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Shrinks on Screen: Portrayals of Therapists in Movies

July 29th at 7PM,
Sebastopol, CA

the French Garden Restaurant & Bistro

Movies and TV series offer a personal and upclose perspective of the way in which psychologists are portrayed and viewed by our society. Shining upon our digital screens we see those who are wise and daring, confronting and harsh, nurturing and compassionate, and those who fight their own demons while trying to help others battle against theirs.

We see therapy engaging heart, mind and soul in deeply personal and intimate relationships such as Robin Williams' character in *Good Will Hunting*. Gabriel Byrne from *In Treatment*, portrays a noble, anguished soul who is almost too pained, himself, to sooth the pain of others. Richard Dreyfuss, in *What About Bob?* plays a buffoonish, inept psychiatrist struggling against his charismatic and nutty patient Bob. Anthony Hopkins, in *Silence of the Lambs*, chills us with his perfect evil, while Billy Crystal in *Analyze This* reminds us how the dynamics of power do not always belong to and favor the therapist.

The portrayal of psychologists on screens offers a personal and entertaining view of the expectations and assumptions about shrinks within our society. Come explore the unique perspectives brought to us by the media of the silver screen. **Dr. Ofer Zur** will direct the show and will provide the popcorn.



with Ofer Zur, Ph.D.

Ofer Zur is a Sebastopol, CA psychologist and has been in practice for over twenty-five years. He is a fellow of the American Psychological Association and the director of the Zur Institute which offers over 175 [online continuing education courses](#) for psychologists, MFTs, SWs, counselors, and other mental health practitioners. Dr. Zur has written four books and hundreds of articles and book-chapters, and has [lectured world-wide](#) on topics ranging from Boundaries in Psychotherapy & Effective Therapy, Internet Psychology, Internet Addiction, Digital Ethics, Cyber-Bullying, Psychology of Gender, and Psychology of Victims.



For his CV: <http://www.zurinstitute.com/cvita.html>

Presentation will be held at

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Lecture

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Come just a little early to take advantage of special pricing on appetizers and drinks in the bistro bar. We begin at 7PM so arrive a little early to get a seat.

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