



THE 20TH SEASON OF THE SIDNEY R. HOFFMAN MEMORIAL



JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL

The Interpreter

Sunday afternoon, December 20, 2020

Film 2:00 PM

Odd-couple traveling companions - the son of a Nazi officer and his Jewish translator - roam the Slovak countryside, in this bittersweet road movie full of melancholic humor that traverses complex moral and historical territory. Ali leaves his home to find and kill the SS officer who murdered his parents during WWII. Instead, he meets the Nazi's son, retired teacher Georg, an incorrigible drunk and womanizer. Despite their tense first encounter, the two ill-matched men travel together, developing a prickly friendship along the way. The Interpreter explores themes of memory, trauma and guilt through the shared history of characters seeking to bridge their differences and reclaim their humanity. **Building Bridges Jury Prize Atlanta Jewish Film Festival 2019, Official Entry (Slovakia) – Best Foreign Language Film, 2019 Academy Awards 116 Minutes German and Slovakian**

The Jewish Congregation of Marco Island is pleased to announce our 20th season of the Sidney R. Hoffman Memorial JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL, and we are more than proud to say that the JCMI FILM FESTIVAL is the first Jewish Film Festival in all of Southwest Florida.

This year, however, is very different from the last 19 years. The Covid-19 virus has markedly changed all our lives. Our Film Festival has always been shown live and in person at our Temple building on Winterberry Drive. This year, at least for now, we can't in good conscience invite the public to join our members inside our building to show our films.

However, on Sunday, December 22nd at 2:00pm we will have a virtual presentation of THE INTERPRETER, an award winning movie from Slovakia. This is a gripping story and is really a character study of two older men, one of whom is Jewish and wants to avenge the murder of his father by the Nazis, while the other is the son of the Nazi General who was responsible for the murder of his father.

The film has received numerous awards including Best Picture and Best Director as well as Best Actor and Best Screenplay awards. It was nominated for Best Foreign Picture at the Hollywood Oscars and won the Best Picture Award at the Trieste Film Festival. And just last year it won the Jury Award for Building Bridges at the Atlanta Jewish Film Festival.

Because so many of our patrons look forward to the Film Festival and because this is our 20th Anniversary, we have decided to make this film a gift to our patrons and to our community at large. The film will be shown at no charge via LIVE-STREAM so you can watch it from your own home. You need only go to our website and click on the LIVE-STREAM icon on Sunday, the 22nd. Join us and enjoy this important movie and then please let us know your comments. With a positive response from our viewers, we will continue to show our 20th season via LIVE-STREAM until such time as we can safely open JCMI to our members and the public.