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CENTRAL ASIA  
PROGRAM

**Cinema Club Film Screening:**  
***The Gift to Stalin***  
(Kazakhstan, 2008)

*Directed by Rustem Abdrashev*



“Set in 1949, just before Stalin’s 70th-birthday jubilee, the film centers on Sasha (Dalen Shintemirov), a 9-year-old boy who escapes from a train transporting Jewish refugees from Moscow to Kazakhstan.

“Hidden among the shrouded corpses callously dumped on the tracks, Sasha is rescued by an aging railway worker (Nurzhuman Ikhtimbaev) and taken

to his tiny village. There, in an ethnic melting pot of other exiles, he is cared for by Vera (Yekaterina Rednikova), an earthy Russian, and Yezhik (Waldemar Szczepaniak), a shy, thoughtful Pole.” – JEANNETTE CATSOULIS, *The New York Times*

**Thursday, April 20, 2017**

**6:30-8:00pm**

**Voesar Conference Room**

**1957 E St NW, Suite 412**

**Washington, DC 20052**

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