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Dear Friends:

Join us for the **10th Annual Augusta Jewish Film Festival**, being offered once again in the VIRTUAL format that worked so well for us last year. The AJCC, AYS, CCI and Federation, with the Augusta Jewish Museum as a promotional partner, once again join together to present the five films listed below. These movies represent a variety of Jewish themes that we hope you will enjoy. All films will be online and available for viewing for a 3-day timespan, as indicated below. Ticket holders will receive a dedicated link and password a few days before the films are available. We have also planned a Zoom discussion of each movie on a night later in the week (usually Thursday, but on Wednesday in one case). Please use the attached sheet to order your Viewer Links or become a Sponsor.



A Starry Sky Above the Roman Ghetto

Available online, Sunday, Jan. 16 – Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2022 – Zoom Discussion, Thursday, Jan. 20, 7:00 PM

The discovery of an old photograph and letter in a suitcase hidden in an attic in Rome bring together Christian students from a music and art high school and boys at a Jewish high school as they attempt to unravel the mystery of the photograph. The students become incredibly devoted to the challenge of solving the puzzle, which leads them to the night of horrors—the raid of the Jewish ghetto by Nazi soldiers in 1946. In the process, the teens, along with their parents, learn more about each other and their Jewish and Catholic communities. In Italian, with subtitles.



Shared Legacies: The African-American Jewish Civil Rights Alliance

Available online, Sunday, Jan. 23-Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2022 – Zoom Discussion, Thursday, Jan. 27, 7:00 PM

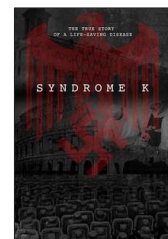
This documentary covers relationships between Blacks and Jews from 1909 to the present, touching on segregation, racism, and anti-Semitism, and showing how the two groups have supported each other as well as the rift that occurred after the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. Much of the focus is on events in the South, especially Atlanta, and many prominent Atlantans, both Black and Jewish, are featured. In English.



The Crossing

Available online, Sunday, Jan. 30 – Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2022 – Zoom Discussion, Wednesday, Feb. 2, 7:00 PM

Gerda and Otto are 2 young children whose parents, members of the Norwegian Resistance Movement, are arrested by the Nazis in 1942. The siblings are left on their own and discover Sarah and Daniel, 2 Jewish children who have been hidden away in their basement. Gerda and Otto seek to finish what their parents started—to help Sarah and Daniel flee across the border to neutral Sweden and to reunite them with their parents. The film focuses on the confidence, loyalty, and courage that can be found even in the youngest of children. In Norwegian, with subtitles.



Syndrome K

Available online, Sunday, Feb. 6 – Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2022 – Zoom Discussion, Thursday, Feb. 10, 7:00 PM

Syndrome K is the true story about a highly contagious, fictitious disease created by Roman Catholic doctors (and one Jewish doctor) during the Holocaust to hide Jews from Rome's ghetto in a Vatican-affiliated hospital. It is an uplifting story of a Righteous Gentile as told by his son. The film also describes the official role of the Holy See as a bystander and collaborator with the German occupiers from the point of view of a Catholic family with ties to the Vatican, but also shows how other Catholic organizations helped to hide and rescue Jews. In Italian, with subtitles.



Tiger Within

Available online, Sunday, Feb. 13 – Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2022 – Zoom Discussion, Thursday, Feb. 17, 7:00 PM

The recently deceased Edward Asner stars as Samuel, an elderly Holocaust survivor in Los Angeles who comes upon a homeless runaway girl, Kacie, with a swastika on her jacket. He is intrigued by her and offers her shelter. He tells her of the Chinese proverb “to embrace the tiger within,” meaning to call on her inner strengths when she is scared. As the friendship develops, Kacie begins to emerge from the pain of her life while Samuel begins to forgive those who caused him pain. In English.

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