

Films & Speakers

only human

This zany comedy in "Meet the Parents" fashion is a cautionary tale of bringing home that special someone. Leni's family is a handful. There's her blind grandfather, the belly dancer sister with a 5-year-old daughter, the brother with a newfound relationship with religion, the pre-menopausal mother and the estranged father. Leni brings her fiancé, Rafi, to meet the family, but all chaos ensues when the Jewish clan discovers he's Palestinian.

2006 89 minutes

Country: Israel

Original Language: Spanish, Hebrew, Arabic, English

No discussion

Dysfunctional Families & Their Effects

Sunday pre-film

Festival Details

FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

FRIDAY

5:30-6:30 Festival Opening Reception
Temple House of Israel

7:00 "Walk on Water"
Film discussion led by Ralph Cohen
Visulite Cinemas

SATURDAY

12:00 - 12:30 Temple House of Israel tour

1:00 "Rape of Europa"
Visulite Cinemas
Film discussion led by Dr. Marlena Hobson
Intermission with refreshments

4:00 "Praying with Lior"
Film discussion led by Dr. Nancy Witt
Intermission with refreshments

7:00 Pre-film Orientation by Mike Schikman
"Wondrous Oblivion"

SUNDAY

12:00 - 12:30 Temple House of Israel tour

1:00 "Live and Become"
Visulite Cinemas
Film discussion TBA

3:30 Brief Intermission without refreshments

4:00 "Making Trouble"

5:30 Intermission with refreshments

7:00 Pre-film discussion TBA
"Only Human"

TICKET PASS PRICES INCLUDE:

Films Screened at VISULITE CINEMAS
Speaker Presentations & Film Discussions
Temple Tours and Light Refreshments

FRIDAY ONLY

ADULT \$20 / STUDENT \$10

SATURDAY or SUNDAY ONLY

ADULT \$35 / STUDENT \$20

FULL WEEK FESTIVAL PASS

ADULT \$55 / STUDENT \$30

WEEKEND, INDIVIDUAL, FILM TICKETS AS AVAILABLE

ADULT \$20 / STUDENT \$10

Seating is limited; Purchase tickets early
Visulite Cinemas 540-885-9959

FOOD THEMES:

FRIDAY: 5:30 - 6:30 Bubbe's Kitchen

SATURDAY: 3:00 - 4:00 Just Kugel
6:00 - 7:00 Just Desserts

SUNDAY: 5:30 - 7:00 Middle Eastern Noshes

Temple House of Israel
presents



Staunton Jewish Film Festival

April 11 thru April 17, 2008

Views from Life

Through the universal language of film, we hope to build bridges of understanding within our community by offering a culturally diverse and entertaining festival series.

The Staunton Jewish Film Festival, a newcomer to the vibrant Staunton cultural arts scene, will highlight our long-term presence in this historic city.

FOR TICKETS CALL VISULITE CINEMAS 540-885-9959

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WALK on WATER ^{NR}

An Israeli Mossad agent has the mission to track down & kill Alfred Himmelman, an ex-Nazi officer, who might still be alive. Acting as a tourist guide, Eyal the German grandson Axel, in Israel to visit his sister. As the two men tour the country, Axel challenges Eyal's values. The real meaning of "walk on water" is that one must get out of the boat & have enough confidence to do it. It is also the theme of this film, with its connections to the past and the present in an uneasy mix of prejudices & learning: how to overcome those personal inhibitions & flaws to finally be able to walk on water. 2005 104 minutes
Country: Israel
Original Language: Hebrew, German, English

Ralph Cohen on:

Internal Conflict of Self -
A Comparison to Shakespeare
Friday post film

The Rape of Europa ^{NR}

Joan Allen narrates this documentary that chronicles 12 years of the Nazis' pillaging works of art throughout Europe and the international effort to locate, protect and return millions of valuable treasures. The film traces the story of art lovers and everyday heroes who tried to thwart the looting Nazis and reveals how experts from Europe and the United States are working to recover priceless works of art missing or hidden for decades. 2006 117 minutes

Country: American
Original Language: English

Dr. Marlena Hobson on:

Nazi Art Thefts and Return to Owners
Saturday post film

Praying with Lior ^{NR}

Not just a documentary film for diverse audiences. It is also the centerpiece of an ambitious outreach campaign to change the way people with disabilities are perceived and received by faith communities. Lior Liebling, called "the little rebbe", has Down syndrome, and has spent his entire life praying with utter abandon. While everyone agrees Lior is closer to God, he's also a burden, a best friend, an inspiration, and an embarrassment. As Lior approached Bar Mitzvah, different characters provide a window into life spent "praying with Lior" 2007 87 minutes
Country: U.S.A
Original Language: English

Dr. Nancy Witt on:

Mental Abilities vs Special Abilities
Saturday post film

Wondrous oblivion ^{PG}

Eleven-year-old David Wiseman lives with the dream of being a cricket star, but much his dismay & ridicule by his classmates, he is all passion & no skill. The son of a traditional Jewish family living in the racial & cultural turbulence of 1960s South London, David and his world are shaken by the unexpected arrival of the Samuels, a lively & big hearted family. When his new Jamaican neighbor offers to coach David, the gesture sparks racial hostility. A warm hearted coming of age story— a portrait of the importance of family, tolerance and standing up for what is right. 2006 106 minutes

Country: England
Original Language: English

Mike Schikman on:

Cricket, Coming of Age, and Prejudices
Saturday pre-film

LIVE AND BECOME ^{NR}

The magnificent, epic story of an Ethiopian boy who is airlifted from a Sudanese refugee camp to Israel in 1985 during Operation Moses. Shlomo is plagued by two big secrets. He is neither a Jew nor an orphan, just an African boy who survived and wants, somehow, to fulfill his Ethiopian mother's parting request that he "go, live, and become." Buoyed by a profound and unfaltering motherly love- both in his memory and in the arms of his adoptive mother- he ultimately finds an identity and a happiness all his own. 2005 144 minutes
Country: France, Belgium, Italy, Israel
Original Language: Hebrew, French, Amharic

Speaker TBA

Identity & Prejudice
Sunday post film

Making Trouble ^{NR}

A documentary about six legendary funny Jewish women who broke barriers and rocked the social order of their day. Presented by the Jewish Women's Archive, Making Trouble includes archival footage & photographs from performances by the six featured comedians, giving audiences a glimpse into each of their lives & careers over the last century. Each series of snapshots with accompanying commentary illuminate what it meant at the time to be Jewish, to be female, and to dream of making it on the stage & screen. 2007 85 minutes

Country: U.S.A.
Original Language: English

Speaker TBA

Humor
Sunday

FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Walk on Water 7:00	Rape of Europa 1:00 Praying with Lior 4:00 Wondrous Oblivion 7:00	Live and Become 1:00 Making Trouble 4:00 Only Human 7:00	Wondrous Oblivion 7:00	Making Trouble 7:00	Only Human 7:00	Walk on Water 7:00