

Pizarro: Topol, Elliott Gould to headline Silicon Valley Jewish Film Festival

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Acclaimed Israeli actor Topol -- best known for "Fiddler on the Roof" -- will help the Silicon Valley Jewish Film Festival kick off its 22nd season with an opening night event Saturday that will pay tribute to his 50-year career.

The 8 p.m. event at the Oshman Family JCC in Palo Alto will include a retrospective compilation of his work, followed by a question-and-answer session with Topol and a dessert reception. And fans will want to return for the first day of films on Sunday, which includes a singalong screening of "Fiddler on the Roof."

More than two dozen dramas, comedies and documentaries will follow over the next four weeks, culminating in a closing night event Nov. 17 that will include a screening of "Dorfman in Love" and an appearance by one of its stars, Elliott Gould. Anyone who saw the Showtime series "Ray Donovan" this year -- in which Gould has a supporting role -- knows the 75-year-old actor hasn't lost a step.

It's also worth noting that the festival will take place at three different venues: the Oshman Family JCC in Palo Alto, the Century 24 theater in San Jose and Camera 7 at the Pruneyard in Campbell. Check out the schedule and purchase tickets at www.svjff.org.

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