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Sunday, October 18, 2009, 7:00 pm
USA Cinema, 930 Great East Plaza, Niles

Yoo-Hoo, Mrs. Goldberg

Documentary
Written/Produced/Directed by Aviva Kempner
USA, 2009, 92 minutes, English

She's the most famous woman in America you've never heard of. The amazing story of Gertrude Berg is told with humor and insight in this sparkling film biography. Berg was the Oprah of her day—radio and television creator; Emmy award-winning actress; celebrity guest on variety shows; Tony award winner on Broadway; and originator and star of America's first sitcom, *The Goldbergs*. Writer of 12,000 scripts for the number one CBS show, she combined comedy and social commentary while introducing endearing Jewish characters to middle America, particularly Molly Goldberg, the family matriarch. In a battle to save the career of her co-star, union organizer Philip Loeb, Berg took on the McCarthy blacklist. That tragic witch hunt (memorialized in the 1976 film *The Front*) parallels other dramatic changes in television history: The tight-knit Goldberg family—first seen yelling across airshafts, baking bread in a steamy kitchen, playing chess and discussing Freud—moves from the Bronx to the suburbs. Then the show itself is cancelled—only to be replaced by the thoroughly modern *I Love Lucy*. *Yoo-Hoo, Mrs. Goldberg* combines rare scenes from *The Goldbergs*, interviews with fans including Norman Lear, Susan Stamberg and Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, and movie clips featuring the Marx Brothers and Zero Mostel. Filmmaker Kempner has created a star-studded social history of an American trailblazer.



Sunday, October 25, 2009, 1:00 pm
The Butler Institute of American Art, Wick Avenue

DOUBLE FEATURE :

In Search of the Bene Israel

Documentary
Directed by Sadia Shepherd
United States, India, 2008, 38 minutes, English/Hindu
with English subtitles



In Search of the Bene Israel documents director Sadia Shepard's journey to understand her ancestry and the future of the 3,500 Bene Israel who remain in and around Bombay. Returning to her Jewish grandmother's birthplace in India, Shepard discovers the story of Bene Israel, a tiny Jewish community in Bombay. Her colorful documentary is a journey to reconnect with a group of Jews who believe they are descended from one of the lost tribes of Israel, shipwrecked in India 2,000 years ago. This moving portrait of a community in transition introduces us to individuals and families—from a Jewish Indian filmmaker working in Bollywood to a couple on the eve of marriage to a family that takes care of a rural synagogue—struggling with the decision to stay in India or move to Israel.

Blessed is the Match

Documentary
Directed by Roberta Grossman
USA, 2008, 85 minutes, English, narrated by Joan Allen



Blessed Is the Match is the first documentary feature about Hannah Senesh, the World War II-era poet and diarist who became a paratrooper, resistance fighter and modern-day Joan of Arc. Safe in Palestine in 1944, Hannah joined a mission to rescue Hungary's Jews. Shockingly, it was the only outside rescue mission for Jews during the Holocaust. Hannah parachuted behind enemy lines, was captured, tortured and ultimately executed by the Nazis. Incredibly, her mother Catherine witnessed the entire ordeal, first as a prisoner with Hannah and later as her advocate, braving the bombed-out streets of Budapest in a desperate attempt to save her daughter. With unprecedented access to the Senesh family archive, this powerful story unfolds through the writings and photographs of Hannah and Catherine Senesh.

Thursday, October 22, 2009, 7:00 pm
USA Cinema, 930 Great East Plaza, Niles

Walk on Water

Feature Film
Directed by Eytan Fox
Israel, 2004, 104 minutes, English/Hebrew/German
with English subtitles

A new generation of Jews and Germans must come to terms with the past in this complex and compelling drama. *Walk on Water* challenges our beliefs about sexuality, vengeance, and the morality of assassination. Eyal, an emotionally fragile Mossad hit man is assigned to shadow Axel, a young German whose grandfather is a notorious Nazi war criminal that has eluded justice. Posing as an Israeli tour guide, Eyal shepherds Axel around when he comes to visit his kibbutz sister Lia. Although Eyal at first resists what he considers a boring assignment, he soon warms up to Axel's bright enthusiasm and intellect, even overcoming his own homophobia when he realizes Axel is gay. When the action shifts to Berlin and the prospect of discovering Axel's grandfather, the film becomes a taut emotional thriller.



Wednesday, October 28, 2009, 7:00 pm
USA Cinema, 930 Great East Plaza, Niles

the Secrets

Feature Film
Directed by Avi Nesher
Israel, 2007, 120 minutes, Hebrew/French/English
with English subtitles



Naomi, the brilliant and pious daughter of an ultra-Orthodox rabbi, finds herself at a crossroads when her mother dies and she is expected to immediately marry her father's prodigy. Distressed yet determined, she begs that her father allow her one year to study at a women's religious seminary in Safed, birthplace of Kaballah, to prepare herself for the sacrifices she will make as a wife. Her father relents and Naomi's life takes an unexpected turn. *the Secrets* presents the complexities of a religious lifestyle in a vibrant environment of youth, rebellion, and desire. "One of the best Israeli films of recent years, *the Secrets* is an emotionally overpowering drama that will move audiences wherever it plays."

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- _____ \$24.00 Adult Festival Pass, all five films
- _____ \$8.00 Adult single ticket
- _____ \$21.00 Senior Festival Pass, all five films
- _____ \$7.00 Senior single ticket
- _____ \$15.00 Student Festival Pass, all five films
- _____ \$5.00 Student single ticket

If purchasing single tickets, please indicate below which films you will be attending and the number of tickets you will need:

- _____ Yoo - Hoo, Mrs. Goldberg
- _____ Walk on Water
- _____ In Search of the Bene Israel / Blessed is the Match
- _____ the Secrets



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USA Cinema

USA Cinema is located at 930 Great East Plaza,
Niles, Ohio 44446.

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Please use the F-1 parking lot on University Plaza for
the October 25 double feature to be shown in Zona
Auditorium at the Butler Institute of American Art.