

Holocaust-era 'I'll Find You' to open Jewish Film Festival

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The fourth annual Judy Levis Markhoff Boca Raton Jewish Film Festival will feature 55 films from more than 22 countries from March 8-29.

The BRJFF, hosted by the Adolph & Rose Levis Jewish Community Center's Phyllis & Harvey Sandler Center in Boca Raton, includes narrative, documentary and short films that explore a wide variety of topics that are considered relevant to Jewish life. The films will be screened at Cinemark Palace 20 in Boca Raton the first two weeks of the film festival and at Movies of Delray the third week. Select films will be screened in Beifield Auditorium at the Levis JCC Sandler Center.

"The festival has become one of the most-anticipated events of the year in the Boca Raton community and we could not be prouder," said Wendy Honig, the film festival's artistic director, in a news release.

Lesley Rich, the festival's program and production director, said in the release, "We continue to present an unsurpassed lineup of films, speakers and events, not only during the festival but all-year-round."

The film festival opens with the Florida premiere of the romantic drama "I'll

Find You" at 7 p.m. on March 8 at Cinemark Palace 20. The film is directed by award-winning director Martha Coolidge. It is about young lovers Robert, a Catholic opera singer, and Rachel, a Jewish violinist, who in 1939 during the German invasion of Poland dream of one day performing together at Carnegie Hall. When they are torn apart, Robert vows to find Rachel as his search leads him on a life-threatening journey through Nazi Germany.

Fred Roos, one of the film's producers who is an Academy Award winning-producer for "The Godfather Part II" and nominee for "Apocalypse Now," said regarding "I'll Find You," "Beyond the history and the politics of the Holocaust, this film is a love story."

Roos explained how this film can be considered interesting for both Jewish and non-Jewish audiences.

"It's a film that touches on the Holocaust, which is always a topic of interest for the Jewish audience. Beyond that, even though it has a strong enough Jewish theme to be part of a Jewish film festival, it's a classic mainstream love story."

The film's opening night screening will include Coolidge, Roos and Intra-tror as well as Ursula Parker, an actress/violinist who plays young Rachel in

the film, and Leo Suter, the actor who plays Robert, as special guest speakers. The film also screens at 7 p.m. on March 16 at Beifield Auditorium.

The festival also includes a screening of "Viral: Anti-Semitism in Four Mutations" at 7 p.m. on March 18 at the Levis JCC's Zinman Hall. The film, directed by Andrew Goldberg, takes a look at the rise of anti-Semitism throughout the world through the eyes of some of those most affected by it. Rabbi Jeffrey Myers from Tree of Life - Or L'Simcha Congregation in Pittsburgh, the site of the October 2018 shooting in which 11 people died, will be the featured guest speaker at the screening.

The festival's closing day film will be "The Automat," which is about the rise and fall of the Horn & Hardart restaurant chain in New York City and Philadelphia, on March 29 at Zinman Hall. The event begins with an Automathemed closing party at 12:30 p.m. followed by a free screening of the film at 1 p.m. Lisa Hurwitz, the film's director, will be the guest speaker.

Visit bocajff.org, call 561-558-2514 or visit the Levis JCC Sandler Center Box Office, 21050 95th Ave. S. in Boca Raton, for more information on the film festival, including schedule, full line up of films, tickets or sponsorships.

News quiz

Test your knowledge of current events from the week of Feb. 23.



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Voters watch as a volunteer counts votes in Las Vegas during the Nevada caucuses.

- 1. What business said it would stop allowing Border Patrol agents without warrants to conduct routine immigration checks?**
A. Greyhound.
B. Amtrak.
C. Uber.
D. American Airlines.
- 2. A political action committee linked to what Republican senator has admitted purchasing ads designed to meddle in North Carolina's Democratic Senate primary?**
A. Ted Cruz.
B. Lindsey Graham.
C. Mitch McConnell.
D. John Thune.
- 3. According to a recent survey, what group reported a lower likelihood of filling out census forms than any other demographic group?**
A. Native Americans.
B. Hispanic Americans.
C. Black Americans.
D. Asian Americans.
- 4. A patient was awakened during her brain surgery in London to do what so doctors could confirm they did not damage areas of her brain crucial for that task?**
A. Write.
B. Play the violin.
C. Speak three languages.
D. Eat and drink.
- 5. Pope Francis declared a Jesuit priest a martyr, moving him another step closer to possible sainthood. The priest was killed with two others from what country in 1977 by death squads?**
A. Syria.
B. Iran.
C. El Salvador.
D. Kenya.
- 6. Katherine Johnson, a mathematician whose work helping NASA's early space missions was featured in the film "Hidden Figures," has died at the age of 101. She and other women who solved equations by hand were called what?**
A. "Calculators."
B. "Secretaries."
C. "Computers."
D. "Trainees."
- 7. In complaining about a foreign-language film winning the Best Picture Oscar, President Donald Trump invoked what Academy Award-winning movie?**
A. "On the Waterfront."
B. "Rocky."
C. "Crash."
D. "Gone With The Wind."
- 8. How many women did Michael Bloomberg say he would release from nondisclosure agreements that prevent them from publicly speaking about lawsuits alleging sexual harassment or discrimination?**
A. One.
B. Three.
C. Five.
D. Seven.
- 9. Which white-collar criminal was NOT among those granted a pardon, commutation or clemency by President Donald Trump?**
A. Bernie Madoff.
B. Rod Blagojevich.
C. Michael Milken.
D. Edward DeBartolo Jr.
- 10. Which presidential candidate's campaign alleged vote-counting irregularities in the Nevada caucus?**
A. Donald Trump.
B. Bernie Sanders.
C. Pete Buttigieg.
D. Elizabeth Warren.

Answers: 1. (A); 2. (C); 3. (D); 4. (B); 5. (C); 6. (C); 7. (D); 8. (B); 9. (A); 10. (C)

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