



# The 23rd Toronto Jewish Film Festival



Toronto Jewish  
Film Festival

and

## The Toronto Workmen's Circle

co-present

# *The Anarchist Rabbi*

**Directed by Adam Kossoff.**

**Friday May 8th, 3:30 pm**

**Innis Town Hall,**

**2 Sussex Avenue at St. George Street**

“On Yom Kippur,” speaks the voice of anarchist Rudolf Rocker, “Jewish anarchists and socialists marched past local synagogues defiantly smoking or brandishing ham sandwiches.” Adam Kossoff’s meditative documentary focuses on German-born Rocker, who campaigned with London’s East End Jewish immigrants over 100 years ago. Speaking and writing in Yiddish, Rocker organized garment trade unions and advocated for anarchism as the solution for class inequality. Through the narration of actor Stephen Berkoff, Rocker’s ghost comes to life, haunting the locations where the Yiddish workers’ movement was once vibrant. *The Anarchist Rabbi* is a reflection on how urban development forgets working class movements. The film is 45 minutes long.

Although not shown in the film, after leaving London, Rudolf Rocker was also significant in the development of WC/AR anarchist branch 339 and the anarchist movement in Canada, and was friends with many WC founders in the 1930s.

*Preceded by the short film **THE BESPOKE OVERCOAT** (33 min) by Jack Clayton.*

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