

15th Annual Pittsburgh Jewish-Israeli Film Festival

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Saturday
March 27 - April 13, 2008					
<p>Key to locations: SSW = SouthSide Works Cinema Manor = The Manor, Squirrel Hill • South Hills = Galleria, Mt. Lebanon North Hills = Cranberry 8 • Greensburg = Carmike 15-Westmoreland Mall Regent Square = Regent Square Theater • Melwood = Melwood Screening Room CMU = Carnegie Mellon University, McConomy Auditorium</p>				<p>27 SSW Opening Night 7:00pm Noodle (90m)</p>	<p>29 SSW 8:45pm Love and Dance (95m)</p>
<p>30 Manor 1pm Steal a Pencil (94m) 3:30pm Galilee Eskimos (95m) 7:30pm Max Minsky (94m)</p> <p>South Hills ~ 7:00pm Love and Dance (95m)</p> <p>CMU ~ 6:30pm Someone to Run With (118m)</p>	<p>31 South Hills 7:00pm Max Minsky and Me (94m)</p> <p>SSW 7:30pm Champagne Spy (90m)</p>	<p>1 SSW 7:00pm Knowledge is the Beginning (115m)</p>	<p>2 SSW 6:30pm Community Day Gala</p> <p>North Hills 7:00pm Max Minsky and Me (94m)</p>	<p>3 SSW 7:30pm Making Trouble (85m) preceded by comedian Marion Grodin</p>	<p>5 SSW 8:45pm The Year My Parents Went On Vacation (104m)</p> <p>9:00pm Bad Faith (84m)</p>
<p>6 SSW Free Bagels @ 10~Please RSVP 10:30am Praying with Lior (87m) 1pm Aviva, My Love (107m) 4pm Constantine's Sword (95m) 7pm My Mexican Shiva (102m)</p>	<p>7 SSW 7:00pm Bittersweet (101m) with Director</p>	<p>8 SSW 7:00pm The First Basket (86m)</p> <p>7:30pm She's Got It (90m)</p>	<p>9 SSW 7:00pm Arranged (90m) with Director</p>	<p>10 Greensburg 7:00pm Nina's Home (106m)</p> <p>SSW 7:30pm Sixty Six (93m)</p>	<p>12 Regent Square 9:00pm The Band's Visit (89m)</p>
<p>13 SSW 1pm Nina's Home (106m) 4pm Samuel Rosenberg: Pittsburgh's Painter Laureate (47m)</p> <p>Melwood 7pm Rick Recht Film & Concert</p>					

Arranged – Pittsburgh Premiere - USA 2007

Two young women - an Orthodox Jew and a Muslim - meet and become friends as first-year teachers at a public school in Brooklyn. They soon learn that, despite their religious differences, they have much in common. **Program to follow.**

Aviva, My Love - Pittsburgh Premiere – Israel 2006

Aviva, a hotel cook from the lakeside town of Tiberias, secretly dreams of becoming a writer. When she meets an accomplished author, her life is turned upside down.

Bad Faith - Pittsburgh Premiere – France/Belgium 2006

Ishmael and Clara enjoy a fun and carefree four-year relationship -- until she discovers she's pregnant. See, she's a Jew and he's a Muslim. Not *just* a romantic comedy, *Bad Faith* raises questions about love, family and faith.

Bittersweet - Pittsburgh Premiere – Israel 2007

Ran and Dana and their group of friends are a close-knit bunch but each has secrets or issues to work out - from marriage and children to questioning sexuality to aging parents - in this contemporary look at modern day life in Tel Aviv. **Program to follow.**

Constantine's Sword - Pittsburgh Premiere - Germany/Italy/Poland/USA 2007

Activist and former Catholic priest James Carroll's journey to examine his past and uncover the roots of religiously inspired violence and war is fascinating.

Knowledge Is the Beginning - Pittsburgh Premiere – Germany 2006

Daniel Barenboim and Edward Said created the West-Eastern Divan Orchestra made up of young Jews and Arabs to show how music can bridge the cultural divide. The music they make together is the star of this film. **Program to follow.**

Love and Dance - Pittsburgh Premiere – Israel 2006

Young Chen throws himself into the world of competitive ballroom dancing for the chance to pursue the girl of his dreams. The film has been called the Israeli version of *Billy Elliot*.

Making Trouble - Pittsburgh Premiere – USA 2007

A tribute to 6 legendary American Jewish women comedians with rare archival footage and commentary from four of today's funny Jewish women. **Program preceding the film.**

Max Minsky and Me - Pittsburgh Premiere – Germany 2007

A delightful film about a young girl's desire to meet the boy of her dreams by challenging herself to make the girls basketball team at her school.

My Mexican Shiva - Pittsburgh Premiere – Mexico 2006

A wacky look at Moishe's life begins with his death and proceeds through five days of shiva where we see his extended family in action with all their glorious dysfunction.

Nina's Home - Pittsburgh Premiere – France 2005

Nina runs a "house of hope" for Jewish children who survived the war in hiding as well as a group of young concentration camp survivors. Nina's efforts to bring the children together and make a home for all are heroic.

Noodle – Opening Night - Pittsburgh Premiere – Israel 2007

A touching comic drama about a flight attendant's life-affirming adventure and the captivating plight of an abandoned Chinese boy. **Reception to follow. Dietary laws observed.**

All films & programs subject to change.

Praying with Lior - Pittsburgh Premiere – USA 2007

An inspiring film that explores the subjects of disability and inclusion. It is a celebration of family, community, and the human spirit. **Free bagels & coffee at 10~Please R.S.V.P.**

Samuel Rosenberg: Pittsburgh's Painter Laureate - World Premiere – USA 2008

Follows the artist from his early urban landscapes of the Hill District to his last allegorical abstract paintings. Rosenberg's career, evolving style, and technique are illuminated in interviews with scholars and former students. **Program to follow.**

She's Got It - Pittsburgh Premiere – Israel 2006

Israeli comedy about three women who overhear a scheme to rob a bank and come up with a plan of their own.

Sixty Six - Pittsburgh Premiere – UK 2006

Bernie's Bar Mitzvah coincides with the final match of the world cup. A nostalgic and humorous tale of childhood, *Sixty Six* stars Helena Bonham Carter as Bernie's mother.

Someone to Run With - Pittsburgh Premiere – Israel 2006

A suspenseful film that delves into the world of drugs and rock 'n roll, its ultimate message is hopeful. Strong ties of family and love can overcome obstacles of modern escapism.

Steal a Pencil for Me - Pittsburgh Premiere – USA 2007

Love story about a married man who ends up in a concentration camp with his wife and girlfriend. Proof that the power of love can sustain us, even in the worst of times.

The Band's Visit – Israel/France 2007

An Egyptian band gets lost in rural Israel in this enjoyable story of cross-cultural relations.

The Champagne Spy - Pittsburgh Premiere – Israel/Germany 2007

A fascinating look at the extraordinary experiences of an Israeli spy in Cairo told now for the first time by his middle-aged son. Seems like a Bond movie, only it's true.

The First Basket - Pittsburgh Premiere – USA 2007

By the 1920s, almost all urban Jewish neighborhoods had a basketball team. When these teams evolved into professional leagues by the late 1940s, Jewish players led the way.

The Galilee Eskimos - Pittsburgh Premiere – Israel 2006

Senior citizens on a kibbutz fight to keep their home from being turned into a casino.

The Hope - Rick Recht Film and Concert - World Premiere – USA 2008

Watch the film that chronicles Rick Recht's journey into Jewish music and then get on your feet and get ready to rock 'n roll!

The Year My Parents Went on Vacation - Pittsburgh Premiere – Brazil 2006

Brazil was under a military dictatorship in 1970, but its people were still able to cheer for their World Cup soccer team. Told through the eyes of a 12-year-old boy whose parents had to "go on vacation" in order to avoid being arrested.

For tickets: 412-992-5203 or www.ujfpittsburgh.org/filmfestival. Tickets also available at venue 30 minutes prior to screen time – cash only. **Ticket prices:** Opening Night: \$25 – general, \$15 – students (with valid ID) before March 21, all tickets - \$35 after March 21 and at the door. Rosenberg film/reception & Recht film/concert – all tickets \$10. All other films: \$8 - general, \$7 – 65+, \$6 - groups 12+, \$5 - students with valid ID.

The Pittsburgh Jewish-Israeli Film Festival is a program of the United Jewish Federation.