

The 2008 Charlotte Jewish Film Festival

Illuminating Global Jewish Experiences Through Film

Calling all film lovers. Mark your calendars for the Fourth Annual Charlotte Jewish Film Festival, March 1-8. Nine screenings will be presented — dramas, documentaries and comedies — in which Jewish life in all its complex variety will be displayed. This year's slate of movies were chosen with the broader human experience in mind and encompass many themes that are universal to people of all faiths and walks of life. Don't miss out...these wonderful movies are not otherwise being screened in Charlotte. So grab a friend and a bucket of popcorn and treat yourself to an evening (or afternoon) of quality entertainment. Go to www.charlottejewishfilm.com for more information and to purchase tickets. See you at the movies.

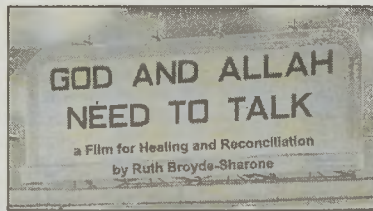
The internationally acclaimed winner of four Israeli Academy Awards depicts the difficulties faced by foreign workers smuggled into Israel living on the fringes of society. At the core of this powerful and provocative film is Franco, a conflicted ex-cop reduced to human trafficking of Soviet women, who is touched by a deepening relationship with Jana, a Ukrainian woman trying to earn money for her daughter back home. Rated R. Under 18 not admitted due to adult content. Price: \$18 (includes lavish dessert reception)

Jewish Brigade during WWII. Price: \$12

Interfaith Evening of Film and Panel Discussion
Tuesday, March 4
Sponsored by Temple Beth El and Mecklenburg Ministries
Location: Temple Beth El
Time: 7:30 PM
Film: God and Allah Need to Talk: A Film for Healing and Reconciliation
Filmmaker: Ruth Brojde-Sharon
Language: English
 This film has been hailed as a must-see interfaith film, an encounter that inspires and unites



Writer and Director Eyal Halfon will present his film *What a Wonderful Place* on opening night, March 1.



people of all ages, religions and cultures. After the film, Dr. Maria Hanlin of Mecklenburg Ministries will facilitate a panel discussion. Price: Free. No tickets required.

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Pre-Festival Screening
Tuesday, February 26
Sponsored by the Mint Museum of Art
Location: Mint Museum of Art
Time: 7:00 PM
Film: Rape of Europa
Directors: Bonnie Cohen, Richard Berge, Nicole Newnham
Language: English

This powerful documentary chronicles the systematic looting and destruction of Europe's artistic treasures under the Nazis, as well as their miraculous survival through the heroic efforts of art historians and curators across America and Europe. Price: Free. No tickets needed. Seating is limited. The Museum is also open and free to all filmgoers prior to the screening.



Sunday Matinee, March 2
Location: Levine Jewish Community Center
Time: 2:00 PM
Film: Toots
Director: Kristi Jacobson
Language: English

Toots Shor was many things — friend to the famous, crook to the Feds, father, brother and gambler — but above all, he was owner of America's greatest saloon. Directed by his granddaughter, Toots is a provocative and loving portrait of the man who became unlikely den-mother to the heroes of America's Golden Age. Price: \$8



Opening Night and Dessert Reception
Saturday, March 1
Sponsored by the Charlotte Chapter of Hadassah
Location: Ballantyne Village Theatre
Time: 7:30 PM dessert reception, 8:15 PM screening
Film: What a Wonderful Place (Eize Makom Nifla)
Writer and Director Eyal Halfon will be in attendance and speak about the film
Language: Hebrew and Russian with subtitles

Sunday Evening, March 2
Location: Levine Jewish Community Center
Time: 7:00 PM
Film: Souvenirs
Filmmakers: Shahar Cohen, Halil Efrat
Language: Hebrew with subtitles
 A charming and touching story of a father-son journey in search of the flesh and blood "souvenirs" the father may have left behind with local girls in Amsterdam while serving in the legendary



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