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# **Last Call for Hong Kong Jewish Film Festival 2019**



From left to right: Avenging Evil, A Mirror for the Sun, Miriam (Short)

(Hong Kong – 29 October 2019) The **20**<sup>th</sup> **Hong Kong Jewish Film Festival** is only days away! This year's hit opening comedy *Tel Aviv on Fire* and the heartwarming drama *Redemption* are selling quickly over the last few weeks. Grab the chance to get your tickets! Over 20 titles with compelling topics will be shown at Asia Society Hong Kong Center from 2 to 10 November. Here's a lineup of hidden gems you don't want to miss.

# Documentary: Avenging Evil (3 Nov)

A documentary featuring a seldom-told, thought-provoking story of revenge. 6 million Jews are dead, but by 1946, just a handful of Nazis face trial. Most of the guilty will never face justice. Based on previously unheard recordings and exclusive interviews with those involved — all of whom are over 90 — this film tells the story of a secret organization of Holocaust survivors who decide to take matters into their own hands.

# Documentary: Who Will Write Our History (4 Nov)

Who Will Write Our History is a documentary that tells the stories of Jews who fought against the Nazi threat with paper and pen in the 1940s. A secret group of professionals risked their lives to record what they witnessed and protected their writings against all odds from Nazi lies and propaganda. This vital Holocaust documentary unveils how the truth can survive in the darkest of times.

# Documentary: Fiddler: A Miracle of Miracles (9 Nov)

The origin story behind one of Broadway's most beloved musicals, *Fiddler on The Roof*, and its creative roots in early 1960s New York. For the first time, intimate interviews with the show's creators reveal how the tremendous success and worldwide impact of *Fiddler* and its subsequent film adaptation is most appropriately viewed through the lens of the social upheaval and change in mid-20th century America.



#### Documentary: A Mirror for the Sun (10 Nov)

A Mirror for the Sun documents Tamar Ariel, IDF Air Force's first-ever Jewish Orthodox combat navigator, and her hiking companions who were hit with an unexpected snow storm and were forced into a struggle for survival in one of the world's harshest climates. This documentary is a captivating story of exceptional achievement and a testament to the power of humanity.

\*Director Neta Ariel will attend the Q & A session as Special Guest.

# Feature Film: Noble Savage (10 Nov)

Eli is a teenager struggling with an eating disorder, and every aspect of his life is on the brink of disaster. He lives in a seedy neighborhood with his mother and her new husband, two ex-junkies, while his alcoholic father is an unemployed artist and street philosopher. Eli's desperate efforts to unite his family spin out of control, when a minor family dispute erupts into a cataclysmic tragedy.

# Short Film Marathons (3 Nov and 10 Nov)

Two sets of six films on consecutive Sunday afternoons.

Surprising, quirky and fun, the Festival features the best Jewish short films from around the world touching on culture, politics, history and more.

For full program details, please visit the official website: <a href="https://www.hkjff.org/2019-films-a-to-z/">https://www.hkjff.org/2019-films-a-to-z/</a>

Hi-res images of all film stills and trailers are available here.

# **Hong Kong Jewish Film Festival**

Date: 2-10 November 2019

Venue: Asia Society Hong Kong Center - 9 Justice Drive, Admiralty

Ticket price:

Individual ticketsAdults: \$100; students and seniors: \$80Opening night ticketsAdults: \$380; students and seniors: \$350

(Include post-screening party)

Macher passes \$1,800

(Access to all screenings)



Tickets are now available through <u>Asia Society Hong Kong Center's Website</u>. All non-English language films have English subtitles unless otherwise noted.

# **Event's Designated Hashtags**

#HKJFF #HKJFF20 #HKJFF2019 #hkjewishff #hongkongjewishfilmfestival

# **About the Hong Kong Jewish Film Festival**

Founded in 1999, the Festival has screened hundreds of features, documentaries and short films from over 30 countries, hosting directors, producers, critics and curators. The Festival runs for 8 days showcasing a wide range of feature films, documentaries and shorts, which reflect and offer interesting and unique views into the diversity of Jewish and Israeli life and culture.

The Festival is fortunate to receive local support from foreign consulates, cultural offices and chambers of commerce in Hong Kong as well as a wide range of film lovers who come to the festival. The mission is to celebrate, educate, enlighten and entertain through movies and bring Jewish culture to this corner of Asia.

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