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DAYTONA BEACH - Cinematique presents Jewish Film Series

The Cinematique Theater is proud to present a weekend film series showcasing the best in contemporary Jewish film on May 18 & 19. The series includes six engaging and thought-provoking movies focusing on Jewish life and cultural issues.

Opening night is Saturday May 18 at 7:30pm with *Hava Nagila: The Movie*. The film explores the famous song's fascinating, infectious journey from the villages of Eastern Europe to the cul-de-sacs of America. The Los Angeles Times has praised the film as a "fun, nostalgic, informative journey." Included with opening night admission is a wine and cheese reception with live music by Joe and Lynn Goldovitz.

On Sunday May 19, the festival continues at 11:30 a.m. with *Footnote*, a comedy-drama set in present-day Jerusalem that explores a professional rivalry between father and son. At 1:30 p.m., *Nicky's Family* will screen followed by a Q&A. The film tells the inspirational, true story of an ordinary British stockbroker, Nicholas Winton, who organized the rescue of 669 Czech and Slovak children just before the outbreak of World War II.

At 3:30 p.m. Arnon Goldfinger's *The Flat* documents the complicated and shocking story uncovered while he cleans out the apartment that belonged to his grandparents, who were immigrants from Nazi Germany in the 1930s.

At 5:30 p.m. will be *The Matchmaker*, a delightful coming-of-age comedy-drama set in 1968 that follows a teenage boy working for a mysterious Matchmaker and Holocaust survivor. Afterward the audience will be able to participate in a skype Q & A session with the film's director, Avi Neshet.

Closing the series at 7:30 p.m. *The Gatekeepers*, A documentary featuring interviews with all surviving former heads of Shin Bet, the Israeli security agency whose activities and membership are closely held state secrets. USA Today says "It (*The Gatekeepers*) offers startlingly honest insight into the Israeli-Palestinian conflict from some of those who called the shots".

Admission to all six films and the opening reception are available in an all-festival pass for only \$50. Individual tickets range from \$5-\$9, with the opening night event at \$25.

The Cinematique Theater is located at 242 S. Beach Street, Daytona Beach. Visit Cinematique.org, or call (386) 252-3118 for more information. High Resolution photos available on request.