

# BETH SHOLOM @ THE MOVIES

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<p><a href="#"><u>Letters from Iwo Jima</u></a> (2007)</p> <p>Feb 21, 2008 8:00 PM</p>		<p>As tens of thousands of Allied troops push further inland, the Japanese troops defending Iwo Jima during World War II prepare to meet their fate in this <a href="#"><u>Clint Eastwood</u></a>-directed Oscar nominee for Best Picture, a companion piece to his hit film <i>Flags of Our Fathers</i>. Japanese Gen. Tadamichi Kuribayashi (<a href="#"><u>Ken Watanabe</u></a>) knows his men are outnumbered and, with no hope of rescue, that most will eventually die in battle -- or end up killing themselves.</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>The Tiger and the Snow</u></a> (2005)</p> <p>Mar 6, 2008 8:00 PM</p>		<p>Borrowing a bit from the plot of his Oscar-winning film <i>Life Is Beautiful</i>, Italian actor-director <a href="#"><u>Roberto Benigni</u></a> plays a romantic poet who vows to follow his love (Benigni's real-life wife, <a href="#"><u>Nicoletta Braschi</u></a>) to the ends of the earth -- even if that means going to Iraq at the dawn of the American invasion. Skirting political bias, Benigni's whimsical comedy presents a world in which all camps are absurd. French actor <a href="#"><u>Jean Reno</u></a> co-stars.</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>The Syrian Bride</u></a> (2004)</p> <p>Mar 20, 2008 8:00 PM</p>		<p><a href="#"><u>Eran Riklis</u></a>'s film digs into the Middle East conflict with the tale of a Druze woman who lives with her family in the Israeli-occupied Golan Heights. Her family makes plans for her to marry a Syrian television star from Damascus, but the wedding must take place at the border, and once she marries and crosses into Syria, she'll never be able to return home. <a href="#"><u>Hiyam Abbass</u></a> and <a href="#"><u>Makram J. Khoury</u></a> and <a href="#"><u>Clara Khoury</u></a> star.</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>James' Journey to Jerusalem</u></a> (2004)</p> <p>April 3, 2008 8:00 PM</p>		<p>In the imaginary village of Entshongweni, far from western civilization, young James is chosen to undertake a mission -- a pilgrimage to holy Jerusalem. But Israel is no longer the Holy Land that James and his people imagined. When he's suspected of trying to infiltrate the country to work illegally, James's journey takes him through the cruel heart of our economic system, as he learns the tricks of the game and plays it toward an inevitable end.</p>

<p><a href="#"><u>September Dawn</u></a> (2007) April 17, 2008 8:00 PM</p>		<p>More than 100 years before Sept. 11, 2001, another act of religious fanaticism claimed the lives of upwards of 120 men, women and children when a band of Mormon militiamen and Paiute Indians slaughtered a wagon train of westward-bound settlers. This tragic tale chronicles those events, juxtaposing a fictional love story and a fact-based account of the 1857 Mountain Meadows Massacre. Terence Stamp, <a href="#"><u>Jon Voight</u></a>, <a href="#"><u>Lolita Davidovich</u></a> and <a href="#"><u>Dean Cain</u></a> star.</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>The Wild Parrots of Telegraph Hill</u></a> (2005)</p> <p>May 1, 2008 8:00 PM</p>		<p>This documentary tells the true story of a Bohemian St. Francis of Assisi and his amazing relationship with a flock of wild parrots. <a href="#"><u>Mark Bittner</u></a>, a homeless street musician in San Francisco, adopts the flock as he searches for meaning in his life. The weird thing is, he's unaware that the wild parrots will bring him everything he needs. The film celebrates urban wildness (human and avian) and links the parrots' antics to human ... antics.</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>The Ten</u></a> (2006)</p> <p>May 15, 2008 8:00 PM</p>		<p>An all-star cast that includes <a href="#"><u>Paul Rudd</u></a>, <a href="#"><u>Winona Ryder</u></a>, <a href="#"><u>Jessica Alba</u></a>, <a href="#"><u>Oliver Platt</u></a>, <a href="#"><u>Liev Schreiber</u></a>, <a href="#"><u>Famke Janssen</u></a>, <a href="#"><u>Rob Corddry</u></a>, <a href="#"><u>Adam Brody</u></a>, <a href="#"><u>Ken Marino</u></a> and <a href="#"><u>Gretchen Mol</u></a>, among others, takes part in this amusing collection of 10 irreverent tales inspired by the Ten Commandments. Nothing is sacred in this comedy anthology written by <a href="#"><u>Ken Marino</u></a> and director <a href="#"><u>David Wain</u></a>, formerly of the comedy troupe the State.</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>Steal a Pencil for Me</u></a> (2007)</p> <p>June 12, 2008 8:00 PM</p>		<p>Deported to Nazi concentration camps at Westerbork and Bergen-Belsen during the war, Jaap Polak and Ina Soep met and fell in love, corresponding with love letters on any piece of scrap paper they could find. Director <a href="#"><u>Michele Ohayon</u></a>'s moving documentary chronicles an unshakeable romance that blossomed despite the horrors of the Holocaust and provides a detailed look into the daily rigors of internment, as well as life in German-occupied Amsterdam.</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>Ushpizin</u></a> (2005)</p> <p>June 26, 2008 8:00 PM</p>		<p>A downtrodden couple finds hope and good fortune -- amid unexpected houseguests -- in this humorous take on religious Jews living in a modern world. Moshe (<a href="#"><u>Shuli Rand</u></a>) and his wife are given a sum to help prepare for the holy holiday of Succoth and end up hosting two unannounced guests (rather, escaped prisoners). The couple must deal with their boorish visitors, who reveal Moshe's not-so-holy past, while upholding their faith.</p>