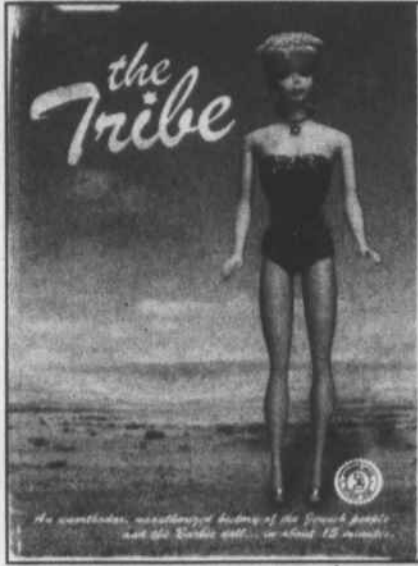


## Jewish cultural assimilation film to be screened

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The Human Relations Commission is co-sponsoring "The Tribe" at a/per-ture Cinema, 311 West 4th St., on Sunday, Jan. 27 as the next movie in its "Cultural Connections" film series. The film will be shown at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

"The Tribe" focuses on a surprising fact about the Barbie doll – it was the creation of a Jewish-American woman. The film turns that fact into a powerful metaphor about assimilation and Jewish identity in the 21st Century.

The 18-minute film is narrated by award-winning actor Peter Coyote, and weaves together archival footage, graphics, animation, dioramas and slam poetry to take audiences on an electric ride through the complex history of both the Barbie doll and the Jewish people.

The screening will be followed by a panel discussion moderated by the Green Street Church Pastor Kelly Carpenter. The showing is being co-sponsored by the Wake Forest University Chaplain's Office and Interfaith Winston-Salem.

For more information, call CityLink 311.



Carpenter



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Owners have avoided shut-downs in the past by altering the kinds of games they offer.

### Sweepstakes

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no. You can't control people's money; if they can't spend it here in the city, they'll take it somewhere else."

City Attorney Angela Carmon says the legality of the machines – even those that have been converted to new systems – is still in question.

"I can't tell you they're in compliance," she stated. "Their attorneys will tell you they're in compliance, but I don't think anybody has rendered an opinion from my office or the Attorney General's office or the district attorney's office that those machines are in compliance."

Carmon said her office is coordinating with the Attorney General and the district attorney to determine the best course of action in addressing the sweepstakes machines.

"It's going to take a team effort to enforce the ban and prosecute violators of the ban," she said. "...I think we all have to be on one accord with respect to the status of these convert-

ed machines before we move forward."

Carmon said her office is currently "taking inventory" of the converted machines and working to learn more about their operation, however there are some machines that she says are "without a doubt clearly illegal." The Pot of Gold machines, which simulate slot machines, will be the first priority for those seeking to enforce the ban, Carmon says. The Winston-Salem Police Department will begin to address violators of the ban in the coming months, she added.

Brown says the industry is generating valuable revenue for the city, to the tune of \$500 per machine per year. Putting the sweepstakes companies out of business would be a big mistake, he said.

"It's going to hurt the economy," said the 67 year-old, who started his company last fall to supplement his income. "It'll hurt employment; it'll hurt different establishments. You're going to have vacancies (in buildings) where right now, they're full."

### Trackers

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chairs also have bumpers to protect players in the case of an on-court collision and an extra rear wheel that prevents them from falling backward. Many players also strap themselves in to help them stay in the chair and avoid fouls. It can also help with steering, allowing players to use their hips to steer.

There is a fine art to the game. The players must maneuver their wheelchairs while passing, shooting and dribbling – the ball must be dribbled for every two pushes of the wheelchair.

"We have able-bodied guys come to practice once in awhile and they're surprised just how much it takes to get the chair up and down the floor competitively," said Michael Lambourne, who has been a Tracker for 14 years.

Lambourne, who lives in Lexington, also lost the use of his legs as a result of a car accident.

When the Triad Trackers was founded in the 1980s, the team was known as the Winston-Salem Smokers, according to Moody. These days, the team practices and plays home games at the Miller Park Community Center and draws players from throughout the Piedmont Triad who range in age from 14 to 43.

The Trackers play in a 10-team division that includes competitors from around the state.

Tamirat Ives-Rublee has been a Tracker since he was a teenager. The



Photo by Todd Luck

Team members Daniel Moody, Michael Lambourne and Tamirat Ives-Rublee.

Ethiopia native lost his ability to walk as a child to polio. He has never let that setback keep him from sports. In addition to basketball, Ives-Rublee has competed in track and field events, swimming and other sports.

Ives-Rublee said over the 14 years that he has spent on the Triad Trackers squad, he has learned to compete hard but not too hard.

"When I was younger I used to take the game really serious, compete competitively (and) want to win the game," he said. "Now, the older I get, I just enjoy the game and teach the newcomers."

While Triad Trackers have had many winning seasons and even some conference titles, for the last couple of seasons, the team has been in a dry spell. The team is 1-9 for the season.

With only eight members on the team, it is difficult to endure the double-header five-on-five games, players say. The team also currently lacks a sideline coach to call out plays. Ives-Rublee tries to coach while he's playing on the court, but says that's difficult to do in the heat of the game.

Moody said the team is always open to taking on new players. The team can supply the sports wheelchairs for qualified players. Moody also thinks more crowd support could help the Trackers. Currently, home game crowds are largely made up of players' family members and friends.

"I'd like people to come out and see it," said Moody. "I've always heard from people who see it for the first time that it's a lot more physical than they thought it

would be."

The Triad Trackers' next game is this Saturday at Miller Park Community Center, 400 Leisure Lane, at 1 p.m. Those interested in joining the Trackers or who want more information can call 336-423-1176 or e m a i l handydan78@yahoo.com.

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