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## **12-Year-Old Roswell Resident Directs Film (<https://www.thecurrenthub.com/12-year-old-roswell-resident-directs-film/>)**

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**Camp Flix Film, *In Our Eyes*,  
Directed and Produced by Kids,  
Gets World Premiere at Atlanta  
Jewish Film Festival**

**12-Year-Old Roswell Resident Charli Shapiro  
Directs and 14-Year Old Maddi Bernard from  
Sandy Springs Serves as Editor and  
Cinematographer**

The Atlanta Jewish Film Festival (AJFF), the world's largest Jewish film festival, has selected the world premiere of student-produced *In Our Eyes*, a short film on the theme of tolerance. 12-

year-old Roswell resident Charli Shapiro directed the film and 14-year-old Maddi Bernard, of Sandy Springs, served as editor and cinematographer. The film was produced as part of Atlanta's Camp Flix summer filmmaking program for children ages 11 to 17. The film will have its world premiere at the 16th annual event, which returns for another expansive 23 days from Tuesday, January 26 through Wednesday, February 17, 2016. The full lineup and official schedule can be viewed at [AJFF.org \(http://AJFF.org\)](http://AJFF.org)

At Camp Flix, kids, 11-17 are taught filmmaking skills, from screenwriting to directing to sound and lighting, from local filmmaking professionals and film experts. The kids are put into film crews with other campers and they have one week to make a short film, three minutes or less.

"The overnight campers work on a second, more cause-related and personal project at night and this past summer Camp Flix's theme was 'tolerance.' This was an opportunity for the kids to really speak about the issues of the day and how they were affecting them personally," says Tom Karsch, founder of Camp Flix. "It was an eye-opening project that produced four really interesting short films."

Four films were produced and submitted to the AJFF Film Evaluation Committee for consideration and out of the four, In Our Eyes was chosen for the festival.

Karsch adds, "To maintain the integrity of AJFF, the films were considered like every other film submission at the festival by the Film Evaluation Committee, and judged on their own merits. They were not held to a lesser standard because they were produced by kids. These young talents are certainly no less dedicated than adult filmmakers. To see them come up with the concept, shoot and edit, and end up with such a strong piece in only five days is a testament to their passion."

In Our Eyes was conceptualized, produced and shot at the Chapel on the Emory University campus, with all crew and cast comprised of Camp Flix overnight campers under the direction of two counselors, Sasha Freger and OK Keyes.

The 2016 AJFF will present 77 films from 26 countries, including five World Premieres, nine North American Premieres and four U.S Premieres. This premier cinematic experience brings major new works, each in some way related to Jewish and Israeli themes, to multiple theater venues across Atlanta. As a leading exhibitor of international and independent cinema, AJFF continues to play a vital role in Atlanta's development as a major film center.

Of more than 200 other Jewish film festivals worldwide, AJFF has achieved the rank of the world's largest such festival, with record-breaking attendance of 38,600+ moviegoers in 2015. This milestone achievement adds to AJFF's existing status as the largest film event of any kind in Atlanta. In just 15 years, AJFF's broad-based multi-cultural audience has enabled the festival to emerge as one of the South's foremost arts celebrations.

For more information, visit [AJFF.org](http://AJFF.org) (<http://AJFF.org>), or stay connected via social media on Twitter @ATLJewishFilm and on Facebook and Instagram at atljewishfilm.

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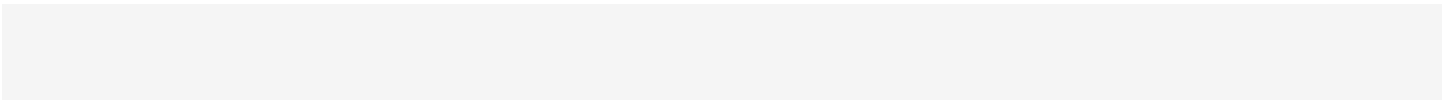
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