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Celebrate the 20th Hong Kong Jewish Film Festival

With a Diverse Lineup of Films in November

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(Hong Kong – 3 October 2019) The **Hong Kong Jewish Film Festival** returns for its 20th edition with an impressive lineup of films from 2 - 10 November 2019 at the Asia Society Hong Kong Center. The Festival offers an incredibly diverse program with over 20 feature films, comedies, documentaries and shorts from different countries, including Israel, the United States, Canada, Russia, Germany and Ethiopia. Film lovers may explore a wide range of topics from heartwarming family stories to an innovative way of revealing Old Cairo. This is an exciting opportunity to discover Jewish culture, politics, customs, as well as its ancient and modern history. <u>Tickets are on sale now</u>.

The 20th edition of the Festival kicks off with **Tel Aviv on Fire**, an award-winning film about a young Palestinian TV show writer, who is sandwiched between different political views that affect his creativity on how the series should end. Using humor to tackle serious issues, this lighthearted film is not to be missed.

The Festival features titles illustrating different kinds of relationships. *Redemption* is a moving story about unconditional parental love, friendship and morality. Menachem is a devout man who finds his daughter diagnosed with cancer. He decides to re-form his rock

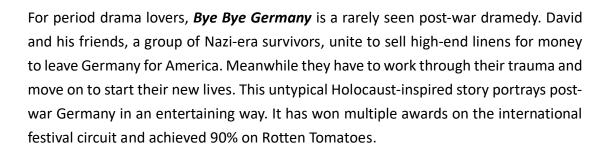




band with his friends to raise money for her expensive treatments. The movie won accolades in various film festivals, including Best Actor Award and Audience Award.



Another appealing film is **Back to Maracana**, a road movie about three estranged family members on a wild journey from Israel to Brazil for the World Cup. The film describes contemporary Jewish family relationships and the charisma of soccer as a universal language.



The Festival also offers a variety of documentaries for audiences. **93Queen** follows the first all-female volunteer ambulance corps in New York City. It shows how Hasidic women make their mark by breaking through old-fashioned barriers in order to change their community into a better place.

Would you be willing to protect the truth at all costs, even with your life? *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.

From Cairo to the Cloud is directed by Michelle Paymar, an award-winning documentary filmmaker. Paymar requested for filming permission and approval from different Egyptian Government departments for nearly seven years. She finally became the first



filmmaker in decades to be allowed to film inside the Ben Ezra Synagogue, which houses the Cairo Geniza, a mysterious treasure trove that unveils over a thousand years of Jewish history.





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

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 tickets	Adults: \$100; students and seniors: \$80
Opening night tickets	Adults: \$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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