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SHALOM TV SHOWING AWARD-WINNING FEATURE FILMS

Jewish network Shalom TV has completed a multi-year agreement with Sony Pictures Television for an array of feature films and award-winning movies with Jewish themes.

Beginning this month, Shalom TV subscribers can watch Barry Levinson's *Avalon*, the story of a Russian family that arrives in America at the turn of the century, as well as Oscar-winner *Garden of the Finzi-Continis*, a gripping drama about a wealthy family in Italy that must contend with the growing signs of fascism in the 1930s. In several weeks, award-winners Ian McKellen and Brad Renfro star in *Apt Pupil* on the network, and the irrepressible Danny Kaye combines drama, comedy and pathos in the classic *Me and the Colonel*.



"We're excited to show these outstanding features and treasured classics, as well as providing viewers with commentary from individuals involved in the production," remarked Shalom TV President Mark S. Golub. "We also intend to highlight these films with people who have first-hand experience of the depicted events, similar to our current interview with Sholom Aleichem's granddaughter Bel Kaufman in discussing the real-life Tevye."

In the coming months, Shalom TV is presenting *FamilyPrayers*, with it's all-star cast of Joe Mantegna, Anne Archer, Paul Reiser, and Patti LuPone; Oscar-nominated *Solomon & Gaenor* about a love affair involving a young Jewish man who has hidden his ethnicity; and the Romeo and Juliet adaptation *Zebrahead* with Michael Rapaport and Kevin Corrigan.



Other Sony films slated for Shalom TV are the 1970 theatrical and 1988 television versions of *I Never Sang for My Father* starring Gene Hackman and Harold Gould respectively; the two-part television epic *Story of Jacob & Joseph* narrated by Alan Bates; *The Last Winter*, dealing with two women seeking their missing husbands after the end of the Yom Kippur War; and *Every Time We Say Goodbye*, a Tom Hanks-led film following the relationship between an American flyer and a woman in Jerusalem. Animated *American Pop*, Golden Globe-winner *Hand in Hand*,

Oscar-nominated *None Shall Escape*, and *Twist of Fate* are also scheduled.

Shalom TV is America's first television network celebrating Jewish culture. The service is offered on Comcast and Blue Ridge cable systems for a monthly subscription fee, with digital cable customers able to sign up by calling 1-800-COMCAST or (for Blue Ridge customers) 800-CABLE-77. Additional programming and network information is posted online at www.shalomtv.com.

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