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The Kehillah of Chester County's Summer Shorts Film Festival, now in its fourth year, celebrates the richness and diversity of Jewish experiences through short films and media. Summer Shorts is intended to engage and to inspire the community, as we explore the full spectrum of Jewish life, values, and culture.

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The Kehillah of Chester County presents the

FOURTH ANNUAL

Summer Shorts

An eight-session film festival and discussion series of vintage, contemporary, and international Jewish short films

July 12th through August 30th
The Colonial Theatre, Phoenixville, PA

DATE AND TIMES

Wednesdays
July 12th through August 30th
7:15 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

LOCATION

The Colonial Theatre
227 Bridge Street, Phoenixville, PA

This year's Summer Shorts Film Festival will be in the Luxe Theatre of The Colonial Theatre's newly renovated Bank on the Arts wing. The Luxe Theatre is state-of-the-art, fully accessible and offers unobstructed views.

COST

Suggested donation per session - \$10
No one will be turned away for lack of funds.

Seating is limited; registration is highly recommended.

PRE-REGISTER AT:
jewishphilly.org/summershorts

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July 12th PROGRAM 1**The Little Dictator**
Israel | 2015 | 29 minutes

History professor Yossi Kleinmann entertains himself in the mirror by re-enacting various historical dictators. As Shabbat begins, Yossi finds himself stuck with a shocking moustache. What happens next surprises everyone.

Near Normal Man
USA | 2016 | 28 minutes

Determination and courage kept Ben Stern alive through the atrocities of the Holocaust. Years later, when threatened by neo-Nazi hate speech in Skokie, Illinois, Ben fights back – and wins.

In Other Words
Israel | 2016 | 2 minutes

A father feels remorse when a moment to spend time with his daughter slips away.

Shade of Music
USA | 2015 | 27 minutes

Neighbors bickering over music realize friendship and kindness can reconcile any feud, as music helps heal their lives.

August 9th PROGRAM 5**Framed – The Adventures of Zion Man**
USA | 2015 | 16 minutes

In 1933 Germany, a Jewish identity was dangerous. Walter, a young Jewish boy, has created a comic book superhero, Zion Man, who endures the pain of speaking up for what he believes, no matter the consequences.

Moment
Israel | 2016 | 2 minutes

An animated tale of one man's desire to give his wife the perfect birthday party, until he lets his neurotic behavior get in the way.

The Postman in Underwear
Israel | 2016 | 15 minutes

Two young brothers create a story about Yoel, an eccentric postman, whom they guide through the perils of first love.

Spring Chicken
USA | 2016 | 10 minutes

With Purim coming, Holocaust Survivor Anny Juneck prepares her newest costume. At 95, with four costume awards under her belt, Anny takes pleasure in creating a new ensemble to debut.

Joe's Violin
USA | 2016 | 24 minutes

The power of music unites Joe, a 91-year-old Holocaust Survivor, and a 12-year-old schoolgirl in the nation's poorest congressional district, when he donates his beloved violin to a local instrument drive.

A Story About Rain
Israel | 2013 | 18 minutes

In a world without rain, an artistic couple discovers that they have the power to create water. The man's special powers challenge the couple's relationship.

July 19th PROGRAM 2**The Picture On The Fridge**
Israel | 2016 | 14 minutes

Longing to reconnect with his deceased mother, Ilan mysteriously jumps into a photo that soon forces him to choose between his past and his reality.

A Wolf's Mind
France | 2016 | 18 minutes

A chilling account of the night filmmaker Fritz Lang met with Nazi propagandist Joseph Goebbels, who tried to persuade Lang to work for the Nazi government.

Little Thing
Israel | 2016 | 5 minutes

Animation about a tiny and lonely creature in a big city. Wonderful things happen to him as he creates music.

Kisufim
Israel | 2016 | 8 minutes

A soldier's beloved childhood memories of Gush Qatif conflict with the way politics and war have changed the town into one of the most contentious cities along the Gaza border.

The Radical Jew
USA | 2016 | 25 minutes

Baruch Marzel is one of Israel's most notorious extremists living in Hebron, the most violent city on the West Bank. Marzel explains why he lives by the ideology taught to him by Rabbi Meier Kahane.

The Lost Tribe
China | 2016 | 16 minutes

One woman in Kaifeng, China, tries to preserve her Jewish heritage despite the challenges surrounding her.

August 16th PROGRAM 6: D'Jew Eat?**The Last Blintz**
USA | 2016 | 25 minutes

An impassioned plea for "progress" that honors the past, protects the future and preserves the heart and culture of our great cities...before there's nothing left.

Sour Milk
Israel, UK | 2007 | 10 minutes

In 1929, set against the backdrop of one of the harshest Arab attacks on the Jews in British Mandatory Palestine, 7-year-old Haya and her mother, Leah, go to buy groceries for the Sabbath.

Life and Hummus
Israel | 2014 | 40 minutes

A Jewish American filmmaker travels through Israel to find the world's best hummus. In his search for the food he discovers this dish has a history and impact far beyond what he originally imagined.

Non-observant Jews Eat Kosher for a Week
USA | 2015 | 4 minutes

Six non-observant Jews who have never tried to follow kosher rules attempt to eat only kosher foods for a week. See their reactions.

Jewish Food Taste Test
USA | 2014 | 4 minutes

Good food. Good meat. Good G-d, let's eat!

Americans Try Israeli Food for the First Time
USA | 2015 | 2 minutes

The title says it all!

Americans Try Israeli Snacks
USA | 2015 | 3 minutes

Do you see a theme here? Enjoy!

July 26th PROGRAM 3: Women in Shorts**Jerome's Bouquet**
USA | 2013 | 16 minutes

Elena Klein, a retired New York florist, can't stop arranging - only now it's not flowers she's arranging, but people's lives.

Life, You Think You Own It
USA | 2016 | 5 minutes

A film exploring the poetry, life philosophy, and musings on mortality by the 93-year old feminist poet Adrienne Wolfert.

The Fine Line
Israel | 2015 | 27 minutes

A young aspiring actress must compromise her personal boundaries while filming a love scene. A thought-provoking commentary on the struggle young women face in the movie business.

Operator
Israel | 2016 | 15 minutes

A single mom works as a drone operator. Daily, the pressing of a button decides someone's fate. At home, she finds her son playing video games, similarly pressing buttons to determine the fate of his virtual opponents. Two screens; one shared reality.

A Good Story
USA | 2013 | 20 minutes

Helga Landowsky, an elderly woman, wants to buy a jug in an antiques shop in Goerlitz, but the shop assistant will not sell it for money. He will only sell the jug for a good story - her story.

Speaker: Olivia Antsis, Director of the Philadelphia Jewish Film Festival

August 23rd PROGRAM 7**A Children's Song**
USA | 2015 | 27 minutes

Fleeing Germany for Shanghai in 1937, a young Jewish boy and his father seek shelter with a Chinese doctor who nurses the father back to health while the boy befriends the doctor's daughter. The two find friendship in music and a song.

War Scarred Berlin
Germany | 2015 | 5 minutes

Documentary highlighting the scars of World War II surrounding Berlin today. On a summer day, the bullet holes that still riddle the city's landscape are reimaged as pedestrians and tourists walk about the streets.

Red Shirley
Switzerland | 2010 | 28 minutes

Rock musician Lou Reed interviews his cousin on the eve of her 100th birthday.

Felice Nel Box (Happy in a Box)
Italy | 2014 | 24 minutes

Most families have a skeleton in the closet. Theirs has a tombstone in the garage.

Although we will make every effort to adhere to this schedule, it is subject to change. When possible, we will announce changes prior to the screening date.

August 2nd PROGRAM 4**Shimalla**
Israel | 2015 | 10 minutes

Parted by a continent, a mother longs for a reunion with her daughter. Finally reunited in Israel, their time together is cut short.

Muktzeh
Israel | 2015 | 28 minutes

An immigrant Russian actor believes he will find meaning in playing Shylock from The Merchant of Venice. However, a reconnection with a childhood friend sets him on a journey of discovery even his wife questions.

Journey Birds
Israel | 2015 | 10 minutes

Immigrants share what it means to leave a homeland, adjust to new countries and cultures, and acknowledge the feelings that accompany relocation, even years afterward.

Mr. Bernstein
Canada | 2015 | 13 minutes

A father's connection with Leonard Bernstein while at a post-war Displaced Persons camp is repeated decades later when his daughter gets a chance to meet the famous musician.

11 Minutes
Israel | 2015 | 19 minutes

A medic on her first tour of duty is tasked to save the life of a seriously wounded soldier. She finds herself emotionally unprepared for the consequences of a wrong move.

100 Famous Jews and Stars
USA | 2010 | 7 minutes

I didn't know they were Jewish?

August 30th PROGRAM 8**Echoes of a Nightmare**
USA | 1987 | 26 minutes

The film deals with a group of neo-Nazis in Chicago who try to hold a march in Skokie, Illinois, home to thousands of Holocaust Survivors.

Winner: Best Documentary, 1988
Southampton Film Festival
Guest Speaker: Abe Holtz, Producer and Cinematographer

Kipur
Israel | 2010 | 27 minutes

On Yom Kippur, the Jewish Day of Atonement, Neta is cycling down the road and slams into Meir, a religious older man. With the help of Meir, Neta explores the meaning of the word atonement.

Nyosha
Israel | 2012 | 10 minutes

Nyosha dreams of buying a pair of shoes during the reality of a pitiless war. She believes that because of her shoes, she will stay alive.

Menahem-Mendl From Tel-Aviv
Israel | 2016 | 11 minutes

Menahem-Mendl, a character created by Sholem Aleichem, was a common term for a person making a living out of thin air, and was a popular discourse among the residents of Tel Aviv. This film is based on Yosef Tunkel's Travel Book.

An Audience Favorite – To Be Determined