



Elliott Gould will appear Nov. 17 at Palo Alto's Oshman Family Jewish Community Center for a screening of his film 'Dorfman in Love.'

Topol, Elliott Gould to star at Silicon Valley Jewish Film Festival

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Like a well-planned meal, the 22nd annual Silicon Valley Jewish Film Festival will have something to please every cinematic palate. There will be dramas, several documentaries, comedy gold and music aplenty. A total of 24 films will be shown Oct. 19 through Nov. 17 at venues on the Peninsula and South Bay. Figures as varied as "Hizzoner" Ed Koch, philosopher/writer Hannah Arendt and film director Roman Polanski each get a star turn. Titles range from *The Gatekeepers*, a documentary on six former heads of the Israeli security agency Shin Bet, to *My Awkward Sexual Adventure*, a comedy about a conservative accountant who explores his crazy carnal side.

On opening night, Oct. 19, beloved actor Chaim Topol will be honored at 8 p.m. at the Oshman Family Jewish Community Center, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. Highlights from the Israeli legend's 50-plus-year career will be pre-

sented, with a reception to follow. Topol will also be on hand at the community center 2:30 p.m. the following afternoon, Oct. 20, to introduce a sing-along of *Fiddler on the Roof*, his most famous film.

Motion picture and TV veteran Elliott Gould headlines a 5 p.m. closing-night reception at the OFJCC for a screening of his 2011 comedy, *Dorfman in Love*. The star of such movies as *MASH* and *Ocean's Eleven*, as well as Showtime's *Ray Donovan*, will answer audience questions afterward.

The OFJCC is one of three venues where films in the month-long festival will unspool; the others are the Century 24 in San Jose, 741 Winchester Blvd., San Jose, and the PruneYard's Camera 7, 1875 S. Bascom Avenue, Campbell. In addition, on Nov. 3 there will be free film fare for kids (two episodes of *Shalom Sesame*) and teens (*David*, about a Muslim boy who befriends several Orthodox Jewish boys) at the Addison-Penzak Jewish Community Center, 14855 Oka Road,

Los Gatos.

Other offerings on the festival menu include:

A.K.A. Doc Pomus—A documentary about songwriter Doc Pomus, who was born Jerome Felder and was the prolific creator of rock 'n' roll hits like "This Magic Moment" and "Viva Las Vegas."

Closed Season—A Jewish man fleeing the Nazis is given shelter by an impotent farmer. In exchange, the man is asked to father a child with the farmer's wife.

God's Neighbors—A trio of young Israelis attempt to enforce religious law in their Bat Yam neighborhood with baseball bats and fists.

In the Shadow—A police detective sets out to prove that Jews are innocent of a robbery in 1950s Czechoslovakia.

For all movie times and locations, visit svjff.org.

Tickets are \$11 in advance, \$13 at the door (\$9.50 and \$11 for seniors). \$70 opening night (advance and at the door), \$25/\$30 closing night. Available at svjff.org or 800.838.3006.