



Sunday, April 29

4:30 PM

STRANGERS NO MORE

Family matinee!

40 min documentary, multiple languages with subtitles

Academy Award Winner!



In the heart of Tel Aviv, there is an exceptional school where children from 48 different countries and diverse backgrounds come together to learn. Many of the students are fleeing poverty, political adversity and even genocide. Here,

no child is a stranger. *Strangers No More* follows several students' struggles to acclimate to life in a new land while slowly opening up to share their stories of hardship and tragedy.

DINNER AT THE CINEMA

Catered by Jimmy Johns

5:30 PM

Sunday Deals: One Movie & 1 Dinner \$10.00

Both Movies & 1 Dinner \$15.00

RSVP by April 26 to 616-942-5553 or

Sari@jfg.org

Sunday, April 29

6:15 PM

DOLPHIN BOY

72 min documentary, Hebrew, Arabic with subtitles

A true story about the healing power of nature!

A teenager from an Arab village in the north of Israel disconnects himself from humans following a violent attack. As a last resort before hospitalization in a psychiatric facility, he is taken by his devoted father to be treated with dolphins in Eilat. This documentary is about the devastating havoc that human violence can wreak upon the human soul, and about the healing powers of nature and of love. This was filmed over the course of the past four years.



Guest speaker: Judith Manassen Ramon, producer of the film. She is a researcher who has dealt with post traumatic stress disorder in Israeli society from various angles.

Monday, April 30

7:30 PM

JOANNA (Rated R: sex scene, nudity)

105 min. Drama, Polish with Subtitles

1940s Poland: Middle class pianist Joanna (Urszula Grabowska, who received several best actress awards for the role) goes to church to pray for news of her husband at the war front. She stumbles across a petrified eight-year-old Jewish girl, Rose, who has somehow managed to evade the Nazis who captured



her mother. Joanna decides to hide Rose in her flat, but finds herself faced with tough decisions as her neighbors become suspicious and it becomes increasingly unclear who can be trusted.

Tuesday, May 1

7:30 PM

REUNITING THE RUBINS (Rated PG)

97 min. Comedy, English

Lenny Rubins, an up-tight lawyer, has to put his dream retirement on hold when his ailing mother emotionally blackmails him into reuniting his estranged children. They might quarrel, fight and never see eye to eye, but they are still family. However, it is going to take a whole lot of soul searching and sacrifice for all involved to come together in this heartwarming, family comedy.



The Rubins will have you thinking of your own family with a smile.

Short film with introduction by Filmmaker Yoav Factor.

MIDDLE EASTERN DINNER

Wednesday, May 2

6:00 PM

**Wave Room at
Celebration! Cinema North**



Adults: \$8.00

Children (12 and younger): \$5.00

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Wednesday, May 2

7:30 PM

TORN

75 min. Documentary, English, Hebrew, Polish with Subtitles

Can one be a Catholic priest and an observant Jew at the same time?

Israeli Documentary Forum Awards 2011.

Twelve years after he was ordained as a Polish Catholic priest, Romuald Waszkinel discovers that he was born to Jewish parents, and that his name was

Jacob Weksler. The film follows his amazing journey: from conducting mass in a church in Poland to life as an observant Jew in a religious kibbutz in Israel. Romuald is torn between two identities, between being Romuald Waszkinel or Jacob Weksler. He is unable to renounce either, and therefore is rejected by both religions and the state of Israel. He is required to choose.

Guest speaker: Ida Paluch

**Kersz, a Holocaust survivor
with a similar story.**



Thursday, May 3

7:30 PM

BRIDE FLIGHT (Rated R: sex scene, nudity)

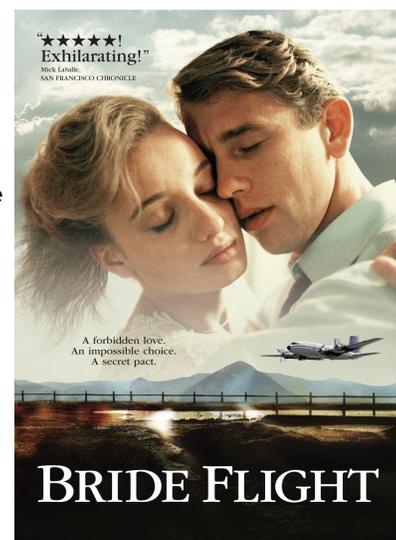
130 min. Drama, English

Bride Flight is a lavish romantic drama inspired by a true story that charts the lives of three women who escape the gloom of post-WWII Holland for what they hope will be a better life in New Zealand.

The women, one of whom was Jewish, become friends during the long flight taking them to their waiting husbands, who have already settled in Christchurch.

Upon arrival, they part ways to start their new lives, but their paths continue to cross with chance meetings resulting in adultery, betrayal and near tragedy leading up to a reunion 50 years later.

Film discussion after the screening with film critic John Serba



Admission: \$6.00 per film

Flex Pass Tickets for 8 admissions are \$36 each, and are available until April 26

For information call: Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids, 616-942-5553 or visit www.jewishgrandrapids.org

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