

Mark Your Calendars...The Jewish Film Festival is Coming
Thursday Nights at the Movies
February 18 and 25 March 4 and 11 at the
Penn State Altoona Devorris Downtown Center

February 18, 2010



O Jerusalem - 100 minutes, English (made in USA and Israel) 2006. An epic drama re-creating the historic struggle surrounding the creation of the State of Israel in 1948. At the center are two young American friends - one Jewish, one Arab. The film is told from alternating viewpoints of the Jews, Arabs and Brits, all of whom collide in their fight for control of Jerusalem. It brings to the forefront themes of courage, terrorism, deprivation, politics and a strong sense of morality. The film goes from the streets of New York to the Holy Land, where the friends risk their lives for what they believe in, as the city of their dreams teeters on the brink of destruction.

No. 4 Street of Our Lady – 95 minutes, English, documentary (made in USA and Poland) 2009. The documentary tells the remarkable, yet little known story of a Polish-Catholic woman who rescued 15 of her Jewish neighbors during the Holocaust. It culminates three years of production work that has taken the filmmakers - all faculty members at Penn State University's College of Communications - to Israel, Ukraine and numerous locations around the United States, where they have gathered material, conducted interviews and captured dramatic moments on camera. The film draws on excerpts from a diary kept by one of the survivors, Moshe Maltz, whose granddaughter, Judy is one of the filmmakers and along with her colleague, Richie Sherman will join us to introduce and discuss their film.

February 25, 2010



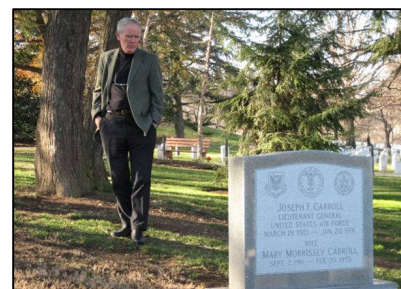
March 4, 2010



Making Trouble - *A project of the Jewish Women's Archive*, 85 minutes, English, documentary, (made in USA) 2006. A rollicking journey with three generations of funny Jewish women. Defying cultural expectations and changing the rules. Molly Picon, Fanny Brice, Sophie Tucker, Wendy Wasserstein and Gilda Radner successfully went from vaudeville and the Yiddish theater to Broadway, from Ziegfeld's Follies to Saturday Night Live. From a table in Katz's Deli in New York City, leading Jewish comedians, Judy Gold, Jackie Hoffman, Cory Kahaney and Jessica Kirson guide you on this comedic journey. Jerry Zolten, Associate Professor at PSU Altoona and former stand up comedian will introduce and discuss the film.

Constantine's Sword - 93 minutes, English, documentary, (made in USA) 2007. Oscar nominated director Oren Jacoby turns the camera on author and former Catholic priest James Carroll as he embarks on a journey to confront his past and uncover the dark side of Christianity. Carroll explores a legacy of religious violence, from the rise of genocidal anti-Semitism to modern day wars sparked by religious extremism. *Constantine's Sword* forces us to confront the question: Why do we kill people in the name of God? Father Mark Begly, Pastor of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Lakemont, will introduce and discuss the film.

March 11, 2010



Join us for a great dinner next door at the Heritage Discovery Center beginning at 5:30pm. We'll have wine and appetizers, with dinner catered by Paula & Dave Binus. All films begin at 7:30pm. It's the best bargain in town with dinner at only \$12/person and films at \$3 for Federation members \$5 for non-members and free for students. Reserve your space by calling the Federation office at 515-1182 or email us at altfed@atlanticbb.net.