

PHILADELPHIA JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL

27th Season

November 2007 – May 2008

New Filmmakers Weekend

West Bank Story

Director: Ari Sandel, 2005, USA, 21 minutes

This frisky Oscar-winning musical short revolves around a fast food feud/love affair between the Palestinian Hummus Hut and Israeli Kosher King. Great singing and dancing, hummable tunes and good production values!



Making Trouble

Director: Rachel Talbot, 2007, USA, 85 minutes



Four of today's funniest women—Judy Gold, Cory Kahane, Jessica Kirson and Jackie Hoffman (a star in the new Broadway musical hit, *Xanadu*) sit around a kosher deli table à la Woody Allen and talk about six of the greatest female comic performers—Molly Picon, Fanny Brice, Sophie Tucker, Joan Rivers, Gilda Radner and Wendy Wasserstein. The extraordinary clips reveal what it means to be female, funny and Jewish.

Saturday, March 22, 8:30pm, \$12

Enough

Director: Zoe Greenberg, 2007, USA, 11 minutes

Five young people from different backgrounds confront the taboo subjects of wealth, poverty and class. This remarkable film was made by Zoe Greenberg, a student at Springside School in Chestnut Hill, as her Bat Mitzvah project, and it won the Princeton Prize in race relations for 2007.

Unsettled

Director: Adam Hootnick, 2006, USA, 84 minutes
In English and Hebrew with English subtitles

Israeli filmmakers have been reoccupied with the Gaza settlement pullout since 2005. *Unsettled* concerns a group of young people on the front lines, who are transformed by a conflict where there is no enemy. Features music from reggae superstar Matisyahu.



Sunday, March 23, 2pm, \$10

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Ilona, Upstairs

Director: Melissa Hammel, 2006, USA, 24 minutes

Ilona, Upstairs is a portrait of an artist—a butterfly who wants to forget her origins as a caterpillar. In this mixed format doc, deftly filmed in part by Albert Maysles, Ilona sings, dances, paints, swims, and almost kisses trees, but will not, under any circumstances, face her painful past.



A Hero in Heaven

Director: Sally Mitlas, 2007, USA, 45 minutes



Born and raised near Philadelphia in a traditional Jewish home, Michael Levin made Aliyah at 16 and joined a frontline unit in the IDF. Killed soon after in a clash with Hezbollah in Lebanon, Michael personified a Jewish hero. The film memorializes him through music, songs, poems and the words of all who loved him dearly.

Monday, March 24, 7pm, \$10

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