cohen



Irresistible portrait of the famed New York Lower East Side lox and herring emporium, Russ And Daughters, 100 years old this year, and embarking on its first in-house diner!

Featuring two of the original daughters for whom the store was named, now 100 and 92 years old, and interviews by prominent enthusiasts including actress Maggie Gyllenhaal and Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, this is a celebration of New York Jewish cuisine at its tastiest!

SUNDAY

**DECEMBER**  
**7**

5:10 PM

preceded by  
Hannah Cohen's  
Holy Communion

## PRESS QUOTES

"The quick witted Russ Daughters are sharper than a nova-slicing knife." Time Out New York

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Canada 2011 | Comedy |  
English | 12 mins  
Directors: Justin Kelly

## *The Seder*

SUNDAY  
**DECEMBER**  
**7**

6:20 PM

followed by  
Cupcakes



When openly gay Leo decides to bring his boyfriend Mitchell home for the first time during his family's Passover Seder, the boundaries of love and understanding get a little strained. To top it all off, Rabbi Solomon is the guest of honour on this most special of occasions. A short comedy with a Jewish twist.

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# Cupcakes

Israel 2013 | Comedy |  
Hebrew, French and English  
with English subtitles | 90mins  
Director: Eytan Fox



Award-winning filmmaker Eytan Fox (Yossi & Jagger, Walk On Water) returns with a stylised, gossamer-light musical comedy about life, love and friendship.

When heartbroken Tel Aviv baker Anat gets together with her friends to watch a Eurovision-style song contest, the catchy tune they write to cheer her up unexpectedly ends up as Israel's entry for the contest! But will the good-natured friends survive the cut-throat world of the pop business? With feel good music by Babydaddy (Scissor Sisters), technicolor styling à la Almodóvar and an unashamedly entertaining storyline that could have come from Friends, this hit musical comedy is the guiltiest pleasure of the year.

SUNDAY

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**7**

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"Watching Cupcakes is like taking an extravagant 90-minute vacation from reality, and who couldn't use a vacation these days?", Jerusalem Post

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Directors: Erez Tadmor and  
Guy Nattiv  
Cast: Makram J. Khoury



Moving and beautifully shot father-and-son road trip movie from the director of hit Israeli comedy A Matter of Size.

Dispatched by his boss to an obscure town twinning ceremony in Greece, Avraham is confronted by his own buried past as a young Greek Jewish boy hidden during the Second World War by a local magician. Avraham's Hassidic rapster son is sent to keep an eye on him and the poisonous cocktail of their difficult and estranged relationship make for an explosive journey with some surprising and often amusing twists and encounters.

Nativ and Tadmor's thoughtful film is an ambitious and poignant portrait of family relationships, the divide between religious and secular and the coming together of cultures.

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8:25 PM

warning - brief nudity

## PRESS QUOTES

"Magic Men" is not the first nor the last film that deals with the relationships between parents and children, between men and women or between belief and the lack of it. But it is a film that magically makes the viewers acknowledge the power, complexity and beauty of these relationships, and by doing so, it will not leave you indifferent."

Dalit Nmeirovski, Telavivian, 30/3/14

Emily Kaiser Thelin Best Actor Award  
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