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2nd Season of Indianapolis Jewish Film Festival Rolls Out With Indianapolis' Own Gaylen Ross Presenting Her film *Killing Kasztner: The Jew Who Dealt With Nazis*.

INDIANAPOLIS – April, 2015 – A live, real Jewish wedding will be featured as The 2nd Season of the Indianapolis Jewish Film Festival brings a collection of films ranging from Ingrid Bergman's starring role in *A Woman Called Golda* to former Broad Ripple High School student, Gaylen Ross' chilling film, *Killing Kasztner: The Jew Who Dealt With Nazis*, to *The Chosen*, starring Robbie Benson, now a film production professor at Indiana University.

These are three of the nine Jewish movies in the 2nd Season of the Indianapolis Jewish Film Festival. (www.indianapolisjewishfilmfestival.com) which presents topics that raise significant issues, touch the heart and demonstrate true heroism. The Festival begins April 23 and concludes May 3. The feature-length films will be shown in five locations.)

Festival Producer Bob Epstein, said last year's first Festival drew more than 1,000 film lovers of all faiths and traditions. The Indianapolis Jewish Film Festival is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization.

"Our committee, made up of members of our congregation and non-Jews, selected films that are entertaining and thought provoking. All of the films offer new insights into the human condition and especially the Jewish heritage and living in the Mideast," Epstein said. The Indianapolis Jewish Film Festival joins about 60 other Jewish film festivals in the US.

Killing Kasztner: The Jew Who Dealt With Nazis to The Chosen – Indianapolis native Gaylen Ross will be at the screening to tell the story behind the story.

Rezso Kasztner, known as the Jewish Schindler, negotiated face-to-face with Adolf Eichmann, rescuing 1,700 Jews on a train to Switzerland, and may have saved tens of thousands more lives. This chilling story will be screened, Monday, April 27, 7:30 p.m. at the Landmark Theatre. Even though Kasztner saved numerous lives he was condemned as a traitor in his adopted country of Israel; accused as a collaborator in a libel trial and convicted in a verdict that divided a nation and forever stamped him as the "man who sold his soul to the devil."

The verdict was overturned by Israel's Supreme Court but too late for Kasztner -- he was assassinated in 1957 by Jewish right wing extremists in Tel Aviv. Indianapolis native and Broad Ripple High School graduate director Gaylen Ross investigates this tale of murder, intrigue, and heroism through accounts of the inflammatory political trial, startling revelations after 50 years by Kasztner's assassin, Ze'ev Eckstein, and a chilling meeting between the killer and Kasztner's daughter, Zsuzsi.

Relight Your Wedding Vows at a Real Jewish Wedding

The movie *Crossing Delancey* tells the romantic story of a New York City bookstore owner (Amy Irving) who eventually finds her true love. You can find or reaffirm your true love in a real Jewish wedding ceremony during the Festival's Gala, Sunday, April 26 at the Indianapolis Central Library. The wedding will be officiated by Rabbi Stanley Halpern. The ceremony and Gala includes a *klezmer* band and kosher-style food. *Crossing Delancey* will be shown following the wedding ceremonies.

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Nancy Spielberg Tells How *Above and Beyond* Was Produced

Nancy Spielberg, producer of *Above and Beyond*, will join the Festival in person to tell the story of the *making* of the story of Jewish-American war pilots who smuggled war planes from the US and flew them in the 1948 Israeli War of Independence. The film combines interviews and stunning aerial footage. Nancy Spielberg is the sister of renowned film producer Steven Spielberg. *Above and Beyond* will be screened Wednesday, April 29, at the Indiana History Center.

The Jewish Cardinal – A Contradiction in Terms – Not Really: Discussion Follows

The *Jewish Cardinal* tells the amazing true story of Jean-Marie Lustiger, the son of Polish-Jewish immigrants, who maintained his cultural identity as a Jew even after converting to Catholicism at a young age and later joining the priesthood. Quickly rising within the ranks of the Church, Lustiger was appointed Archbishop of Paris by Pope Jean Paul II - and found a new platform to celebrate his dual identity as a Catholic Jew.

Following the film, Father Rick Ginther and Rabbi Aaron Spiegel will lead a discussion of Vatican II which opened dialogue between the Catholic Church, Jews and other religions. The film will be shown with discussion at Christian Theological Seminary, 1000 W. 42nd Street, Indianapolis.

To review the entire film schedule and order tickets online go to www.indianapolisjewishfilmfestival.com.

“In the selection process we worked to illustrate the human condition but particularly the challenges Jews and Israel face in a modern world,” said Temple Beth Shalom President Cindy Springer. The Temple offers Tot Shabbats (Sabbath services for toddlers), Bar and Bat mitzvah training and Hebrew training for young congregants

Congregation Beth Shalom holds services at 6:30 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month at University School.