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Awards & Festival News

* Lia van Leer received the Camera Award at the 61st Berlinale on Sunday. Van Leer was recognized for founding the Haifa Cinematheque, the Jerusalem Cinematheque, the Israel Film Archive and the Jerusalem Film Festival.

* Yossi Madmoni's [RESTORATION](#) took home the Best Screenplay Award from its international premiere at the Sundance Film Festival.

*The Ford Foundation Announced \$50 Million of funding for the Documentary Film Initiative, available for filmmakers internationally. [More information](#)

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Je T'aime, I Love You Terminal

Dani Menkin's [*JE T'AIME, I LOVE YOU TERMINAL*](#), which received The Israel Film Center distribution award, will have its U.S. premiere this month as part of San Francisco IndieFest. The film is expected to launch an extensive festival tour following this premiere.



New York Sephardic Film Festival

The 15th NY Sephardic Jewish Film Festival, March 10-16, features 7 Israeli films this year, as well as a special spotlight on Ronit Elkabetz. Among the films are [*ZION & HIS BROTHER*](#) by first-time director Eran Merav, starring Elkabetz; [*THERE WERE NIGHTS*](#), starring Moshe Ivgy and Dana Ivgy; Award winning director Dan Wolman's Valley of Strength (Gei Oni), and more. The Israel Film Center at The JCC in Manhattan will present two films in partnership with the festival - Zion & His Brother, and Jubanos: The Jews of Cuba.

For complete festival information visit SephardicFilmFest.org



Sam Spiegel Film & Television School Comes to NYC

From March 22 through March 24th, the three leading film schools

in Manhattan - NYU Tisch, Columbia University and SVA - will host a special retrospective of Israel's leading film school, The Sam Spiegel Film & Television School Jerusalem, celebrating its 20th Anniversary. The Israel Film Center at The JCC in Manhattan will host a tribute screening on Wednesday, March 23, followed by a cocktail reception, and introduced by Richard Peña, Film Program Director of The Film Society of Lincoln Center.



Upcoming Israel Film Center Screenings
at The JCC in Manhattan - 334 Amsterdam Ave, New York

MA'ALEH FILM SCHOOL: SHORT FILM PRESENTATION Tue, Feb 22, 7:30pm

The Ma'aleh School of Television, Film & the Arts is the only religious Jewish film school in the world. Join us for shorts from this unique school, dedicated specifically to exploring today's Jewish issues and telling stories of the Jewish people through film.

[More Information & Tickets](#)

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Tue, Mar 1, 7:30pm

The "Israel Experience" provides young Jews from around the world guided tours of the Holy Land. This film accompanies a group of young Americans on their intensive bus journey across a strong and righteous Israel. The marketing of Israel as such, juxtaposed against the reality, reveals a shocking need.

[More Information & Tickets](#)



Other Israel Film Festival Announces Dates

The Other Israel Film Festival announced its dates for the 5th edition of the festival - to take place November 10-17 at The JCC in Manhattan, Cinema Village, and additional venues throughout New York City.

The festival also announced its call for entries, now open for filmmakers to submit their films on the topic of minority populations in Israel, and Arab citizens of Israel. The submission deadline is July 1, 2011. For more information visit OtherIsrael.org

Save The Date

Jewish Film Presenters Network Conference: June 5-6 at The JCC in Manhattan

We are proud to announce that The Israel Film Center at The JCC in Manhattan will be hosting a conference for Jewish film presenters in NYC to explore changes and developments in the field of film presentation and to better connect film festivals to share resources, ideas, and keep market standards.

The conference will take place June 5-6, 2011. For more information and to register, please send us an email at jfilmnetwork@gmail.com



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