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Family in Captivity Screening Across America

June 25 marks five years of Gilad Shalit being held captive in Gaza. From June 21 till June 27 we invite communities across North America to honor Gilad and educate the public with a screening of the film *Family in Captivity*.

The film is an intimate story that follows the day to day efforts of the Shalit family to cope and bring Gilad home. Through their story, we exit the political realm and see the human angle of this difficult ordeal that is relateable to everyone. This heartbreaking story gives unprecedented access to the Shalit family, and shows how these private and anonymous individuals rise to become national symbols.

Special screening fees will be offered for screenings on June 21-27, and the filmmakers and family will be available for select screenings on those dates.

All proceeds from the screening will go to Free Gilad Shalit efforts. Please start spreading the word to individuals and organizations.

[Click Here For More Information and to Arrange a Screening in your Community.](#)



Jewish Film Presenters Network Conference Updates

We are proud to host the 2011 Jewish Film Presenters Network Conference from June 5-6. This will be the major annual conference for all Jewish film festivals and presenters.

We have added a sample agenda and early-registration is now open!

The price goes up on May 1, so reserve your spot today.

[Registration and More Information](#)



Phobidilia

Break out Israeli film [Phobidilia](#) will be premiering at the Pittsburgh Jewish Film Festival. Directors Doron and Yoav Paz will be stopping at the Israel Film Center at the JCC in Manhattan on the way back to Israel for a screening on April 11.



Bombay Beach
Photo by Alma Harel

Israeli Films at the Tribeca Film Festival

The Tribeca Film Festival runs April 20-May 1 and includes three Israeli

premieres:

Bombay Beach

Using a stylized amalgam of nonfiction and choreographed dance, *Bombay Beach* visits the barren California landscape of the Salton Sea to find a motley cast including a bipolar seven-year-old, a lovelorn football star, and an octogenarian poet-prophet.

Rabies

A psychotic serial killer on the loose in the woods crosses paths with a group of unsuspecting teenagers. Soon people are dying one by one... but the bad guy isn't who you think.

Eva - Working Title

An aspiring actress has trouble after the shooting stops in this 14min short film.



Upcoming Israel Film Center Screenings

at The JCC in Manhattan - 334 Amsterdam Ave, New York

PHOBIDILIA

Mon, Apr 11, 7:30pm

In this stylish Israeli psychodrama Regev decides to shun human contact and never again leave his Tel Aviv apartment. His only contact with the human world is through his landlord, an elderly Holocaust survivor, who delivers him an eviction notice.

[More Information & Tickets](#)

ISRAEL-IN-SHORT: ANIMATED FILMS

Tue, May 10, 7:30pm

CELEBRATE YOM HA'ATZMAUT!

A collection of top animated shorts coming from Israel's budding film industry, including films from the top animation program at Jerusalem's Bezalel School of Art.

[More Information & Tickets](#)



Other Israel Film Festival Call For Entries

The 5th Annual Other Israel Film Festival, Nov 10-17, 2011, is now accepting submissions!

Founded in 2007, The Other Israel Film Festival uses film to foster social awareness and cultural understanding. The Festival presents dramatic and documentary films, as well as engaging panels about history, culture, and identity on the topic of minority populations in Israel with a focus on Arab citizens of Israel/Palestinian Citizen's of Israel, who make up twenty percent of Israel's population.

[Submit a Film and Learn More](#)



Miral

Julian Schnabel's much talked about film hit NY last weekend. [Check out our Blog](#) for an insiders review from Isaac Zablocki, Director and Co-Founder of the Israel Film Center.



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