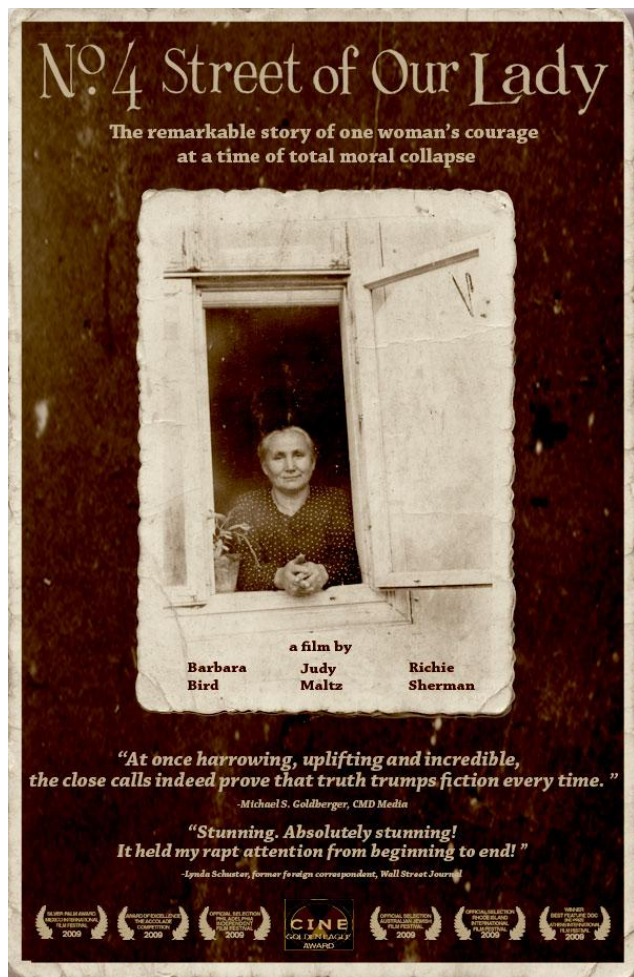


Yom Hashoah

Holocaust Memorial Day, April 11, 2010, at Kol Haverim

If your neighbors were being hunted down and came to your door begging for help, would you risk your life to save theirs?



No. 4 Street of Our Lady tells the remarkable, yet little-known, story of Francisca Halamajowa, a Polish-Catholic woman who rescued 15 of her Jewish neighbors during the Holocaust by cleverly passing herself off as a Nazi sympathizer.

For close to two years, Halamajowa hid her Jewish neighbors in her tiny home and cooked and cared for them, right under the noses of German troops camped on her property as well as hostile neighbors. Two families were hidden in the hayloft of her pigsty, and one family in a hole dug under her kitchen floor. In the final months of the war, she also provided shelter to a German soldier who had defected – an act that nearly led to her execution.

Even among the small minority of Poles who risked their lives to save Jews during the Holocaust, Halamajowa's is by all accounts an unusual story considering the number of people she rescued and the amount of time she fed and cared for them.

This film draws on excerpts from a diary kept by one of the survivors, Moshe Maltz, whose granddaughter is one of the filmmakers. It also incorporates testimonies from other Jews saved by Halamajowa, her descendants, Grace and Jolanta, and former

neighbors, as they reconnect on a trip back to Sokal. Powerful location shots add another rich dimension to the story, providing the backdrop as the drama unfolds. Grace and Jolanta, and Moshe Maltz's granddaughter will be here at Kol Haverim!

If you miss this uplifting, award-winning film at the Hartford Jewish Film Festival,

DON'T MISS IT AGAIN!

Sunday, April 11, 2010 6:30 p.m.

Reception to follow film. Suggested donation: \$10, Students: free

To read more about this film, check out the synagogue's website.