



JEWISH FILM SERIES

JOIN US for Columbia Jewish Congregation's (CJC's) Eighteenth Season of Movies

TICKET SALES WILL BEGIN AND DOORS WILL OPEN AT 7:30

Website: columbiajewish.org/film_series.shtml

Four evenings of thought-provoking, varied, entertaining films, including refreshments & optional discussion group

Showings: Saturdays, 8:00 PM, Rm. 200, The Meeting House in Oakland Mills, Columbia, MD

\$28 for 4-film series, \$23 for 3-film series, \$16 for 2-film series. (\$9.00 for single ticket: Sold at Door Only)

(Choice of films is yours and you need not choose in advance.)

(If any movie is cancelled because of snow, that movie will be shown at the end of the season – May or early June. Date will be announced later if it is needed.)

FYI: Each of the films being presented has been shown, or will be shown, at multiple Jewish film festivals around the country.

Note: All films are subject to change based upon availability.

January 9, 2010 *Live and Become* – 2006 – Israel – Hebrew w. English subtitles – 140 min. Winner of 9 International Film Awards (e.g.: Aspen Filmfest Audience Award, Israeli Film Academy, Berlin International Film Festival) and 6 nominations. “In a Sudanese refugee camp sheltering Ethiopians displaced by civil war and famine in 1984, the Israeli secret service has begun Operation Moses, airlifting thousands of Falashas, or Ethiopian Jews, to Israel. A non-Jewish Ethiopian woman persuades a Falasha woman whose own son has just died, to allow her son to assume his identity. The goodbye from his mother “Live and become” is a blessing and a command. Renamed Shlomo, the boy is adopted by a loving, liberal Israeli family. However Israel, rather than being the promised land, turns out to be rife with racism. We follow Schlomo through the trials and tribulations of assimilation and view the contrasts of the individual’s struggles vs. the bureaucracy.” (Yahoo and Baltimore Jewish Times)

February 13, 2010 *Max Minsky and Me* – 2007 – Germany – German w. English subtitles – 94 minutes. Winner of 6 Awards (e.g.: Sarajevo Film Festival Audience Award, Australia Community Relations Award & Lion Prize). “This delightful and humorous story with a Jewish Cinderella twist focuses on young, bookish, bespectacled, Jewish astro-physics student Nelly, who finds herself besotted with a Luxembourg Prince. An opportunity to meet him arises, but it involves her getting onto the basketball team. Academics she can do, but sports? No way. So she makes an arrangement with a good-looking basketball-playing lad to swap their respective knowledge; she’ll help him with math as long as he shows her some ball skills. Meanwhile, all her parents want her to do is get ready for her Bat Mitzvah.” (Timeout Film Reviews and Baltimore Jewish Film Festival)

March 20, 2010 *Arranged* – 2007 – USA – English – 90 min. Winner of 6 Awards (e.g.: Audience Awards from Berkshire International Film Festival, Washington Jewish Film Festival, Palm Beach Jewish Film Festival; Best Film and Best Feature Film at the Brooklyn International Film Festival). This movie “centers on the friendship of an orthodox Jewish woman and a Muslim woman who are both starting their careers as first-year teachers in a Brooklyn public school. Over the course of the year, they find they share much in common, not least of which is that they are both destined for arranged marriages. Based on a true story, the film shows the struggles both women face as religiously observant young women when interacting with an unsympathetic secular world. Similarly, the girls’ parents have a hard time accepting that their daughters could be friends. The film’s uplifting tenor examines religious differences in contemporary situations, with respect and understanding.” (Washington Jewish Film Festival)

April 17, 2010 *Giraffes* – 2001 – Israel – Hebrew w. English subtitles – 115 min. Winner of 2 Awards (Best Script Award, Jerusalem International Film Festival; Best Feature Film, Scottsdale International Film Festival) & 14 nominations. We are excited to present this film after several unsuccessful attempts to obtain it in past years. “One of the smartest, most purely enjoyable Israeli films in years...” (www.girafot.com) “An Israeli film which does NOT focus on politics? Yes indeed! ... sometimes sad, often humorous... The plot is so complex that you will find yourself wondering how it can possibly come to a manageable conclusion... Contemporary Israel, contemporary Israeli women...” (Scottsdale Film Festival, Nick Salerno) “One evening mixes the fates of 3 young women who live in the same apartment building in Tel Aviv. Abigail (a reporter) gets into the car that comes to pick up Dafna for a day of shooting. Dafna (an actress) mistakenly gets into the car of Avner – Efrat’s blind date. Efrat (a secretary) remains alone and ends up aimlessly wandering the streets of the city. These mistakes prompt a series of dramatic events that lead to a murder and change the lives of all those involved.” (Israeli Films Newsletter)

Have any questions? Call (410) 381-4809, S. Bloch. Preferred Closing Signup Date: December 10, 2009

Please return this form **by Dec. 10**, together with your check (made out to CJC)

AND A STAMPED, SELF-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE

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