

The Seventh Annual MSU Israeli Film Festival

Hosted by the MSU Jewish Studies Program
March 25-26, 2012--147 Communication Arts & Sciences Bldg.

Sunday, March 25

1:30-3:15 pm *Precious Life (2010)* חיים יקרים

This powerful film is about a Palestinian baby born without an immune system. He will die without a bone marrow transplant, which can only be performed in an Israeli hospital. This film has won acclaim for its raw depiction of courage and the fight for the safety of a family, regardless of religion and politics. 2011 Oscar Nominee, Best Documentary; 2010 Israeli Film Academy Award, Best Documentary.



Director: Shlomi Eldar, Gaza reporter for Israel's Channel 10 news. 82 minutes.
Hebrew and Arabic, with English subtitles. Genre: Documentary. **FREE**

3:30-5:15 pm **Feature Film** *Eli & Ben (2007)* אילי ובן



Twelve year old Eli's world changes when his father, the City Architect of Herzliya, is accused of accepting bribes. Eli fights to prove his innocence. First Prize, Goldene Klappe, 28th Children's Film Festival, Augsburg, Germany 2010; First Prize, Best Feature Film, Festival Youngabout, Italy 2010; Grand Prix Award, Moscow Children's Film Festival 2010.

Director: Ori Ravid. 90 minutes. Hebrew with English subtitles. **FREE**



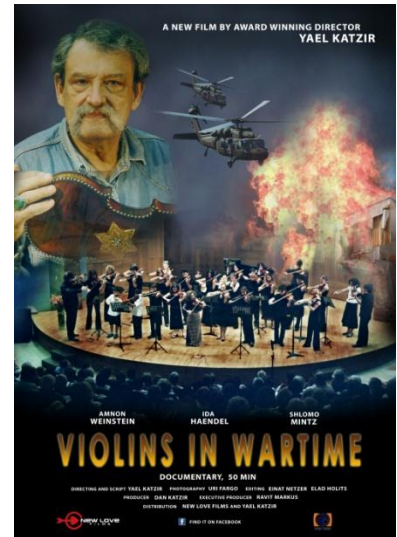
5:30 p.m. Dinner available for purchase onsite.
Catered by Woody's Oasis Mediterranean Deli.

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Sunday Evening March 25 ***Special Feature***

6:30-8:30 pm **Violins in Wartime (2011)**

Award winning Director Yael Katzir's NEW film. *Violins in Wartime*, filmed during the second Lebanon War in 2006, follows a group of internationally acclaimed conductors, in Israel for an annual master course for violin soloists. The program takes place in Keshet Eilon, a kibbutz on the border with Lebanon. The sound of violins is suddenly muffled by the sounds of missiles from Lebanon. A story of music, classical art and perseverance.



****Special presentation by Israeli Filmmaker Professor Yael Katzir.****

50 minutes. English & Hebrew with English subtitles. Genre: Documentary. **FREE**
Sponsor: MSU College of Music

Monday Evening, March 26

7:00-9:00pm **Souvenirs (2006) סובנירים**



Filmmaker Shahar Cohen is convinced by his father, Sleiman, to make a film about Sleiman's time in the Jewish Brigade in Amsterdam during WWII. The purpose: to search for "souvenirs" the father might have left behind. They follow the Brigade's trail, beginning in Israel, through Italy and Germany, ending up in Holland. With humor and compassion the film raises questions about bravery, reality, memory and history. First Prize, San Francisco International Film Festival, 2007; Israel Academy Award, Best Documentary, 2006.

Directors: Shahar Cohen, Halil Efrat. 75 minutes. Hebrew & English, with English subtitles. Genre: Documentary. **FREE**

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IFF 2012 Committee: Ellen Rothfeld, Festival Coordinator & Committee Chair

Committee Members: Yael Aronoff, Marc Bernstein, Joyce Ladenson, Cliff Shekter, Felix Shoihat

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