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## **17th annual Las Vegas Jewish Film Festival runs Jan. 13 – 28, 2018**

**LAS VEGAS** – The 17th annual Las Vegas Jewish Film Festival will run Jan. 13 – 28. The longest running, most popular film festival in Nevada continues to present informative and entertaining contemporary global Jewish cinema for the entire community.

The host venue for the majority of the festival's films is the Adelson Educational Campus, 9700 Hillpointe Road, in Summerlin. Additional venues include Century Suncoast 16, Brenden Theatres Palms Casino Resort and Eclipse Theaters in downtown Las Vegas.

The opening night screening is the Las Vegas premiere of PBS American Masters production "Sammy Davis Jr.: I've Gotta Be Me," the first major film documentary to examine Davis' vast talent and his journey for identity through the shifting tides of civil rights and racial progress during 20th-century America. "Sammy Davis Jr.: I've Gotta Be Me" will be presented at 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, in the Century Suncoast 16, 9090 Alta Dr.

Highlights of the 2018 LVJFF include "Ben-Gurion: Epilogue," the winner of the Best Documentary Feature at the 2017 Ophir Awards (the Israeli Oscars), "1945" a new award winning Hungarian post-Holocaust drama, and "Bombshell: The Hedy Lamarr Story" about the beautiful and brilliant Jewish actress that is currently being considered for Best Documentary at the upcoming 90<sup>th</sup> Academy Awards.

All LVJFF films will be accompanied by the filmmakers, or related experts in the subject matter, who will provide introductions and moderate post-screening discussions with the audience. For complete LVJFF program schedule and ticket information visit [www.lvjff.org](http://www.lvjff.org).

“LVJFF shares insight into Jewish identity, history, and culture, and promotes solidarity with Israel and remembrance of the Holocaust. Everyone is encouraged to attend,” said Joshua Abbey, the festival’s director.

LVJFF is presented with major support provided by Desert Space Foundation, Adelson Family Foundation, Jewish Nevada, Israeli American Council, Adelson Educational Campus, Las Vegas Review-Journal, National Endowment for the Humanities, Nevada Humanities and South Point Hotel Casino. Additional support is provided by Brenden Theatres, Eclipse Theaters, Imagine Communications, Jewish Community Center and Aliyah Media.

LVJFF individual screenings are hosted by Vegas PBS, Neon Museum, Israeli American Council, Jewish National Fund, Friends of Israel Gospel Ministries, Southern Nevada Jewish Heritage Project, Dam Short Film Festival, Anti-Defamation League, Black Mountain Institute/The Believer Magazine, Progressive Leadership Alliance of Nevada and Nevada Women’s Film Festival.

Our 2018 LVJFF is dedicated to Heather Heyer who was killed while protesting against anti-Semitism and hate in Charlottesville, Virginia. May her memory be a blessing for love over hate.

## **2018 LVJFF PROGRAM SCHEDULE:**

“Sammy Davis Jr.: I’ve Gotta Be Me” 1/13/18 | 7:00 PM | Century Suncoast 16

Hosted by Vegas PBS and Neon Museum

Moderated by Claytee White, Director, Oral History Research Center at UNLV Libraries **Claytee** D. White, Director, Oral History Research Center at UNLV Libraries, with Obba Babatundé, Actor, and Sam Pollard, Director (via Skype.)

“One Night in Anzeria” 1/14/18 | 1:00 PM | Adelson Educational Campus

Hosted by Israeli American Council

Moderated by Nir Caspi, Former Israeli Navy Seal

“Ben-Gurion: Epilogue” 1/14/18 | 3:00 PM | Adelson Educational Campus

Hosted by Israeli American Council

Moderated by (TBA)

“Look About You” 1/18/18 | 7:00 PM | Brenden Theatres, Palms Casino Resort

Hosted by Jewish National Fund and Friends of Israel Gospel Ministries

Moderated by Janet Wellish, Board President JNF with Ty Perry, G'sherim Trainer FIGM

“A Place of Hope: The Story of the Warsaw Remembrance Garden” | “Pista” 1/21/18 | 3:00 PM | Adelson Educational Campus

Hosted by Dam Short Film Festival

Moderated by Barbara Tabach, Project Manager, UNLV Oral History Research Center with Holocaust Survivors Henry Kronberg, Ben Lesser and Stephen “Pista” Nasser

“1945” 1/25/18 | 7:00 PM | Brenden Theatres Palms Casino Resort

Hosted by Jewish Community Center

Moderated by Mark Hall-Patton, Museum Administrator, Clark County Museum System

“Bombshell: The Hedy Lamarr Story” 1/27/18 | 7:00 PM | Adelson Educational Campus

Hosted by Las Vegas Review-Journal

Moderated by Ed Cassidy, VP Marketing LVRJ with Alexandra Dean, Director (via Skype)

“Wanderlust: Lesley Hazleton” 1/28/18 | 1:00 PM | Eclipse Theaters

Hosted by The Believer Magazine and Black Mountain Institute

Moderated by Kellen Braddock, Deputy Director, BMI and Publisher, The Believer Magazine with Lesley Hazleton

“Heather Booth: Changing the World” 1/28/18 | 3:00 PM | Eclipse Theaters

Hosted by PLAN of Southern Nevada and Nevada Women’s Film Festival

Moderated by Heather Booth and Lilly Rivlin, Film Director

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