

**Mark Your Calendars...The Jewish Film Festival is Coming
Thursday Nights at the Movies
February 21 and 28 March 6 and 13 at the
Penn State Altoona Devorris Downtown Center**

February 21, 2008



Rape of Europa - 117 minutes, English, French German, Italian, Polish and Russian with subtitles (made in the United States) 2006. The Rape of Europa tells the epic story of the systematic theft, deliberate destruction and miraculous survival of Europe's art treasures during the Third Reich and World War II. But heroic young art historians and curators from America and across Europe fought back with a miraculous campaign to rescue and return the millions of lost, hidden and stolen treasures. In a journey through seven countries, the film takes the audience into the violent whirlwind of fanaticism, greed and warfare that threatened to wipe out the artistic heritage of Europe.

Ira and Abby – 105 minutes, English. A sweet, hilarious and slightly subversive romantic comedy that examines the issues of marriage, monogamy and whether “I do” is the only path to life-long love and happiness. Ira is brilliant, Jewish and has so many issues he can't fit them into 12 years of analysis. Abby is a free spirit and is better at solving her friend's problems than her own. When the two meet, they fall in love and decide to get married, all in a few breathless hours. And life is good for awhile, until a series of comic misadventures force the couple to rethink their strategies.

February 28, 2008



March 6, 2008



Black Book - 145 minutes, In Dutch, German, English and Hebrew with English Subtitles (Made in The Netherlands/Germany/United Kingdom/Belgium) 2006. Paul Verhoeven, famous for such naughty treats as Showgirls and Basic Instinct, returned to his homeland to make this gripping World War II thriller about resistance to the Nazis by the Dutch in 1944. While Verhoeven never betrays his blockbuster talent for heart-pounding suspense and sexy scenarios, Black Book also presents a complex moral drama. No one - neither resistance fighter nor Nazi soldier - is ever exactly who he appears to be, hard won loyalties can be bought and sold, and heroes emerge where you least expect them.

Steel Toes - 90 minutes, English (made in Canada) 2004. Academy Award nominee David Strathairn (Good Night and Good Luck) portrays a soul-searching Jewish lawyer appointed by the court to represent a neo-Nazi skinhead on trial for the racially motivated murder of an East Indian immigrant. The lawyer is initially reluctant to stay on the case, but he is challenged by his seemingly unrepentant client and simultaneously intrigued by his own belief that there is something worth redeeming in the young man. Set in Montreal, Steel Toes takes us into the intense and fiery relationship that develops between these two men as they explore their emotional and intellectual differences.

March 13, 2008



Join us for a great dinner next door at the Heritage Discovery Center prior to the films. We'll have wine and appetizers, with dinner catered by Paula Binus and good fellowship. It's the best bargain in town with dinner at only \$10/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 alfed@atlanticbb.net.