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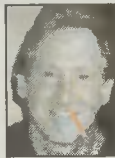
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WOMEN'S NEWS

The 2nd Annual Jewish Film Festival Presented by Hadassah, The Light Factory and the Levine JCC *Diamonds Direct Signs on as This Year's Corporate Sponsor*

Mark your calendars for March 18 and 19, as Hadassah hosts Charlotte's Second Annual Jewish Film Festival in partnership with the Light Factory and the Levine Jewish Community Center along with a corporate sponsorship from Diamonds Direct.

Based on the overwhelming success of last year's event, the 2006 festival has been expanded to two days and four films:

The first jewel on the schedule is *Rashevski's Tango*, a French comedy/drama set in Belgium, director Sam Garbarski's feature film directorial debut. This is a tale of one extended family's struggle to find meaning and identity within their own somewhat dormant Jewish heritage. When 81-year-old family matriarch Rosa Rashevski passes away, her descendants are left unprepared, as they have no idea what traditional Jewish rites they should be practicing. As a result, various Rashevskis begin some rather intense periods of spiritual introspection, ranging from Rosa's granddaughter Nina's (Tania Gabarski, daughter of the director) proclamation to start and raise a Jewish family to grandson and former Israeli military man, Rica's (Rudi Rosenberg) turbulent relationship with his Muslim girlfriend, Khadija (Selma Kouchy). To further complicate matters, a non-Jewish family friend named Antoine (Hippolyte Girardot) shows up at the funeral and strikes up a conversation with Nina, whom he used to baby-sit when they were both younger. As he grows more fond of the young woman and becomes intent on making her his wife, he learns of her intentions to have a Jewish family and tries to find a solution that would make the young woman reconsider him as a suitor. Coffee and dessert will be available to ticket holders after the feature. (Please note: This movie has adult content and no one under the age of 16 will be admitted.) *Rashevski's Tango* will be showing at 8 PM Saturday evening, March 18, at the Duke Theatre, Spirit Square along with the short feature, *The Nose Job Jew*.

The festival will be rounded out the festival at 2 PM Sunday afternoon, March 19 at the Sam Lerner Cultural Arts Center, in the Jewish Community Center with a these shingling gems: a documentary and three short subjects. In February 2002, a Jewish court (beit din) made up of three rabbis from the United States and one from Israel flew to a remote area five hours from Kampala in Uganda to conduct a formal conversion. There, over a period of six days, they converted over 300 Abayudaya (the Ugandan term for

Jews) welcoming them into the community of world Jewry. The documentary *Moving Heaven and Earth* records this momentous event as well as examines the difficult question: "Who is a Jew?" For although the Abayudaya have completed the halachic requirements, including a symbolic cir-



of Hebrew Union college-Jewish Institute of Religion, among others. *Moving Heaven and Earth* will be shown along with *My Dad is the Strongest*, *Black Hats* and *Short Skirts*, and *Kosher*.

Tickets for each showing as well as a weekend package will be available both in advance and at the door. Tickets for Saturday night only are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door, for Sunday afternoon only tickets are \$6 in advance and \$8 at the door; a weekend pass is \$15.

For more information, please call Debby Block at 704-846-2910.

The film festival is currently looking for patrons. Patronage is available at two levels: \$50 and \$100. All patrons will be mentioned in our programs. \$100 patrons will also receive two weekend passes (a value of \$30.00).

Please contact Roz Cooper at 704-944-6782 if you are interested in becoming a patron. ☆



cumcision and a mikveh or ritual immersion, many in the world Jewish community still will not accept them as Jews. Interviews include Rabbi Joseph Potasnik of the New York Board of Rabbis and host of WABC radio's "Religion on the Line"; Chancellor Ismar Schorsch of the Jewish Theological Seminary; Rabbi David Ellenson, President

Maj Jongg Marathon

Hadassah of Charlotte is holding its inaugural Maj Jongg Marathon on Sunday, February 19, 2006, noon to 5 PM at Temple Beth El in Shalom Park on Providence Road.

This maj jongg event is open to the community and the top five winners will receive cash prizes. Cost is \$20.00 for Hadassah members, and \$25.00 for non-members, with half this cost funding scholarships for youngsters to attend Camp Judea.

A light pizza lunch and soft drinks will be provided.

Your check is your reservation and must be sent by Friday, February 10 to Madeline Aron, 4940 Hardison Road, Charlotte 28226. Please indicate if you can bring a maj jongg set and/or a card table.

Any questions, please call Sandy Hoagland, 704-543-6338. ☆

Hadassah Circle at the Lake First Annual Education and Social Night

When: Wednesday, February 8, 2006 at 6:45 PM

Where: North County Regional Library, Huntersville, 16500 Holly Crest Lane. Exit 25 off I-77. South on Highway 21/Statesville Road. First left turn, library on left side.

Come learn the latest developments in Stem Cell and Breast

Cancer Research. Come join Hadassah; enrich lives and support these causes.

RSVP: Ms. Robbie Damesek, 704-799-0666 or email robbiedamesek@yahoo.com.

This is a free event and open to all.

Light refreshments served. ☆