
Sunday, March 11 at 7 PM
The Museum
Ran Tal, Israel (Hebrew) | 2017 | 1h 14min
A surprisingly entertaining and rousing documentary depicting life within and the art of Israel’s foremost museum.

Monday, March 12 at 7 PM
1945
Ferenc Tóth, Hungary (Hungarian & Russian) | 2017 | 1h 31min
A complex, magnificently filmed and acted story of a society reluctantly coming to terms with the recent horrors townspeople experienced, perpetrated, or just tolerated.

Tuesday, March 13 at 7 PM
Menashe
Joshua Z. Weinstein, USA (Yiddish & English) | 2017 | 1h 22min
Set within the New York Hasidic community, the film follows a kind but hapless grocery store clerk determined to maintain custody of his son after his wife passes away.

Wednesday, March 14 at 7 PM
The Invisibles
Claas Raffe, Germany (German) | 2017 | 1h 40min
The remarkable story of four Jews who survived the war hiding in Berlin. The film weaves testimony with dramatization that brings edge-of-the-seat suspense until the very last moment.

Thursday, March 15 at 7 PM
West of the Jordan River
Amos Gitai, France & Israel (English, Arabic & Hebrew) | 2016 | 1h 24 min
Amos Gitai’s beautiful portrait of soldiers, human rights activists, journalists, mourning mothers, and Jewish settlers all acting in the name of their civic consciences.

Saturday, March 17 at 8:30 PM
The Wedding Plan
Rana Buchkin, Israel (Hebrew) | 2016 | 1h 50min
Blindsided by her fiancé’s decision to call off the wedding with only a month’s notice, Michal continues with her wedding plans, believing Mr. Right will appear by her chosen date.

Sunday, March 18 at 2 PM
Israel, Why
Claude Lanzmann, Italy & France (English, German & Hebrew) | 1973 | 1h 5min
A fascinating and almost forgotten documentary by Claude Lanzmann, the acclaimed director of Shoah, examining life in a turbulent country twenty-five years after its founding.

Sunday, March 18 at 7 PM
HaGiga: The Story of Israeli Cinema
Mati Groen, Israel (Hebrew) | 2018 | 1h 10min
A spellbinding documentary about the history of Israeli cinema, featuring hundreds of interviews and a wealth of rare archival footage.

Monday, March 19 at 7 PM
Operation Wedding
Anat Zalmanson-Kuznetcov, Israel/Latvia (English, Hebrew, Russian) | 2016 | 1h 3min
In Leningrad, 1970, a group of Jewish dissidents plots to hijack an empty plane and escape the USSR. Fast forward 45 years later, the filmmaker tells the riveting story of her parents.

Tuesday, March 20 at 7 PM
The Testament
Amichai Greenberg, Austria/Israel (Hebrew, German, English) | 2017 | 1h 20min
An international expert in Holocaust research discovers, almost by chance, classified documents which hint to the fact that his mother is living under an assumed identity.

Wednesday, March 21 at 7 PM
A Land Without Borders
Michael Aloni, Israel (Hebrew) | 2017 | 1h 22min
Award-winning writer Nir Barom’s fascinating journey through the West Bank to speak with Palestinians and Israeli settlers. An important film to see for anyone who thinks they have a ready solution to an ongoing conflict.

Thursday, March 22 at 7 PM
Siege
Gilberto Tofano, Israel (Hebrew) | 1969 | 1h 40min
Israeli film legend Gila Almagor stars in the story of a war widow pressed by her friends to behave like a heroic widow, and the personal journey she makes in a country under siege. This recently digitized and restored classic is considered by some to be the best Israeli feature film ever made.

Saturday, March 24 at 8:30 PM
Holy Air
Shadi Srour, Israel (Arabic, Hebrew, English) | 2017 | 1h 21min
With all his business ideas having failed, Adam gives one last try to make it big by selling the very air that the Virgin Mary breathed during her Annunciation. A delightful romantic comedy.

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$172 = 8 screenings
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$10 = 1 screening

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