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Eric Goldman to mount film festival at 2016 IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy

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Internationally recognized Jewish film authority Eric Goldman has been tapped to organize a film festival for the 36th International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies conference on Jewish Genealogy, to be held at the Sheraton Hotel in the heart of downtown Seattle from August 7 to 12, 2016. A renowned Jewish film scholar and teacher of cinema at Yeshiva University, Goldman is putting together a spectacular array of 25 Jewish-themed films that will be a highpoint of this summer's conference.

Goldman is a leading pioneer in Jewish cinema and the author of several books on the subject, including *The American Jewish Story through Cinema*. With a background in Jewish studies and cinema studies, Goldman lectures nationwide on Yiddish, Israeli and Jewish films. For the IAJGS conference, Goldman is bringing together films that, in his words, "offer an amazing look at world Jewry and the various migrations that have impacted our people through the centuries. There will be a special focus on immigration to the United States."

Lead conference co-chair Janette Silverman notes that Goldman's unparalleled knowledge of Jewish cinema, including the vibrant Israeli film scene, makes him the perfect choice for this year's conference. Other highlights of the 2016 conference include the opening night keynote address by Dr. Devin Naar, chair of the University of Washington Sephardic Studies Program, and the banquet address by "legal genealogist" Judy Russell, a Certified Genealogist and Certified Genealogical Lecturer.

The conference's Early Registration period, which runs until April 30, offers the lowest fees, with savings of \$55 for the full conference. The conference website, www.iajgs2016.org, has complete details on how to register for all levels of the conference. Those who cannot attend in person can sign up for Seattle 2016 Live!, a real-time video streaming service. Early registrants to Live! will receive a \$70 discount off the August price.

For more information, contact the conference co-chairs Janette Silverman, Phyllis Grossman, and Chuck Weinstein through the conference website www.iajgs2016.org.