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Jewish Film Festival Comes to Orinda

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Kicking off the festivities in Orinda on March 12 at 7:00 p.m. is *The Matchmaker* from Israel, in Hebrew with subtitles. It's a mixture of comedy and drama set in the summer of 1968 when a teenager from Haifa falls in love with an American girl who is full of talk about women's rights, free love and rock and roll. Following "The Matchmaker" is "Naomi," a suspenseful, psychological mystery with some adult content at 9:30 p.m.

On Sunday, March 13, films run all day long starting at 9:30 a.m. with the family-friendly "Little Traitor." Other films being screened that day include "Lebanon," winner of the prestigious Golden Lion Venice Film Festival award, also nominated for an Oscar and winner of the Discovery Award at the 2010 European Film Awards; and the Israeli award-winning "The Human Resources Manager" - a tragic-comedic story that unfolds along a journey from Jerusalem to the snowy mountains of Romania.

Closing the show on Sunday is "Gay Days," also from Israel, which documents a revolution in the fight for equality for the LGBT community from 1985 - 1998. Personal stories and archival material chronicle an extraordinary change in cultural attitudes.

Check the festival's website for show times for all films that will be screened in Orinda and at other venues. The first screening of the festival is a Dutch film, *Bride Flight*, on March 5 at CineArts in Pleasant Hill. Go to www.eastbayjewishfilm.org for a complete schedule, or call (510) 318-6456.

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