

The Ninth Annual
MSU Israeli Film Festival

Hosted by the MSU Jewish Studies Program
March 23-24, 2014 / 147 Communication Arts & Sciences Bldg.

Sunday, March 23

2:00–3:50 pm **Fill the Void** (2012) **למלא את החלל**



Shira, the youngest daughter of an Orthodox Hassidic family in Tel Aviv, is grief-stricken when her older sister, Esther, dies during childbirth. As the family grieves, Shira is pressured to marry her late sister's husband. Shira faces a very difficult decision. Winner of 7 Israeli Academy Awards.

Presented by Prof. Ilana Blumberg, James Madison College. Director: Rama Burshtein. 90 minutes. Hebrew, with English subtitles. **FREE**

4:15–5:30 pm **Arab Labor** (2013) **עבודה ערבית**

The groundbreaking TV series that combines humor and drama to explore the cultural divide between Arabs and Jews in Israel. In this **Michigan premiere** of Season 4, Bushra discovers that she is pregnant. Her husband, Amjad, does not handle the news well. On his way to becoming the perfect husband, an exemplary father and a promising member of the Knesset, the road to his dilemmas is always paved with good intentions.



Presented by Chen Bram, Schusterman Visiting Professor. Writer/Creator: Sayed Kashua. Director: Shai Capon. 50 minutes. Hebrew and Arabic, with English subtitles. **FREE**



5:30 pm. Dinner available for purchase onsite.
Catered by Woody's Oasis Mediterranean Deli.

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Sunday Evening, March 23

6:30–8:45 pm

***Hunting Elephants* (2013) לצוד פילים**



This bittersweet farce, about a teenage boy who joins his elderly grandfather and cronies to rob a bank, opened the 2013 Jerusalem Film Festival. Featuring veteran Israeli actors and also British acting legend Patrick Stewart.

Presented by Ellen Rothfeld, Coordinator, MSU Israeli Film Festival. Writer/Director: Reshef Levi. 107 minutes. Hebrew and English, with English subtitles. **Co-sponsored by the College of Social Science and School of Social Work. FREE**

Monday Evening, March 24

7:00–9:15 pm ***The Prime Ministers: The Pioneers* (2013)**

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The Prime Ministers: The Pioneers, based on the best-selling book by Ambassador Yehuda Avner, takes the audience inside the offices of Israel's prime ministers through the eyes of an insider, Yehuda Avner, who served as chief aide, English language note-taker and speechwriter to Levi Eshkol, Golda Meir, Yitzhak Rabin, Menachem Begin, and Shimon Peres.



Presented by Prof. Yael Aronoff, Serling and Friends Chair of Israel Studies, James Madison College. Writers: Marvin Hier, Richard Trank. Director: Richard Trank. 115 minutes. English and Hebrew, with English subtitles. **FREE**

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IFF 2013 Committee: Ellen Rothfeld, Festival Coordinator, Committee Chair
Committee Members: Yael Aronoff, Evyatar Ben Avi, Brad Isakson, Joyce Ladenson, Cliff Shekter

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