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2121 Celebration Drive NE
 Grand Rapids, MI 49525

April 29 - Sunday 7:30pm

ROSENWALD

Documentary - 95 minutes English

Julius Rosenwald, son of an immigrant peddler, didn't finish high school but rose to become President of Sears, Roebuck & Co. Influenced by the writings of the educator Booker T. Washington, this Jewish philanthropist joined forces with African-American communities during the Jim Crow era to build 5,400 schools in the segregated American South.



Speaker: Aviva Kempner, Filmmaker, via Skype
 Prior to film: Remarks by Mary Edmond, a Rosenwald school alumnus, with Chana Edmond-Verley

May 2 - Wednesday 7:30pm

An Average Story

Comedy Short - 17 minutes Hebrew w/subtitles

An ordinary husband becomes an instant celebrity after being officially designated Israel's most average person in this comedy short.



LAND OF MILK AND FUNNY

Documentary - 87 minutes English

Part stand-up, part travelogue, this film highlights Avi Liberman's experience taking groups of American comedians, both Jewish and non-Jewish, on tour in Israel. An odyssey of discovery for the comedians and exploration of the universality of humor.



Speaker: Avi Liberman, Executive Producer, via Skype

April 30 - Monday 7:30pm

BYE BYE GERMANY

Comedy/Drama - 102 minutes German w/subtitles

An unusual and comic look at the postwar period through the story of an enterprising group of Jews determined to extract reparations from their German countrymen, one well-meaning scheme at a time.



Speaker: John Serba, Film Critic, MLive

May 1 - Tuesday 7:30pm

MUHI: GENERALLY TEMPORARY

Documentary - 89 minutes Hebrew & Arabic w/subtitles

Muhi is a spirited Gaza boy with disabilities who has been living in an Israeli hospital, the only home he has ever known. He is being treated and raised by those considered enemies, in paradoxical circumstances that transcend identity, religion and the conflict that divides his world.



Speaker: Moran Birman, Consul for Public Diplomacy, Consulate General of Israel to the Midwest

May 3 - Thursday 7:30pm

Mrs. Schneider

Documentary Short - 11 minutes English

His Jewish neighbor's haunting past is revealed to a young boy in this poignant short.



Speaker: Rev. Robert Sirico, President, Acton Institute

DREAMING OF A JEWISH CHRISTMAS

Documentary - 53 minutes English

With a Chinese restaurant as a backdrop, this offbeat, irreverent musical documentary tells the story of how a generation of Jewish songwriters found Christmas to be the perfect holiday in which to imagine, and believe in, a better world for at least one day a year.



Wednesday

May 2

6:00 PM



FILM FESTIVAL DINNER

ISRAEL @ 70!

**Middle Eastern Fare
 in the Wave Room
 Catered by Sheshco**

Cost: \$10.00

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 (616) 942-5553 or info@jfgr.org

Drawing for Door Prizes

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