



**The Life Tree Cinema:
Perspectives on
The Jewish Experience**

proudly presents

The Lives of Others

During 1984, the Cold War still rages and the Communist bloc does not even trust its own citizens. Georg Dreyman is a successful dramatist in East Germany. When his lover Christa, a popular actress, catches the interest of the Minister of Culture, a secret police agent is instructed to conduct surveillance on these two intellectual stars who do not always toe the party line. Over time, rather than being coldly distant, he finds himself being absorbed by their private lives.

Message to Film Aficionados from our discussion leader Allan Carter:

“There are some films that I can watch over and over and never tire of discovering new insights into what makes a particular film outstanding. This is the situation with “The Lives Of Others” a 2006 German film which deals with life in East Germany where the secret police, Stasi, eavesdropped into anyone and potentially everyone's private lives. What distinguishes this film is an engaging screenplay and timeless look at the worst and best in people. Awarded the Academy Award for the best Foreign Film it is an example of a very personal film written and directed by Florian Henckel Von Donnersmarck, the film creates memorable characters while engrossing us in the political story.”

Thursday, April 20th

7:00 PM

In the Social Hall

Please RSVP to Robin Lucansky at rlucansky@aol.com or call the synagogue office at 630.627.3912.