

Film News: Spertus Institute's Sunday Cinema Series Concludes on Feb. 19, 2017

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CHICAGO – The Spertus Institute, Chicago's leading center for Jewish learning and leadership, concludes a two-month film series at their downtown location, featuring a documentary entitled "Torah Treasures and Curious Trash," preceded by the short film "Hannah Cohen's First Communion." The screenings begin at 2pm within the Institute's Feinberg Theater, located at 610 S. Michigan Avenue in Chicago...click here [14] for more details.



Feature Documentary at the 2017 Spertus Institute's Sunday Cinema Series on February 19th Photo credit: Spertus Institute

"Torah Treasures and Curious Trash" follows an 87 year-old artist in Jerusalem named Jo Milgrom, who scavenges dumpsters for usable junk media, and then combines these finds with the worn-out ritual objects from synagogues and funeral homes. She juxtaposes the sacred and the mundane, and challenges religious establishment by using the artwork as commentary on the Jewish faith. The short film, "Hannah Cohen's First Communion," set in Ireland, involves a seven year-old girl who desires to participate in the Catholic sacrament of first holy communion. There is only one problem...she's Jewish. The universal desire to fit in is explored in this audience favorite.

The Spertus Center of Chicago offers public programming throughout the year – including films, speakers, seminars and concerts – which take place at their Michigan Avenue facility, in the suburbs, and online. For more information, click here. [15]



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