



The 7th edition of Warsaw Jewish Film Festival, founded in 2003, is taking place in Warsaw from the 24th to the 29th of November 2009 in the Kinoteka cinema. The 7th edition is dedicated to **Mrs. Barbra Streisand**. The Festival will be opened by YENTL by Barbra Streisand. The new remastered Director's Extended Cut with added scenes from Barbra's Archives.

After the closing Awarding Ceremony will be presented the acclaimed picture *Inglourious Basterds* by Quentin Tarantino, who took decision and did agree to include his film to our competition and for Closing Ceremony.

The Honorary David Camera is dedicated to Mrs. Streisand as an appreciation of her legendary achievement in the world of art, politic and philanthropy.

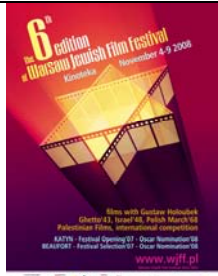
6th edition of Warsaw Jewish Film Festival, took place in Warsaw from the 4th to the 9th of November 2008 in the Kinoteka cinema. The 6th edition was dedicated to the memory of Gustaw Holoubek, whose film retrospective took place during the Festival. WJFF is a contest in four categories and six subcategories for feature films. The first edition took place in November 2003. Among the Festival's guests there have been: Irvin Kershner (*The Empire Strikes Back*) – Chairman of the Jury 2004; Lajos Koltai; Amos Gitai (Cannes Palme d'Or 2005); Slava & Lina Chaplin (Charlie Chaplin's family members); John Daly – chairman of the Jury 2005; Daniela Weber (Berlinale festival representative); Agnes Varda; Grace Guggenheim – chairwoman of the Jury 2006.; Janusz Kamiński, Prof. Shewach Weiss, and others.

The 2003-2008 honorary prizes of David Camera were awarded to Steven Spielberg, Woody Allen, Roman Polanski, Andrzej Wajda and late Gustaw Holoubek. So far we have been the only festival in Poland whose film *West Bank Story* awarded the first prize in 2006 was three months later awarded Oscar 2007 in the same category. Furthermore, our uniqueness is signified by the fact that representatives of Israel and Palestine held peace negotiations after the screening of Palestinian films during the fourth edition of our Festival. Since 2005, an regular element of the Festival programme have been film series dedicated to the Memory of John Paul II's Dialogue with Jews; The other fundamental part of our Festival is the educational program for students of Warsaw high schools. We organize for them screenings about the history of Polish Jews, about survivors, about the tragedy of Holocaust and about the tolerance and mutual understandings between people of different faith or ideology.

We among them there were films sent by TV VATICANA. Altogether, in the years 2003 – 2008 our festival showed about 417 films (including 286 festival films and 131 non-competition films) from about 28 countries. Among them there were films awarded and nominated to Oscar, Cannes Palme d'Or, Berlinale Bear, awards of Karolve Vary and EMMY as well as other main film festivals in the world. More information at: www.wjff.pl and www.kolnoa.pl

Warsaw Jewish Film Festival, internat. film competition in 4 categories and 6 subcategories established in 2003

Festival Posters:



7th edition of WJFF 2009 – dedicated to Mrs. Barbra Streisand

2008 – Dedicated & Honorary David Camera to late Gustaw Holoubek

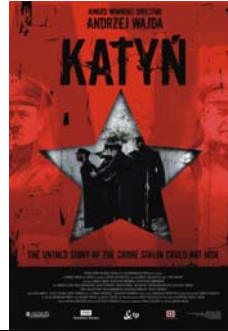


We screened over 40 competition films and also the retrospective of films with Master Gustaw Holoubek. We did present educational films about the SHOAH for more than 300 high school students from Warsaw in our 2nd festival cinema SWIT. In the program After the Israeli concert we had Palestinian Evening and we were honored to host Ismail Khatib and his translator from Palestine, Fakhri Miskawi Hamad.



2007 – Dedicated & Honorary David Camera to Mr. Andrzej Wajda

Andrzej Wajda's KATYŃ did open Festival '07 and has got Oscar '08 Nomination in foreign language category



Israeli BEAUFORT took part in the official selection of Festival '07 and has got Oscar '08 Nomination in foreign language category



2006 - Dedicated & Honorary David Camera to Mr. Roman Polanski



2006 Jury Chairwoman Ms. Grace Guggenheim, USA

1st Peace negotiations at WJFF 06: Israel & Palestine



Short film West Bank Story: Oscar '07 & David Camera '06 in the same category 3 months earlier



2005 – Dedicated & Honorary David Camera to Mr. Woody Allen



The retrospective of the Woody Allen films



The educational presentation of the films from Steven Spielberg Shoah Foundation for high school students



Films from TV VATICANA dedicated to the memory of John Paul II: Jews and John Paul II



2004 – Dedicated & Honorary David Camera to Mr. Steven Spielberg



Legendary Hollywood director Mr. Irvin Kershner was a Jury Chairman of the 2nd edition of WJFF.

2003 – The 1st edition took place in Warsaw

Opening in Jewish State Theater in Warsaw



David Camera Award



קולנוע KOLNOA
 1st Israeli
 Film
 Festival
 Warsaw
 April 2 - 5
 2009
 Kinoteka



السينما
 Al - seenima
 1st Palestinian
 Film Day
 Warsaw
 April the 5th
 2009
 Kinoteka Cinema

Welcome to the Israeli Film Festival and Palestinian Film

After six years of creating the Warsaw Jewish Film Festival established in 2003, our Foundation for the Development of Jewish Culture in Poland is proud to announce to the world film industry the new international Festival:



Opening of the Festival is the Official Polish Premiere of WALTZ WITH BASHIR
Nomination for Oscar 2009

Dir. Ari Folman did join the meeting with our Festival audience

The film was awarded by our Festival Audience Award.

The Festival took place on April, 02 - 05, 2009 In Kinoteka Cinema in the Center of Warsaw. During the festival we presented the best and the newest film productions of Israeli & Palestinian cinematography.

We know that not all Israeli productions have typical Jewish content. Therefore, we would like to present to Warsaw audience the films that we cannot present in the other Jewish Film Festival. Additionally, we would like to present award and honour winning Israeli co productions.

During our Israeli Film Festival we had Al-Seenima Palestinian Film Day. The peace dialog took place at the end of the festival between the representatives of Palestinian and Jewish Side in Warsaw, PL.



Our Foundation for the Development of Jewish Culture in Poland as a member and co-founder of Non Government Organization established in Berlin by Fakhri Miskawi Hamad, is supporting JENIN CINEMA PROJECT.

Daniel Strehlau`s documentaries THE JEWS OF WARSAW and HANUKKAH A DOUBLE TIME will be the first films presented at the program. Strehlau, author and director of the Warsaw Jewish Film Festival, will present in Jenin, Palestine.

Our Palestinian guests during workshops about tragedy of Jews of Warsaw...



Our Warsaw Jewish Film Festival financially support CUNIO CENTER for PEACE named of Ahmed Khatib in Jenin, Palestine 2008



Thanks to the festival, those who attended had the opportunity to realize the desire for peace, understanding, and the goal of cooperation that Israeli and Palestinian persons view as central to creating a brighter future of two state solutions.