

Introducing the first ever Virgin Islands

Israeli Film Festival

Brought to you by The Hebrew Congregation of St. Thomas (the St. Thomas Synagogue), the Jewish Community of the Virgin Islands, Rabbi Michael Feshbach, and other community partners.

Israeli films have grown in depth, range and critical acclaim over the past several decades. Often combining charm and wit with deep dives into controversial issues, these movies open up conversations and experiences the way good art should. We show these films here, now, in many cases the first time they are available in any format on these islands.

The first three in the series will be:

Sallah Shabati

Thursday, July 12, 2018, 7 PM

At the home of Rabbi Michael Feshbach and Julie Novick

This biting social satire from 1964 was the first Israeli film to achieve major international success. Using slapstick humor, controversial then and now, this film nevertheless was one of the first ways in which Israeli culture examined the tension between European elites and immigrants from the Arab world, and it tackled head on issues of ethnicity, class, acculturation and integration in ways that had not been discussed before. To RSVP and for directions, contact Rabbi Feshbach at rabbifeshbach@synagogue.vi or call 340-774-4312.

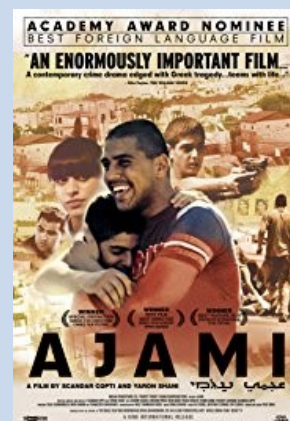


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Tuesday, August 14, 2018, 7 PM

Lilienfeld House, across from the Synagogue.

An amazing, provocative 2009 film co-directed by an Israeli and Palestinian film-maker, with five seemingly separate stories of Israeli Jews, Israeli Arabs, West Bank Palestinians, and Beduin culture, all of which clash and come together in the end in the mixed city of Jaffa. To RSVP please contact Agi Rampino at shop@synagogue.vi or call 340-774-4312.



Lalechet Al HaMayim (Walk on Water)

Saturday, September 1, 2018, 8 PM

Lilienfeld House, across from the Synagogue

A stirring film, featuring the incomparable Lior Ashkenazi, on issues of justice, revenge, terrorism, retribution, repentance, reconciliation, family, loyalty, power, identity and the meaning of life. This film is in Hebrew, English and German, and will precede the congregation's observance of Selichot (at 10 PM), a moving, mystical, candle-lit service of spiritual preparation for the High Holy Days. For more information call 340-774-4312.

