

A DOCUMENTARY FEATURE BY LEILA SANSOUR

# OPEN BETHLEHEM

A BIG FILM ABOUT A SMALL TOWN



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**FILM SCREENING**

**AND DISCUSSION WITH**

**FILMMAKER**

**LEILA SANSOUR**

*Open Bethlehem* is a story of a homecoming to the world's most famous little town. The film spans five momentous years in the life of Bethlehem, revealing a city of astonishing beauty and political strife under occupation. The film draws from 700 hours of original footage and some rare archive material.

Meet the filmmaker, Leila Sansour—hear her speak about her return to her hometown as it is becoming encircled by Israel's wall. *Open Bethlehem* is a film, but it is also a movement—to save her city. The face of Bethlehem is changing rapidly with potentially detrimental consequences. Reports predict that if trends continue the Christian community of Bethlehem, a city that provides a model for a multi faith Middle East, may be unsustainable within one generation. Leila's plan to stay a year stretches to five, and is only resolved when she realizes that, sometimes, the biggest dreams take flight from the smallest places.

[OpenBethlehem.org](http://OpenBethlehem.org)

**FILM WILL NOT BE SHOWN SUNDAY EVENING**

**Thursday, April 6**

**6:30 pm**

**DU Lindsey Auditorium, Rm 281**

**Sturm Hall, 2000 E Asbury**

Sponsored by Joseph Korbel School of International Studies, Middle East Study Group; DU Conflict Resolution Institute; DU Campus Life & Inclusive Excellence Religious & Spiritual Life

**Sunday, April 9**

**3-5 pm**

**Friends of Sabeel-Colorado**

at Augustana Lutheran Church  
5000 E Alameda at Fairfax  
(please use Fairfax St Entrance)

**Sunday, April 9**

**Dinner and reception**

**5:30-7:30 pm**

**Phoenician Kabob Restaurant**  
5709 E. Colfax Ave, Denver

Donations for Open Bethlehem project welcome. Copies of film available for purchase.