

CINEMA CIRCLE SPRING 2009
ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

January 9

PROMISES: (2001) Documentarians Justine Shapiro and B.Z. Goldberg went to Israel to work on a project about children and conflict, interviewing Palestinian and Israeli kids ages 11-13 to get their views on living in a society afflicted with violence, separatism and religious and political extremism. The film culminates in an astonishing day when two Israeli children meet Palestinian youngsters at a refugee camp. A 2002 Oscar nominee for Best Feature Documentary. (102 minutes)

January 23 **SOLDIERS IN THE ARMY OF GOD:** (2005) Connected by the Internet and an unshakable belief in their cause, a tight-knit group of extreme pro-life activists who (all members of the Army of God) have turned to violence to abolish abortion. This fascinating documentary examines several of the soldiers involved in the ongoing "battle," including Paul Hill, the man who committed the infamous 1993 murders of two abortion clinic workers in Pensacola, Fla. (90 minutes)

February 13

THE KNOWLEDGE OF HEALING: (1997) This fascinating Swiss documentary visits with the Dalai Lama and his personal physician, Tenzin Choedrak, in his home in the foothills of India, as well as with Tibetan doctor Chimit-Dorzhi Dugarov in eastern Siberia. Subsequent interviews with physicians, scientists and other practitioners in Austria, Switzerland and Israel reveal the tried-and-true science behind the 2,000-year-old art of Tibetan medical thinking. (89 minutes)

February 27

FRIENDS OF GOD: A ROAD TRIP WITH ALEXANDRA PELOSI: (2006) Filmmaker Alexandra Pelosi takes a remarkable journey across the heartland to uncover the religious, cultural and political beliefs of evangelical Christians, including Jerry Falwell, Ted Haggard and best-selling author Joel Osteen. Interviewing both leaders and rank-and-file believers and attending events such as a Christian wrestling match, Pelosi reveals a vibrant subculture whose convictions may surprise and possibly bewilder you. (100 minutes)

March 13

JOSEPH CAMPBELL: SUKHAVATI: (1998) Travel with mythology expert Joseph Campbell as he explores shared iconic imagery that marks the human experience and influences our ability to dream and find our spiritual center. Campbell suggests that all religions share the same path to enlightenment, but it's up to us to make the actual journey. Evidence of the commonality of mythological symbols is investigated in the ruins of Ajanta in India, Delphi in Greece and Stonehenge in England. (78 minutes)

March 27

THE GOSPEL OF JUDAS: (2005) This provocative National Geographic program chronicles the discovery of ancient writings that offer a drastically different view of the disciple who betrayed Jesus Christ for 30 pieces of silver. With exclusive access to the documents collectively known as the Gospel of Judas, the show explores the possibility that one of the Bible's most notorious villains -- Judas Iscariot -- was instead a heroic figure. Actor Peter Coyote narrates. (60 minutes)

April 24

THE END OF SUBURBIA: (2004) This provocative documentary, a regular on the film-festival circuit, examines the history of suburban life and the wisdom of this distinctly American way of

life. A post-World War II concept, suburbia attracted droves of people, giving rise to sprawl and all that comes with it -- good and bad. How has the environment been affected by this lifestyle, and is it sustainable? Canadian director Gregory Greene dares to ask all the tough questions. (90 minutes)

May 8

THE POWER OF FORGIVENESS: (2007) An Amish community rocked by a school shooting, survivors of 9/11, victims of the "troubles" of Northern Ireland and others share their views on how forgiveness has helped to alleviate their grief and resentment in this emotional documentary. Filmmaker Martin Doblmeier explores the spiritual, physical and psychological benefits of forgiveness and includes interviews with Elie Weisel and Vietnamese Buddhist leader Thich Nhat Hanh. (78 minutes)

May 22

DELIVER US FROM EVIL: (2006) This unsettling Oscar-nominated documentary from filmmaker Amy Berg investigates the life of 30-year pedophile Father Oliver O'Grady and exposes the corruption inside the Catholic Church that allowed him to abuse countless children. A mix of victim stories and a disturbing interview with O'Grady provides a view into the troubled mind of the spiritual leader who moved from parish to parish gaining the trust of congregations ... all the while betraying so many. (101 minutes)

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