

Heading Home: The Tale of Team Israel

Documentary • Israel, Japan, USA, South Korea • 91 minutes

A stirring story of sports, patriotism and personal growth, *Heading Home* charts the underdog journey of Israel's national baseball team competing for the first time in the World Baseball Classic. After years of defeat, Team Israel is finally ranked among the world's best in 2017, eligible to compete in the prestigious international tournament. Their line-up included several Jewish American Major League players—Ike Davis, Josh Zeid and ex-Braves catcher Ryan Lavarnway—most with a tenuous relationship to Judaism, let alone having ever set foot in Israel. Their odyssey takes them from Tel Aviv and Jerusalem where they are greeted as heroes, to Seoul where they must debunk their has-been, wannabe reputations. With their Mensch on the Bench mascot by their side, the team laughs, cries, and does much soul-searching, discovering the pride of representing Israel on the world stage.

Fanny's Journey

Based on a true story, *Fanny's Journey* is an incredible tale of bravery, strength and survival, a story of a daring young girl who will stop at nothing and fear no one. In 1943, 13-year old Fanny and her younger sisters were sent from their home in France to an Italian foster home for Jewish children. When the Nazis arrive in Italy, their caretakers desperately organize the departure of the children to Switzerland. Suddenly left on their own, these eleven children will do the impossible to reach the Swiss border in order to survive.

1945

Featuring striking black-and-white lensing that imbues potent compositions with foreboding, Magyar multihyphenate Ferenc Török's finely performed *1945* takes on a transitional time in Hungarian history with subtlety and nuance: It's a sweltering day in August, and two Orthodox Jews' arrival in a remote Hungarian village catalyzes an unwelcome reckoning with the recent past for the local inhabitants. Like compatriot director László Nemes' "Son Of Saul," the gripping period drama offers a fresh, intelligent cinematic approach to a difficult topic.

Bombshell: The Hedy Lamarr Story

"Any girl can be glamorous," the actress Hedy Lamarr once said. "All you have to do is stand still and look stupid." It's a withering observation, especially for a Hollywood star once known as "the most beautiful woman in the world." Beauty brought Lamarr

fame, at least until everything fell spectacularly apart; as with too many actresses, beauty was also her gilded cage. This new documentary shows how hard and how long she struggled to escape it — including through her invention in the 1940s of a groundbreaking communication system that underlies modern encryption.

Harold and Lillian: A Hollywood Love Story

Movie fans know the work of Harold and Lillian Michelson, even if they don't recognize the names. Working largely uncredited in the Hollywood system, storyboard artist Harold and film researcher Lillian left an indelible mark on classics by Alfred Hitchcock, Steven Spielberg, Mel Brooks, Stanley Kubrick, Roman Polanski and many more.

Let Yourself Go

One of Italy's most beloved actors, Toni Servillo, delivers a rare comedic performance in a laugh-out-loud film about an aging, uptight, Jewish psychoanalyst whose world is turned upside down by a youthful personal trainer. This is an effervescent and rewarding romantic comedy and winner of the 2017 Italian Golden Globe Award for Best Comedy.