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March 6-10, 2019

The New Vic,  
33 W. Victoria Street  
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Presenting Sponsor: *The Luria Foundation*

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## Wednesday, March 6th

5:30<sup>pm</sup> **Sponsor & Pass Holder Reception**

7:00<sup>pm</sup> **PROMISE AT DAWN (FEATURE)**

This tragi-comedy tells the romantic story of the French Jewish writer Romain Gary, one of the most famous French novelists and sole writer to have won the Goncourt Prize for French literature TWICE

## Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup>

9:15<sup>am</sup> **Coffee & Bagels**

10:00<sup>am</sup> **REDEMPTION (FEATURE)**

Menachem, a former front man for a rock band, is now religious, and a father to a six-year-old who is diagnosed with cancer. To find a creative solution to fund the expensive treatments, he reunites his band for one last tour.

1:15<sup>pm</sup> **WINTER HUNT (FEATURE)**

On a mission of vigilante justice, a young woman goes to extremes to seek reprisal against a suspected ex-Nazi, in this psychological thriller. Her efforts to extract a confession at gunpoint result in a twisted cat-and-mouse game and a standoff fraught with moral complexities and revelations.

**Preceded by:**

**HOME MADE (SHORT)**

3:45<sup>pm</sup> **LONGING (FEATURE)**

A middle-aged Israeli bachelor is forced to evaluate his life choices when he discovers his ex-girlfriend had given birth to his son 20 years before. Nominated for 13 Ophir Awards.

7:00<sup>pm</sup> **BUDAPEST NOIR (FEATURE)**

Set in the politically troubled autumn of 1936 in Hungary, a world-weary reporter explores the seemingly unimportant murder of a young prostitute and enters the city's dark underbelly with connections to Jewish elements.

## Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>

9:15<sup>am</sup> **Coffee & Bagels**

10:00<sup>am</sup> **VIERGES (FEATURE)**

In Kiryat Yam, a small seaside resort in the north of Israel, everything seems to have stopped. Lana, 16, has vowed to fight against immobility and resignation. She is far from imagining that the rumor of a mermaid will awaken her city from her torpor and finally allow her to live.

12:45<sup>pm</sup> **DEAR FREDY (DOC)\***

A Jew and openly gay man in Nazi conquered Czech Republic, Freddy Hirsch defied the odds by providing sports training to 4,000+ youth in the Terezin Ghetto and later in Auschwitz where he confronted Mengele. This film tells us there are still many stories of the Holocaust to be told.

**Preceded by:**

**HUNGER TOOK HIM HOME (SHORT)**

3:00<sup>pm</sup> **OUTBACK RABBIS (DOC)\***

Two indefatigable *Chassidic* Rabbis go on a journey to find Jews in the outback of Australia. A lesson in heritage and the pull of tradition. FYI, Kangaroos are not Jewish.

**Preceded by:**

**SCHOOL OF PEACE, SCHOOL OF HOPE (SHORT)\***

4:30<sup>pm</sup> **Oneg Shabbat Reception**

## Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>

**THE CITY WITHOUT JEWS (FEATURE)\***

This silent gem from 1924 was painstakingly restored by Austria's national film archive. In the mythical republic of Utopia things have gone sour. The economy is stagnant, the currency has become worthless, protests by the hordes of unemployed workers are growing by the day. The ruling party turns to the usual scapegoat for the nation's problems: The Jews.

This feature film is accompanied by a **live performance** by the San Francisco based Sascha Jacobson String Quintet with its original score for the movie.

7:15<sup>pm</sup> **Pre-Show Talk with Sascha Jacobson**

7:45<sup>pm</sup> **Discussion following Movie**

## Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>

9:45<sup>am</sup> **Coffee & Bagels**

10:30<sup>am</sup> **FREE PROGRAM**

**HEADING HOME (DOC)**

Israel's baseball team takes on the world with surprising results as everyone learns a lot more than they thought they would. A true story.

**Preceded by:**

**OVER THE WALL (SHORT)**

1:30<sup>pm</sup> **SHORTS PROGRAM\***

An interesting mix of European and Israeli short films covering the gamut of life's experiences in a variety of ways.

4:15<sup>pm</sup> **THE MAMBONIKS (DOC)**

Join us for a look back at the 1950s, when free-spirited Jewish dancers in New York fell in love with the Cuban dance called the mambo, earning them a nickname: the mamboniks.

**Preceded by:**

**HAMAVDIL (SHORT)**

7:00<sup>pm</sup> **ANNOUNCEMENT OF JUDGES AWARDS (HA'SERET HA'MITZTAYEN)**

**LEONA (FEATURE)\***

Leona a young Jewish woman from Mexico City finds herself torn between her family and her forbidden love with a non-Jewish man.

**Preceded by:**

**LILITH (SHORT)**

**\*Featuring Special Guests**