



BERKSHIRE JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL

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July 6

4 pm *Mrs. G* – Documentary

The incredible story of how one woman created the world's most famous swimsuit company. Mrs. Lea Gottlieb, known as 'Mrs. G' started Gottex in her tiny Tel Aviv apartment.

8 pm *Life Through A Lens* - Short documentary

The story of Hollywood photographer, Robert Zuckerman, whose 'life through a lens' gets turned upside down after he is diagnosed with a rare, debilitating genetic disease, generally referred to by its initials, APBD.

Golda - Documentary

An engrossing portrait backboned by a surprisingly candid, unaired TV interview of Israel's only female Prime Minister. The film charts Golda's trailblazing rise to power and her tragic demise.

July 13

4 pm *Give It Back!* - Short narrative

New to Israel, Olivia is bullied by her classmates and ends the day on a surprising note.

Ma'abarot - Documentary

Arriving during a time of poverty and austerity, Jewish refugees from the Middle East and North Africa, seek shelter in the Promised Land and are forced into ma'abarot, remote shantytowns of tents and sheds.

8 pm *Belle and Sebastian* - Narrative

A heartwarming story of the friendship and daring of a young boy and a stray dog against the backdrop of their village in the French Alps where residents secretly organize the passage of Jews into Switzerland.

July 20

4 pm *Hunting Elephants* – Narrative

Sir Patrick Stewart stars in this funny, heartwarming caper about a precocious 12-year-old boy who conspires with three senior citizens to rob a bank in order to save himself and his mother from losing their house.

8 pm *Broken Mirrors* - Narrative

Ariella, a 17-year-old girl commits a grave error for which her military father, uncharacteristically, isn't willing to punish her. She sets off on a quest and discovers a secret to her father's past that leads them to confront one another.

July 27

4 pm *Latter Day Jew* - Documentary

How does a gay, former Mormon and cancer survivor who converted to Judaism at the age of 34 prepare for his Bar Mitzvah? *Latter Day Jew* follows comedian H. Alan Scott as he deals with the big questions.

8 pm *The Rabbi from Hezbollah* - Documentary

Ibrahim, born in a small village in Lebanon was destined to follow in his father's footsteps as a farmer and shepherd, but fate had something else in store. Through coincidence and choice, he became one of Israel's leading spies.

August 3

4 pm *Rewind* - Documentary

Sasha Joseph Neulinger takes a brave and wrenching look at his childhood and the journey to reconcile his past. By probing the gap between image and reality, the film depicts how little and how much a camera can capture. (Courtesy Independent Lens)

8 pm *Holy Silence* - Documentary

The Catholic Church's response to the Holocaust, examined with historic film, rare documents, and interviews, reveals a failure of moral authority.

August 10

4 pm *Oliver Sacks: His Own Life* - Documentary

This fascinating film explores the life and work of the legendary neurologist and storyteller, a fearless explorer of unknown mental worlds who helped redefine our understanding of the brain and mind, the diversity of human experience, and our shared humanity.

8 pm *Igor and the Crane's Journey* - Narrative

Igor and the Crane's Journey touches the core of the migration experience. A charming film about a young boy facing new challenges and finding his own voice and strength by connecting to the world of nature.