

Israeli singing sensation David Broza to appear at SVJFF opening night

As it enters its 24th year, the Silicon Valley Jewish Film Festival (www.svjff.org) is moving to a new centrally-located theater in the South Bay, announced Executive Director Tzvia Shelef. "The Festival is very excited to be offering movies and events for two weeks at the AMC Saratoga 14 in the El Paseo de Saratoga Shopping Center," she said. The AMC Saratoga 14 offers comfortable seating, easy parking and access to numerous close-by restaurants. The Festival will also continue to offer films and events for two weeks at the Oshman Family JCC (OFJCC) in Palo Alto, including exciting Opening and Closing Night events.

At the AMC Theater, movies will be shown on Saturday evenings, Sunday afternoons and evenings, as well as screenings Monday-Thursday, October 17-October 29. It is still possible to become a Patron Donor of the Festival, and your benefits will include early seating and may include tickets to special events, including Opening and Closing night tickets at some Patron levels. Visit www.svjff.org/securedonation/ or call (408) 498-0904 for more information.

The excitement of the 24th Annual Festival begins Opening Night, Saturday, October 10, at the OFJCC with a special appearance by David Broza, one of the most well-known Israeli superstar recording artists. Broza, who appears in the Opening Night film, "East Jerusalem West Jerusalem" will perform and speak about the movie. His charismatic and energetic performances have brought to worldwide audiences a fusion of music from three different countries: Israel, Spain, and England. He has entertained at concert halls around the world with guitar playing that ranges from flamenco-flavored rhythmic and percussive techniques, to whirlwind finger picking, to a signature rock'n'roll sound.

The Centerpiece Event will be held Sunday, October 25 at 3 p.m. at the AMC Saratoga 14 with the screening of "Above and Beyond." In 1948, a group of World War II pilots, mostly from America, volunteered to fight for Israel in the War of Independence. This ragtag band of brothers turned the tide of the war and laid the groundwork for the Israeli Air Force. Roberta Grossman, the film's director, will be present to speak about the making of the film and this amazing group of men.

The Festival concludes November 8 at the OFJCC with the movie, "The Outrageous Sophie Tucker!" Six-time Emmy award-winning comedy writer Bruce Vilanch, along with the film's producers, will provide insights into this provocative film.



EAST JERUSALEM WEST JERUSALEM

The 24th Annual Festival includes more than 35 film screenings, from documentaries that inform to features that both entertain and inspire. Tickets are now on-line and can be purchased from www.svjff.org. Here is a preview of just some of the many highly-rated films of Jewish interest from the United States, Israel, and other countries. For a complete list of the Festival films, visit www.svjff.org.

EAST JERUSALEM WEST JERUSALEM

David Broza, the Israeli singer-songwriter, sets out to realize his dream of cooperation and dialogue between Israelis and Palestinians through music.

GETT: THE TRIAL OF VIVIANE AMSALEM

An Israeli woman seeking to finalize a divorce (gett) from her estranged husband finds herself effectively put on trial by her country's religious marriage laws in this drama.



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DOUGH

Jonathan Pryce stars as an old Jewish baker whose faltering business is inadvertently saved by his young Muslim apprentice.

THE FAREWELL PARTY

A devoted elderly couple living



THE FAREWELL PARTY

in a Jerusalem retirement home is faced with a pair of devastating challenges that threaten to divide them after decades of marriage.

24 DAYS

When Ilan Halimi is kidnapped for ransom because he is Jewish and supposedly rich, his family and the police start a race against time to save him.

MAGIC MEN

An elderly Greek man and his Hasidic rapper son embark on a journey with absurd encounters, which leads them to a final confrontation.



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ANYWHERE ELSE

An Israeli grad student in Berlin strives to reinvent herself but finds something has been lost in translation in this family drama.

FELIX AND MEIRA

This is a poignant tale of self-discovery between two lost souls and a fascinating glimpse into the Hasidic community.

BELLE AND SEBASTIAN

Based on the acclaimed children's novel, this film follows the courageous adventures of a young boy and his giant sheepdog.

THEODORE BIKEL: IN THE SHOES OF SHOLOM ALEICHEM

Portraits of two beloved icons – Sholom Aleichem and the late Theodore Bikel – are woven together in this enchanting new documentary.

ORANGE PEOPLE

Traditions clash with modernity for three generations of Moroccan Israeli women in this earthy directorial debut.

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FAREWELL HERR SCHWARTZ

This is a cinematic journey about buried family secrets, the Holocaust (from a third generation perspective) and how it is never too late to reclaim your heritage.

A BORROWED IDENTITY/DANCING ARABS

A gifted Palestinian Israeli boy is given the chance to go to a prestigious Jewish boarding school in Jerusalem. After falling in love with a Jewish girl, he discovers that he will have to sacrifice his identity in order to be accepted.

THE LAST MENTSCH

Having spent a lifetime concealing his heritage, an aging German Holocaust survivor finally tries to come to terms with his past.

APPLES FROM THE DESERT

The rebellious teenage daughter of ultra-Orthodox Jewish parents journeys into the secular world in this adaptation of the award-winning Israeli play that poignantly explores themes of love and reconciliation.

DELI MAN

At last, the deli documentary you've been waiting for! Erik Greenberg Anjou's film explores Jewish culture as it reflects the heart of a vital ethnic history.

L'CHAIM

Fate has taken its toll on the aging cabaret singer Ruth and the young but terminally ill Jonas. Yet despite their age difference they form a bond and give each other a reason to live.

FRANK VS G-D

David Frank thinks he's lost everything. After losing his wife,

house, and dog, this former lawyer decides to serve G-d...with a lawsuit.

SERIAL (BAD) WEDDINGS

A Catholic family is upended by a succession of multicultural marriages in this politically incorrect romantic comedy that pokes fun at the melting pot of modern-day France.

TO LIFE

Three women who are Auschwitz survivors but who haven't seen each other since the war, get together for a reunion, filled with laughter, arguments, and friendship.

THE ART DEALER

The Jewish wife of an art dealer begins a quest to research the history of her grandfather's paintings and their possible misappropriation by the Nazis.

ZEMENE

A young Ethiopian girl struggles with poverty and life-threatening illnesses. A chance encounter with Dr. Rick Hodes sets in motion a series of events that will change Zemene's life forever.

ENCIRCLEMENTS

Aharon, the only child of parents who are unable to conceive again, is determined to win the honor of carrying the Torah scrolls on Simhat Torah.

THE OUTRAGEOUS SOPHIE TUCKER

The rags to riches story of Sophie Tucker, an iconic superstar who ruled the worlds of vaudeville, Broadway, radio, television, and Hollywood.

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