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The 32nd Annual Vancouver Jewish Film Festival Moves Online to Present A Selection of Award-Winning Films

VANCOUVER, January 2021 – The longest running Jewish film festival in Canada will take place from March 4 to March 14, 2021 bringing feature films from around the world to home viewers from across British Columbia. This year's programming has focused on selecting films with multigenerational appeal suitable for family viewing at home. The selection includes a mix of award-winning dramas, comedies, and documentaries highlighting the diversity of Jewish culture and the need for global unity and human connections. The Online Film Festival will also feature a number of guest speakers.

Films of note that have received prestigious awards are:

- ***Asia*** focuses on a mother and daughter duo candidly exploring the challenges of motherhood with a teenager and health issues - Stars Shira Haas (Shtisel, Unorthodox)
Winner of 10 Ophir Awards and Israel's Submission to this year's Oscars Awards
- ***Here We Are*** explores the parental bond with sensitivity, grace and humor.
Asking the question how do we, as a society, care for those with different abilities.
Winner of 4 Ophir Awards including Best Picture, Best Actor and Best Supporting Actor
- ***Thou Shalt Not Hate*** explores the story of a Jewish surgeon, son of a Holocaust survivor who happens upon the site of an accident in which he is willing to help the victim. Upon discovering a swastika tattooed on the victim's chest, the surgeon faces an ethical and moral dilemma.
Awards: Best Actor and Best Italian film - Venice International Film Festival

The festival is a community-building initiative intended to connect audiences through film and storytelling. Robert Albanese, Executive Director of the Vancouver Jewish Film Festival says, "We remain true to our mission of showcasing the diversity of Jewish culture, heritage and identity through film; our festival is fundamentally about building connections among the various communities in Metro Vancouver and B.C to celebrate exceptional filmmaking."

Here is a link to the [VJFF YouTube video](#) with the trailers of the 2021 Film Festival.

Full event schedule and ticket information, will be posted in mid February.
Please visit the [Vancouver Jewish Film Festival website](#).

About the Vancouver Jewish Film Society

The Vancouver Jewish Film Centre Society encourages the appreciation of motion pictures as a medium of art, information and education. Film has emerged as the most engaging art form of our era and the Vancouver Jewish Film Centre screens the best of world cinema, while encouraging multicultural interaction with programming that appeals to a wide audience base.

For further press information, media assets or to schedule interviews, please contact: film@vjff.org