

# THE 18<sup>TH</sup> SEASON OF THE SIDNEY R. HOFFMAN MEMORIAL



# JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL



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## Opening Day

### THE SAMUEL PROJECT

**Sunday afternoon, December 16, 2018      Film 2:00 PM      Reception following the Film**

HAL LINDEN plays Eli's grandfather Samuel. Eli gets to know his grandfather for the first time when he makes him the subject of an animated art project for school. With dreams of becoming a professional artist, the high school senior discovers that his grandpa, a simple Jewish dry cleaner, was heroically saved from Nazi capture in Germany by a young woman when he was a boy. After hesitating, Samuel agrees to tell his story for the project—a story he hasn't told in over 75 years. In the end Eli's project makes the finals in a countywide art showcase where he unveils his animated 'Samuel Project'. **Winner of Audience Award at this year's Los Angeles Jewish Film Festival.      92 Minutes      English**

### IN HER FOOTSTEPS

**Sunday afternoon, January 13, 2019      Film 2:00 PM      Reception following the Film**

In the dead of night, my Muslim parents left our house in the Bedouin village, Tel Sheva, and moved, perhaps 'fled', to Omer, a nearby Jewish town. For more than 20 years of life in Omer, we were convinced that we're like everyone else around us, till my mother became ill with breast cancer. She expresses an unprecedented wish, to be buried as a Muslim in the town's Jewish cemetery. Her wish tore the family apart and raised serious dilemmas, about identity, belonging, femininity and the meaning of home. **This film won the Van Leer Award for Best Director at the Jerusalem Film Festival and was a nominee for the Israeli Academy awards.      70 Minutes      Hebrew and Arabic**

### SHELTER

**Sunday afternoon, February 10, 2019      Film 2:00 PM      Reception following the Film**

Two women. NAOMI. She's Israeli. She's tough. She's fragile. She's trying to have a baby. She's a Mossad agent. MONA. She's Lebanese. She's tough. She's fragile. She works for the Mossad. She has to pay the price. Two women take us into a complex, multi-dimensional labyrinth of trust and mistrust, of honesty and deception, of loyalty and betrayal. These are women who are the emotional core, the emotional force, the emotional drive that takes the audience on and in to their journey. A thriller wrapping an intimate story set in a safehouse. A safe house. Nothing is safe. Nobody is secure. No one is immune. Everyone is searching for SHELTER. **Winner at the Haifa International Film Festival and the Palm Springs International Film Festival.      93 Minutes      English, Arabic, Hebrew and German**

### THE TESTAMENT

**Sunday afternoon, March 24, 2019      Film 2:00 PM      Reception following the Film**

Yoel, an international expert in Holocaust research, has spent over fifteen years diligently studying the Nazi's methods of annihilating Jews in Austria and Hungary. In the course of his research he discovers, almost by chance, classified documents which hint to the fact that his mother is living under an assumed identity. The further he plunges into his research the more he doubts his mother's Jewish identity. A mystery about a man who is willing to risk everything to discover the truth. Yoel, confident that he's right, insists on bringing the truth to light no matter the cost to him, his family, his mother and himself. **Winner of Best Film Award at the Haifa International Film Festival.      88 Minutes Hebrew, German and English**

All films will be shown at the Jewish Congregation, 991 Winterberry Drive ~ Marco Island

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