

B'nai Israel Jewish Center in Petaluma, CA will host an online screening of ABRAZOS (Embraces) followed by a panel discussion with the filmmaker, Luis Argueta. The 45-minute documentary film follows a group of U.S. citizen children who travel 3,000 miles, from Minnesota to Guatemala, to meet their grandparents and extended families for the first time.

The film will be available to stream online May 9-16. The Director Q&A will take place on May 16 at 1 p.m. (PST) via Zoom. There is no charge. Rabbi Ted Feldman of B'nai Israel Jewish Center will moderate the panel discussion. Guests will include filmmaker Argueta, immigration activist and Petaluma City Councilmember Dennis Pocekay, the organizers of the children's trip and some of the children featured in the film.

Argueta is the 2019 recipient of the Harris Wofford Global Citizen Award, which honors an outstanding global leader who grew up in a country where Peace Corps Volunteers served. It is the highest honor bestowed upon a global leader by National Peace Corps Association.

The film is in English and Spanish with English subtitles. Registration is required. Viewing is open to all who are interested, however participation in the discussion is limited to 100.

To register or for further information, email film@bnaiisrael.net.

Abrazos website <https://www.newday.com/film/abrazos>

Luis Argueta: <https://www.newday.com/filmmaker/17>