

The Staunton Jewish Film Festival



2009 Festival Details

PROMISES NR

This documentary follows 7 Palestinian and Israeli children ages 9-12 years old who live only 20 minutes apart, but exist in completely separate worlds and who dare to cross the lines to meet their neighbors. Rather than focusing on political events, the children offer a refreshing portrait of their generation and how deeply rooted and almost insoluble the problems of the Middle East have become.

2001 106 minutes

Country: Israel Genre: Documentary
Original Language: Arabic, Hebrew, English

everything is illuminated PG13

This comedy/drama tells the story of Jonathan, a young Jewish American who flies to the Ukraine in search of his grandfather's past. Jonathan hires Odessa Heritage Tours, made up of a gruff old man and his English-speaking grandson. The three, plus the old man's deranged dog, travel in an old car from Odessa into Ukraine's heart looking for evidence of Jonathan's family during the war & the truth about what happened to them. The past illuminates all.

2005 105 minutes

Country: American Genre: Comedy/Drama
Original Language: English, Russian, Ukrainian

Bridging Gaps

Screening at

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April 3 thru April 5, 2009

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Emotional Arithmetic PG

This drama is a story of redemption, healing, and reconciliation ignited by the re-union of three survivors of Drancy, the WW II internment camp just outside of Paris. The past explodes into the present (the mid-1980s) in an unexpected and tender love story which is life altering for them and for those around. The 'emotional arithmetic' of the title refers to the characters' struggle to face the past and move on.

2007 99 minutes

Country: Canada Genre: Drama
Original Language: English

THE BEETLE NR

This well-liked documentary tells the story of the filmmaker and his VW Beetle. And along the way we discover that the car is more than just a car and becoming a father is a journey worth taking. The Beetle offers a refreshing look at life in a complicated part of the world where one man's voyage to fatherhood is completely devoid of politics. Instead we discover a region where people live their lives and confront reality with humor and self reflection.

2008 70 minutes

Country: Israel Genre: Documentary
Original Language: English, Hebrew, Arabic

The Band's Visit PG13

A band comprised of members of the Egyptian police force head to Israel to play at the inaugural ceremony of an Arab Arts Center and find themselves stranded at the airport. They try to manage on their own, only to find themselves lost in a desolate, almost forgotten, small Israeli town, somewhere in the heart of the desert. A lost band in a lost town.

2007 87 minutes

Country: Israel-FR-USA Genre: Comedy/Drama
Original Language: English, Arabic, Hebrew



TICKET PRICES

FULL FESTIVAL PASS \$45

INCLUDES:

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Speaker Presentations & Film Discussions
Opening Night Reception & Temple Tour

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FRIDAY

Opening Reception 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
The Band's Visit 7:00 p.m.
Everything is Illuminated 9:00 p.m.

SATURDAY

Promises 2:30 p.m.
The Band's Visit 5:00 p.m.
Emotional Arithmetic 7:00 p.m.
The Beetle 9:00 p.m.

SUNDAY

Everything is Illuminated 2:30 p.m.
Promises 5:00 p.m.
The Beetle 7:00 p.m.
Emotional Arithmetic 9:00 p.m.