



Announcing the Israeli Mosaic Film Series – August 21, 2024

Dear Friends,

I am very pleased to announce the launch of our **Israeli Mosaic Film Series**, a three-part exploration of Israel's rich diversity through three films in September. We will provide a link to watch each film online on your own and we will join together for an online discussion with filmmakers for each film, live from Israel.

The first film, **Children of the Sun**, tells the story of children of the first kibbutzim in Israel, who were born in the early 20th century to youthful parents, who were full of hope and who aspired to replace the traditional family with a collective one while seeking a life of equality. We will have an online discussion with the director, Ron Tal, on Thursday, September 5, at 11:30 am ET.

The second film, **Underground Ballet**, shares the tale of a classical ballet company, founded by a prima ballerina from the Bolshoi Ballet in Moscow who moved to Jerusalem with her daughter, that meets in a studio below the stands at Teddy Stadium. Our online discussion will be with the writer and director, Lina Chapin, and the producer, Daniela Reiss Razon, on Thursday, September 12, at 11:30 am ET.

The third film, **Honey Trap**, takes us to Keryat Moshe, home of a large Ethiopian Jewish community, and considered to be one of the toughest neighborhoods in Israel where a national priority construction program could catapult the residents into a new era. We will have an online conversation with the writers and directors, Aalam Warque and Kobi Davidian on Thursday, September 26, at 11:30 am ET.

Complete descriptions of each film along with registration links are found on our website (walnutstreetsynagogue.com/israel-film-series). **You will need to register for each film individually** and we will send links to watch the movie and join the conversation with the filmmakers a few days before each session. There is no charge.

This series is made possible by a grant from the Congregation Ahabat Shalom Religious Fund and other generous donors. Additional sponsorships are available (see our sponsorship form or event website).

Please join us. I hope to see you online for this upcoming series!

Am Yisrael Chai.

Edward Medros
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