

Weston Filmmaker to Screen “RFK in the Land of Apartheid” at the Library

The Weston Public Library is pleased to host a screening of the documentary featured on PBS, “RFK in the Land of Apartheid: A Ripple of Hope” on Sunday, December 15, 2013 at 3PM in the Community Room.

This documentary film tells the unknown story of Robert Kennedy’s 1966 visit to South Africa during the worst years of Apartheid. The film evokes the connections between the American Civil Rights Movement and the Anti-Apartheid Movement in South Africa. The filmmakers find witnesses to this remarkable moment in time - through the sights and sounds of present day South Africa. RFK IN THE LAND OF APARTHEID follows Robert Kennedy to the site of his famous “Ripple of Hope” speech at the University of Cape Town; his meeting with Albert Luthuli, the banned leader of the ANC, and his visit to Soweto.

There will be a Q & A after the screening with the filmmaker.

Larry Shore is a professor and filmmaker at Hunter College in New York. He grew up in Johannesburg where he was a junior high School student at the time of Robert Kennedy’s visit. He moved to the United States in the 70's where he obtained an MA in International Relations from the University of Pennsylvania and a PhD in Communications from Stanford University. He was active in the Anti-Apartheid Movement in the US in the 1980's and was the first president of SAAO- the South African-American Organization. The film has been widely screened in the US and South Africa. Larry has been a Weston resident since 1995. The film’s website is: www.rfksafilm.org

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