SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2015 • 2 PM
The Last of the Unjust / Le Dernier des injustes
Claude Lanzmann, 2013, France (German, French), 220 min
Introduction & Talkback: Shay Pilnik • Milwaukee Premiere
This documentary provides an unprecedented insight into the genesis of the Final Solution. Claude Lanzmann spent many hours in 1975 interviewing Benjamin Murmelstein, who was at the time the only surviving president of the Jewish Council in the Theresienstadt death camp during World War II. These conversations never made it into Shoah and are presented here for the first time. They introduce us to the extraordinary personality of Benjamin Murmelstein, reveal the true face of Eichmann, and expose without artifice the savage contradictions of the Jewish Councils.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2015
Classic Evening Double Feature
Short intermission between the two films with Jewish/French treats.

7 PM  Natan: The Untold Story of French Cinema’s Forgotten Genius
Paul Duane & David Cairns, 2013, Ireland (English, French), 66min
Introduction: Maggie Levantovskaya • Milwaukee Premiere
As owner of Pathé Studios, Bernard Natan made pioneering contributions in the 1920s and 30s that forever shaped the French film industry. How could his name have been erased from the history of cinema? A requiem for a forgotten genius, Natan pieces together the true story of this pivotal figure in early French film.

8:30 PM  Wooden Crosses (Les Croix de bois)
Raymond Bernard, 1932, France (French), 103 min
Introduction & Talkback: Fabienne Bullot
A pacifist work of enormous empathy and chilling despair, this cinematographic masterpiece is France’s answer to All Quiet on the Western Front. Using a masterful and innovative arsenal of film techniques, it harrowingly depicts the pointlessness of war. An unforgettable technical and emotional powerhouse.

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