CLAIMS CONFERENCE
FILM GRANTS
In movie theaters, at film festivals, on television screens and streaming platforms, films bring the lessons and memory of the Holocaust to life. Recognizing the potential of film to reach large numbers of people and to educate and spark powerful discussions, the Claims Conference provides film grants as part of its ongoing support for Holocaust research, education, and documentation.

The Claims Conference film grant program was officially established in 2010. The Claims Conference has since funded over a hundred projects, each one exploring different aspects of the Holocaust.

There are many reasons that go into our decision to support a film with a grant: it could be the cinematic quality, the focus on an underexplored aspect of the Holocaust or region, the potential to attract a new audience, or a combination thereof.

Claims Conference funded films have been recognized by the highest levels of the film industry and our films have screened at top international film festivals, such as the Cannes Film Festival, Berlin International Film Festival (Berlinale), International Documentary Filmfestival Amsterdam (IDFA), Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF), and Hot Docs Canadian International Film Festival.

Our films have been screened or been made available in countries around the world including Argentina, Brazil, China, Ethiopia, South Korea, Thailand, and Vietnam. Here are some highlights of the Claims Conference film grant program through the years:

- The Wild One (Tribeca ’22)
- The City and the City (Berlinale ’22, New Directors New Films ’22)
- Where is Anne Frank (Cannes ’21)
- Love It Was Not (Docaviv Best Israeli Documentary ’20, IDFA ’20)
- Speer Goes to Hollywood (Berlinale ’20)
- The Liegnitz Plot (currently in production, Sundance Creative Producing Summit ’19)
- Winter Journey (IDFA ’19)
- Who Will Write Our History (Berlinale Special ’19)
- 116 Cameras (shortlisted for Academy Award ’17, New York Times Op-Doc)
- 1945 (Berlinale ’17)
- Son of Saul (Academy Award Winner Foreign Language Film ’16, Cannes Grand Prize Jury ’15)
- Numbered (Chicago International Film Festival ’12)
- No Place on Earth (TIFF ’12)
- Six Million and One (IDFA ’11)
- The Rescuers (AFI Docs ’11, Palm Springs ’11)
- Nuremberg: It’s Lesson for Today (Berlinale Special ’10, BAFICI ’11)
- Blessed is the Match (shortlisted for Academy Award ’08)
GIADO - HOLOCAUST IN THE DESERT

Synopsis: For seven decades, Yosef Dadush concealed a private diary, securely locked away in a closet at his home. Now, he grants us the precious opportunity to peer into the harrowing existence endured by the inmates of Giado - a concentration camp situated in the heart of the Libyan Desert.

Documentary | 55 minutes
Production Country: Israel
Language: Hebrew, Italian
Production Company: Tripolis Productions
Director: Sharon Yaish, Golan Rise

LEAN AT NOSAAT (AKA WHERE ARE YOU GOING) *

Synopsis: Holocaust survivor and renowned author, Halina Birenbaum, is joined for the first time by her son, Yacov Gilad, a famous Israeli songwriter, on her annual journey to Poland. There Yacov realizes new discoveries about his mother, the Jewish-Polish connection and the Israeli establishment's treatment of Holocaust survivors.

Documentary | 71 minutes
Production Country: Israel
Language: Hebrew
Production Company: Kotler-Carmon Management
Director: Jasmine Kainy

https://www.imdb.com/title/tt27604028/

PEPI FANDANGO

Synopsis: Peter Perez (aka Pepi), a Viennese Holocaust survivor, and his musician friend Alfred embark on a road trip across Europe in search of the fandango. As a child, he and his Jewish family ended up in the Rivesaltes concentration camp in France, where he was placed in a barrack with Spanish Roma children who sang fandangos to communicate with their parents on the other side of the separation wall. These songs haunt him to this day.

Documentary | 80 min
Production Country: Spain
Language: German, Spanish, English, French
Production Company: Noon Films
Director: Lucija Stojevic

RESISTANCE - THEY FOUGHT BACK

Synopsis: Resistance: They Fought Back tells the largely unknown and incredibly courageous story of Jewish resistance during the Holocaust.

Documentary | 100 minutes
Production Country: United States
Language: English, Polish, Latvian, Lithuanian, Hebrew
Production Company: Lone Wolf Media, Leading Edge
Director: Paula Apsell, Kirk Wolfinger

https://www.imdb.com/title/tt18239234/
RETURN FROM THE OTHER PLANET
Jerusalem Film Festival, Filmfest München

Synopsis: Ka.tzetnik lived a life of secrecy, becoming a myth. Rumors suggested that he writes all night, donning his Auschwitz uniform, never leaving his house despite his books selling millions. The film explores the writer's personal odyssey in coping with his trauma through the unconventional path of LSD.

Documentary | 81 minutes
Production Country: Israel
Language: Hebrew, English, Dutch, Yiddish
Production Company: Black Sheep Film Productions
Director: Assaf Lapid

https://www.imdb.com/title/tt14888952/

VISHNIAC
San Francisco Jewish Film Festival, Toronto Jewish Film Festival, Santa Barbara Film Festival

Synopsis: When Roman Vishniac began to photograph Jewish communities in Eastern Europe, he did not know he was documenting their final moments. A veritable Renaissance man with interests in biology, physics, and art history, he was a pioneer of microscopic photography and one of the first to use photography as an instrument of documentation.

Documentary | 90 minutes
Production Country: United States
Language: English
Production Company: Kathadin Productions
Director: Laura Bialis

https://www.imdb.com/title/tt14532344/
ADAM & IDA
Jewish Film Festival Berlin Brandenburg, Durban International Film Festival, Edmonton International Film Festival

Synopsis: Separated at the age of three, Polish-Jewish twins Adam and Ida Paluch survived the Holocaust knowing almost nothing about their family roots. Half a century later, two strangers miraculously find each other. Will this become a fairytale ending? A story about identity and the universal need to belong.

Documentary | 82 min
Production Country: Germany
Language: English, Polish
Production Company: Hoferichter & Jacobs
Director: Jan Tenhave

AND THE EARTH OPENED ONE LAST TIME (AKA SHEOL)
Miami Jewish Film Festival
Broadcast on FRANCE TÉLÉVISIONS (FR)

Synopsis: In Poland’s Sobibor Forest, a team of archaeologists are working to excavate the site of an extermination camp. But time is running out because a museum created by the Ministry of Culture, must be built on the site of their excavation. Two competing sites, with very different aims.

Documentary | 52 min & 88 min
Production Country: France
Language: Polish
Production Company: Dublin Productions
Directors: Arnaud Sauli
https://www.imdb.com/title/tt26085462/

ANNA AND THE EGYPTIAN DOCTOR
Jerusalem Jewish Film Festival
Broadcast on KAN (IL)

Synopsis: The extraordinary story of Dr. Mohamed Helmy, an Egyptian doctor, who, posing as a Nazi supporter, rescued a Jewish girl disguised as a Muslim in Nazi Berlin. He is the first and only Arab to be recognized as Righteous Among the Nations, but his family refused to accept the award due to political reasons and fear.

Documentary | 75 min
Production Country: Israel
Language: Hebrew, English, German, Arabic
Production Company: Taliya Finkel Productions, E&A film Berlin
Director: Taliya Finkel

BALTIC TRUTH
Palm Springs Jewish Film Festival, Boca Raton Jewish Film Festival, Axelrod Jewish International Film Fest

Synopsis: This film reveals the truth about the collaboration with the Nazi regime in the Baltic States; how neighbor turned on neighbor without hesitation, prompting a massacre of great proportions.

Documentary | 90 min
Production Country: United States
Language: English
Production Company: Dim Bom Productions, Menemsha Films (distributor)
Director: Andrej Hramcovs
https://www.imdb.com/title/tt14844586/
CHARLOTTE SALOMON: LIFE AND THE MAIDEN
New York Jewish Film Festival, Jewish Film Festival Berlin Brandenburg, Jerusalem Film Festival, FIPADOC

Synopsis: The life of Charlotte Salomon has inspired novels, plays, operas, and even an animated film. This new documentary offers an intimate look at the young woman who, though she was murdered in Auschwitz at age 26, completed an astounding amount of art, including some 1,300 paintings, before her deportation.

Documentary | 72 min
Production Country: France
Language: French
Production Company: Les Films du Poisson, Cinephil (Sales)
Director: Delphine Coulin, Muriel Coulin

THE CITY AND THE CITY
Berlin International Film Festival (Encounters), New Directors/New Films (MoMA), Thessaloniki Film Festival

Synopsis: The untold story of the life and perils of the Jewish community of Thessaloniki, in six chapters. The past and the present of a city, meet and converge at its cracks.

Documentary (hybrid) | 87 min
Production Country: Greece
Language: Ladino, Greek, French, German, Turkish
Production Company: Homemade Films Mon I.K.E.
Directors: Syllas Tzoumerkas and Christos Passalis
https://www.imdb.com/title/tt14210824/

FRITZ BAUER’S LEGACY
Frankfurt Lichter Filmfest, Miami Jewish Film Festival

Synopsis: In November 2018, 95-year-old Johann R. stood trial for accessory to murder in hundreds of cases. He is alleged to have been an SS-guard in the concentration camp Stutthof. Why did so many years pass until the start of the trial? And what does the trial mean for the survivors of the Shoah, the German legal system, and the reassessing of German history?

Documentary | 98 min
Production Country: Germany
Language: German, English, Hebrew
Production Company: Naked Eye Film
Director: Sabine Lamby, Cornelia Partmann, Isabel Gathof
https://www.imdb.com/title/tt26600000/

HISTORY OF ANTISEMITISM EP 3 & EP 4
Broadcast on ARTE (FR/DE)

Synopsis: To understand a phenomenon as immemorial and powerful as antisemitism, it requires a deep dive into its two-thousand-year history. This 4-part series does just that, drawing firmly on the scholarship of experts in history, but also in theology, Islamology and psychology.

Documentary | 58 min x 2
Production Country: France
Language: French
Production Company: Effervescence Doc
Director: Jonathan Hayoun
https://www.imdb.com/title/tt19512622/
JUNE ZERO
Karlovy Vary International Film Festival, New York Jewish Film Festival, Miami Jewish Film Festival, Jewish International Film Festival Australia

Synopsis: June Zero explores the days leading up to Eichmann's execution through three characters intimately involved in this nation-defining event: a precocious thirteen-year-old factory worker; Eichmann's main prison guard, and Chief Investigator and a holocaust survivor, on his first trip back to Poland since he was in Auschwitz-Birkenau.

Narrative | 105 min
Production Country: Israel
Language: Hebrew
Production Company: Metro Communications
Director: Jake Paltrow

https://www.imdb.com/title/tt18834372/

LAHVA: THE PRICE OF FREEDOM
Broadcast on ONT (BY)

Synopsis: A documentary about the uprising in the ghetto of the Jewish town of Lahva in Belarus. On September 3, 1942, the Nazis planned an action of total extermination. But the Nazis did not realize that the prisoners of ghetto were not going to die obediently. The Jews of Lahva prepared an uprising.

Documentary | 87 min
Production Country: Belarus
Language: Belarusian
Production Company: Vladimir Bokun Studio
Directors: Vladimir Lutsky

https://www.imdb.com/title/tt22436054/

THE PALMNICKEN TRAGEDY
Shanghai Film Festival

Synopsis: The last page of the Holocaust is the Palmnicken Massacre, where about 3,000 prisoners of the Stutthof concentration camp were shot by the sea, as told by its witnesses and participants.

Documentary | 89 min
Production Country: Russia
Language: Russian, German, English
Production Company: AB-TV
Director: Andrey Proskuryakov

https://www.imdb.com/title/tt22436054/

REMEMBER THIS
San Francisco Jewish Film Festival, Woodstock Film Festival (Audience Award), Montclair Film Festival (Audience Award), Jewish International Film Festival (AU) broadcast on PBS - Great Performances (USA)

Synopsis: In a virtuoso solo performance, Academy Award nominee David Strathairn portrays Jan Karski in this genre-defying true story of a reluctant World War II hero and Holocaust witness. After surviving the devastation of the Blitzkrieg, Karski swears allegiance to the Polish Underground and risks his life to carry the first eyewitness reports of war-torn Poland to the Western world.

Narrative | 95 min
Production Country: United States
Language: English
Production Company: Eva Anisko
Director: Derek Goldman, Jeff Hutchens

https://www.imdb.com/title/tt13614418/
**THE RHAPSODY**  
*Hong Kong Jewish Film Festival (Audience Award), Jewish Film Festival Berlin Brandenburg, Miami Jewish Film Festival, Jewish International Film Festival Australia*

Synopsis: At the age of ninety-eight, late composer Leo Spellman, a Polish-Canadian Holocaust survivor sets out on a journey toward artistic liberation performing the lost masterpiece he composed in a German DP camp. His secret wartime diary is revealed for the first time with excerpts read by actor Stephen Fry.

Documentary | 104 min  
Production Country: Canada  
Language: English  
Production Company: Lost Rhapsody Productions  
Director: David Hoffert  
[https://www.imdb.com/title/tt20202664/](https://www.imdb.com/title/tt20202664/)

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**SURVIVOR STORY MUSIC**

**SABOTAGE**  
*Jewish Film Festival Berlin Brandenburg, Broadcast on KAN (IL)*

Synopsis: Sabotage tells the dramatic and unknown story of the women's underground operation in Auschwitz-Birkenau. It is a story of feminine heroism, resistance, hope and tragedy, told through the eyes of Anna Wajcblum Heilman, Estusia's sister and the youngest member of the women's resistance.

Documentary | 65 min  
Production Country: Israel  
Language: Hebrew/English  
Production Company: Doc.Films  
Director: Noa Aharoni  
[https://www.imdb.com/title/tt21477914/](https://www.imdb.com/title/tt21477914/)

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**WOMEN RESISTANCE**

**WE WEPT WITHOUT TEARS**  
*Jewish Film Festival Berlin Brandenburg, Broadcast on KAN (IL)*

Synopsis: In September 1993, Israeli Holocaust scholar Professor Gideon Greif was accompanied to Auschwitz by the last six Israeli survivors of the ‘Sonderkommando’, the squad of Jews forced by the Germans to serve as slaves at their killing installations at Auschwitz. For the first time, these prisoners accurately and authentically reconstructed their “work” in Auschwitz while filming inside the remnants of the camp. The filmed materials were kept in the archives for more than 20 years.

Documentary | 82 min  
Production Country: Israel  
Language: Hebrew  
Production Company: Itai Lev  
Directors: Itai Lev & Gideon Greif  
[https://www.imdb.com/title/tt21477914/](https://www.imdb.com/title/tt21477914/)

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**SONDERKOMMANDO**

**THE WILD ONE**  
*Tribeca Film Festival (Best Cinematography Award), Deauville American Film, JxJ DC Jewish Film Festival, San Francisco Jewish Film Festival*

Synopsis: An innovative cinematic exploration of acting as a form of survival, through the life and work of Jack Garfein: Holocaust survivor, Actors studio founder, stage and screen director.

Documentary | 94 min  
Production Country: France  
Language: English  
Production Company: Petit Maison  
Director: Tessa Louise-Salomé  
[https://www.imdb.com/title/tt7196230/](https://www.imdb.com/title/tt7196230/)
263 NIGHTS
Miami Jewish Film Festival, Moscow Jewish Film Festival, Ann Arbor Jewish Film Festival

Synopsis: The story of 26 Jews who, following the elimination of the Minsk ghetto, went into hiding. 263 nights they spent in their shelter turned into prison, and for many of them - their grave.

Documentary & Animation | 2x 30 minutes
Production Country: Belarus
Language: Russian
Production Company: Vladimir Bokun Studio
Director: Vladimir Lutsky (documentary), Irina Tarasova (animation)

Note: This documentary exists in two parts: one 30-minute documentary and one 30-minute animation.

BERENSHTEIN
Atlanta Jewish Film Festival, Philadelphia Jewish Film Festival (Audience Award)
Bangalore International Film Festival, Palm Beach Jewish Film Festival (Audience Award)

Synopsis: The unbelievable story of Leonid Bernshtein, a young Jewish soldier who rose to become the leader and led the operation to destroy the secret facility of the notorious Nazi V2 ballistic missiles.

Documentary | 105 minutes
Production Country: Israel
Language: Russian, German, Polish, Ukrainian
Production Company: Metaphor
Director: Roman Shumunov

https://www.imdb.com/title/tt11478458/

BORN IN AUSCHWITZ
Miami Jewish Film Festival, San Francisco Jewish Film Festival, Baton Rouge Jewish Film Festival

Synopsis: The untold story of a Jewish baby who was born in the death camp before the liberation and survived. An extraordinary journey of the second and third generation, breaking the cycle of trauma to free themselves from Auschwitz - forever.

Documentary | 80 minutes
Production Country: Hungary
Language: English, Hungarian
Production Company: Spot Productions, Laokoon Filmgroup, AMC Networks International Central Europe
Director: Estzer Cseke and András S. Takács

https://www.imdb.com/title/tt11070284/

I AM HERE
Africa Human Rights Festival (Best Director Award), Atlanta Jewish Film Festival (Audience Choice), Durban International Film Festival (Jury Award), South African Film Awards

Synopsis: Ella is not your average 98-year-old. Her magnetic personality makes her past even more surprising. Follow this spirited South African Holocaust survivor as she reveals her astonishing life journey and unwavering appreciation of life.

Documentary | 73 minutes
Production Country: South Africa
Language: English, Yiddish, Hebrew
Production Company: Sanktuary Films, Metro Films International (sales agent)
Director: Jordy Sank

https://www.imdb.com/title/tt10071594/
THE GOERING CATALOGUE
Broadcast on ARTE (FR/DE), PLANETE + (PL), RTBF (BE), YLE (FI)

Synopsis: For more than a decade, the number two in the Third Reich amassed a collection of more than 5,000 art works, all meticulously detailed in a catalog. But how did Hermann Goering get his hands on these works?

Documentary | 90 minutes
Production Country: France
Language: French
Production Company: Flair Production
Director: Laurence Thiriat & François Gonce

https://www.imdb.com/title/tt14338870/

RESISTANCE AT MAUTHAUSEN
International History Film Festival Pessac (Audience Award)
Broadcast on ARTE (FR/DE), RTBF (BE), YLE (FI), MOJTV (CR)

Synopsis: 200,000 deportees. 120,000 dead. This is Mauthausen. In the hell of this extermination camp, a handful of men have done the impossible: steal and hide 2,000 photographs to keep evidence against their executioners! In this camp, they were more than deportees, they were resistance fighters.

Documentary | 52 min
Production Country: France
Language: French
Production Company: 13 Productions
Director: Barbara Necek

https://www.imdb.com/title/tt14950394/

SAVE THE CHILDREN
Anne Arbor Jewish Film Festival, Best Documentary Award French Cinema Critic’s Union, Best Documentary Historia Magazine
Broadcast on FRANCE TÉLÉVISIONS (FR)

Synopsis: On September 11, 1942, a spontaneous rescue action occurred in Lille, France. On that day, the Jews of Lille were arrested and brought to the railyard, from where they awaited deportation. The rail workers, realizing what was happening, created an instant rescue network to remove as many Jews as possible from the railyard, particularly the children, and spirit them to safety, right under the noses of the Nazi guards.

Documentary | 64 minutes
Production Country: France
Language: French
Production Company: Kuiv Productions
Director: Catherine Bernstein

https://www.imdb.com/title/tt14950394/

WHERE IS ANNE FRANK
Cannes Film Festival, Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF), New York Children’s Film Festival

Synopsis: The film follows the journey of Kitty, the imaginary friend to whom Anne Frank dedicated her diary. A fiery teenager, Kitty wakes up in the near future in Anne Frank’s house in Amsterdam and embarks on a journey to find Anne, who she believes is still alive, in today’s Europe. While the young girl is shocked by the modern world, she also comes across Anne’s legacy.

Narrative (animation) | 99 min
Production Country: Belgium
Language: English
Production Company: Purple Whale, Wild Bunch (sales agent)
Director: Ari Folman

https://www.imdb.com/title/tt3454424/
**THE ALBANIAN CODE**
*Hong Kong Jewish Film Festival (Best Documentary), San Diego Jewish Film Festival, Westchester Jewish Film Festival*

**ANTON SCHMID: THE GOOD PERSON OF VILNA**
*Broadcast on ORF (AT), ARTE (FR/DE), YLE (FI), PLANETE+ (PL)*

**DEADLY DECEPTION AT SOBIBOR**
*San Diego Jewish Film Festival, Denver Jewish Film Festival*

**FINDING MANNY**
*Moving Parts Film Festival (Best Documentary) WorldFest - Houston International Film Festival (Platinum Renni), Miami Jewish Film Festival, Chicago Jewish Film Festival*

**SURVIVOR STORY**
**DP CAMPS**

**2020**
HEROES OF SALONIKA
Los Angeles Greek Film Festival (Nomination Orpheus Award Best Documentary)

A moving and monumental film that sheds light on the practically unknown destruction that befell Jews in the Greek city of Thessaloniki during the Holocaust. The last survivors of the Salonika community from the Auschwitz extermination camp look straight into the camera and tell the story of the largest Jewish Sephardic (exiles from Spain) community in the Balkans simply and candidly.

Documentary | 69 minutes
Production Country: Israel, Greece
Language: Hebrew
Production Company: Yigal Pomerantz
Director: Tom Barkay

A KINDERBLOCK IN BIRKENAU
Memorial de la Shoah
Broadcast on Toute l’Histoire (FR)

Synopsis: Upon arrival at the Auschwitz-Birkenau extermination camp, all children under 16 are sent to the gas chambers. But in September 1943, the Nazis, who were preparing the visit of the International Red Cross to the Terezin ghetto, imagined a Machiavellian plan: to create in the very heart of the Birkenau extermination camp, a model "family camp" for the Jews.

Documentary | 52 minutes
Production Country: France
Language: French (English Language also available)
Production Company: Les Films d’Ici
Director: Chochana Boukhobza (See The Little Heroes of the Warsaw Ghetto, 2013)

WOMEN SURVIVOR STORY

LOVE IT WAS NOT
Hot Docs Canadian International Documentary Film Festival, International Film Festival Amsterdam, DocAviv International Film Festival, Atlanta Jewish Film Festival, Israeli Film Academy (Nomination Best Documentary)

Synopsis: Helena Citron was among the first thousand Jewish women to be transported to Auschwitz in 1942. There, she soon caught the eye of Austrian SS officer Franz Wunsch who fell in love with her. Wunsch protected Citron wherever possible, but as an SS officer, there was also a cruel side to him. Thirty years after WWII, Citron is called as a witness at Wunsch’s trial.

Documentary | 86 minutes
Production Country: Israel, Austria
Language: Hebrew, German
Production Company: Pagoda Productions, Cinephil (distribution)
Director: Maya Sarfaty

https://www.imdb.com/title/tt13032926/

MY SURVIVOR
Miami Jewish Film Festival, National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences Suncoast Chapter - Regional Emmy Award (Cultural Documentary, Best Director)
Broadcast on local PBS (USA)

Synopsis: Who will tell the story when the last survivor is gone? My Survivor takes a fresh look at this inevitable reality by exploring the life-changing experiences of some of the five hundred University of Miami students who participated in a landmark educational initiative. This dynamic group of young adults learned about the Holocaust through the intimate intergenerational relationships they forged with members of this remarkable, but rapidly disappearing survivor population.

Documentary | 56 minutes
Production Country: USA
Language: English
Production Company: Levine & Co
Director: Jerry Levine

https://www.imdb.com/title/tt15000000/

2020
SPEER GOES TO HOLLYWOOD

The highest-ranking Nazi in Nuremberg to be spared the death sentence, Albert Speer was one of Hitler’s closest confidants, responsible for 12 million slave laborers. Yet, he has the reputation of being “the good Nazi” - a myth he carefully constructed himself.

We meet Speer in 1971, while he was working on a screenplay for Paramount Pictures, in a callous attempt to whitewash his past.

Documentary | 97 minutes
Production Country: Israel
Language: German, English, French
Production Company: Realworks Ltd.
Director: Vanessa Lapa

https://www.imdb.com/title/tt11771734/

TACHELES! THE HEART OF THE MATTER

Synopsis: Three generations removed from the Holocaust, Yaar is a young Jewish Berliner desperate to leave the past behind him. Together with his friend Marcel, the grandchild of an SS officer, he develops a computer game set in 1940s Germany, in which Jews can defend themselves and Nazis can act humanely. But the work opens old wounds and begins a painful confrontation with history.

Documentary | 104 minutes
Production Country: Germany
Language: German
Production Company: Hanfgarn & Ufer Filmproduktion
Director: Jana Matthes and Andrea Schramm

https://www.imdb.com/title/tt12245228/
CHEATING HITLER: SURVIVING THE HOLOCAUST
Canadian Screen Awards (Best Visual Research), Reelscreen Awards (Nomination), Banff World Media Festival
Broadcast on HISTORY CHANNEL (CA)

Synopsis: Cheating Hitler is a modern-day investigation into lingering mysteries from the Holocaust. Three survivors and family members travel to Poland, Ukraine, and Lithuania exploring some of the hidden and rarely visited sites where the Holocaust occurred. They consult with historians, genealogists and forensic experts and uncover new life-changing information.

Documentary | 90 minutes
Production Country: Canada
Language: English
Production Company: HLS Productions, Saloon Media
Director: Rebecca Snow
https://www.imdb.com/title/tt14213656/

CHICINETTE: THE ACCIDENTAL SPY
Miami Jewish Film Festival, Hong Kong Film Festival, Jewish Film Festival Berlin Brandenburg, Haifa International Film Festival

Synopsis: Marthe Cohn, a 98-year-old French-Jewish outstanding lady who was a spy in Nazi Germany in WW2 never spoke about her experience after the war, now travels the globe to share her story.

Documentary | 86 minutes
Production Country: Germany, France
Language: French, English
Production Company: Amos Geva
Director: Nicola Hens
https://www.imdb.com/title/tt9679070/

THE FORGOTTEN ONES
Jewish Film Festival Berlin Brandenburg, Austin Jewish Film Festival, Montreal Israeli Film Festival

Synopsis: Stella, a young Israeli born in Yugoslavia, researches the extermination of Jews in Yugoslavia. She traces the fate of her Muslim great grandfather Ahmed Sadik Sarlop, who saved Jews during the war, and became a Righteous Gentile in the Holocaust.

Documentary | 74 minutes
Production Country: Israel
Language: Hebrew, English, Croatian, Slovene
Production Company: Gon Productions Ltd.
Director: Nitza Gonen
https://www.imdb.com/title/tt9678910/

THE MYSTERY OF THE BLACK BOOK (HOLOCAUST IN THE USSR - EPISODE 9)
Wordfest International Independent Film Festival Houston (Bronze Remi Award), Jewish Film Festival Berlin Brandenburg, Ogeechee International History Film Festival (Merit Award)

Synopsis: In October 1947, the "Black Book" was to be published in Moscow - a collection of testimonies and articles about the murder of two million and seven hundred thousand Jews under Nazi occupation in the Soviet Union. The book was shelved by the authorities. As if the Holocaust of Soviet Jews had never occurred at all.

Documentary | 110 minutes
Production Country: Israel
Language: English, Hebrew, Russian
Production Company: Zvi Shefy Productions
Director: Boris Maftsir
https://www.imdb.com/title/tt11529596/
NELSON
Miami Jewish Film Festival, Odesa International Film Festival, Jewish International Film Festival Australia, Israeli Film Academy (Nomination BestArt Design)

Synopsis: This saga unfolds at the 1955 Court Martial in which Israeli soldier stands accused of desertion, during which he made his way via Europe to the swamps of Vietnam, in search of justice - and revenge.

Narrative | 75 minutes
Production Country: Israel
Language: Hebrew, Romanian, French, German
Production Company: Taz Film Productions, LACO Films
Director: Ludi Boeken

https://www.imdb.com/title/tt8694428/

TOMAN: KNAVE OR HERO

Synopsis: Based on the semi-autobiographical book by Judith Kerr, the story of a Jewish family who flee Berlin on the eve of the election in 1933. They initially settle in Zürich before moving to Paris, and finally, to London.

Narrative | 119 min
Production Country: Switzerland
Language: German, Swiss German, French, English
Production Company: La Siala Entertainment GmbH
Director: Caroline Link

https://www.imdb.com/title/tt9106672/

WHEN HITLER STOLE PINK RABBIT
Chicago International Film Festival, UK Jewish Film Festival (Audience Award), Moscow Jewish Film Festival, German Film Awards (Outstanding Children or Youth Film)

Synopsis: Between 1945-48 Zoltan Toman, Czech deputy Minister of the Interior made certain the border was kept open so the hundreds of thousands of Jews could cross to the West and safety. And that Israel would receive weapons to fight the War of Independence.

Documentary | 61 minutes
Production Country: Israel, USA
Language: Hebrew, English
Production Company: Price Communications
Director: Larry Price

https://www.imdb.com/title/tt10041952/

WINTER JOURNEY
International Documentary Film Festival Amsterdam, CPh:Dox Film Festival, Haifa International Film Festival, UK Jewish Film Festival

Synopsis: Martin Goldsmith never knew what happened to his parents before they escaped from Germany in 1941. Over a weekend, he confronts his father, and we are brought back to the complex and confusing 1930s when the parents were young musicians.

Documentary (hybrid) | 87 minutes
Production Country: Denmark, Germany
Language: English, German
Production Company: Plus Pictures, Zero One Films
Director: Anders Østergaard

https://www.imdb.com/title/tt10041952/

MUSIC

2019
BLACK HONEY: THE LIFE AND ART OF AVRAHAM SUTZKEVER
Jerusalem International Film Festival (Yad Vashem Chairman's Award), Haifa International Film Festival (Special Mention), Warsaw Jewish Film Festival, LA Israeli Film Festival (Audience Award)

Synopsis: The incredible story of Avraham Sutskever, the greatest Yiddish poet, who saved manuscripts from the Nazis, survived WWII due to Stalin's special rescue plane, testified in the Nuremberg Trials, and died anonymously in Tel Aviv.

Documentary | 76 minutes
Production Country: Israel
Language: Yiddish, English, Hebrew, Russian
Production Company: Yair Qedar
Director: Uri Barbash

https://www.imdb.com/title/tt8901264/

CHASING PORTRAITS
San Francisco Jewish Film Festival, Toronto Jewish Film Festival, New York Jewish Film Festival, Boston Jewish Film Festival

Synopsis: In November 1941, the German Army’s 11th Army occupied the Crimea. Shortly afterwards, the murder of the Jews begins – as in the other Soviet Union occupied until then. The seventh film in Boris’s Maftsir documentary project calls on the uniqueness of the tragedy of the destruction of the Crimean Jews and of Jewish kolkhozim – along with the other Jewish communities of the Crimea.

Documentary | 58 minutes
Production Country: Israel
Language: Hebrew, Russian
Production Company: Zvi Shefy Productions
Director: Boris Maftsir

https://www.imdb.com/title/tt7863894/

GOTENLAND
(HOLOCAUST IN THE USSR - EPISODE 7)
Ghetto Fighter’s House Museum

Synopsis: One man’s art. One woman’s unexpected path to healing. An American woman’s emotional quest to find the art of her Polish-Jewish great-grandfather, lost during World War II.

Documentary | 118 minutes
Production Country: USA, Poland, Israel, Germany
Language: English
Production Company: Elizabeth Rynecki
Director: Elizabeth Rynecki

https://www.imdb.com/title/tt7863894/

LIZA RUFT!
Jewish Film Days Munich, Jewish Film Festival Vienna, Foundation Auschwitz Committee (Hans Frankenthal Prize)

Synopsis: A moving and thought-provoking documentary film about the Holocaust, Jewish resistance and commemoration politics in Lithuania, and the first ever portrait of a Jewish woman partisan. An intimate portrait of Fania Brantsovskaya, a Vilna Ghetto survivor and former partisan, who at age 92 continues to fight for historical justice.

Documentary | 113 minutes
Production Country: Germany
Language: English, Yiddish, German
Production Company: Kassiber Films
Director: Christian Carlson

https://www.imdb.com/title/tt9770604/
**MY LIFE IN HITLER’S GERMANY (EPISODE 1 & 2)**

*Il Cinema Ritrovato, São Paulo International Film Festival, International History Film Festival Pessac*

Broadcast on ARTE (FR/DE), ABC (AU), PBS (USA), SKY (UK)

Synopsis: Survivors testify how, after coming to power in 1933, Hitler systematically eliminated all political opposition in Germany and then proceeded to eliminate the Jewish community and everyone else who in any way questioned the Nazi regime.

Documentary Series | 2x 52 minutes
Production Country: France
Language: French, German, English
Production Company: Roche Productions
Director: Jérôme Prieur

https://www.imdb.com/title/tt9256908/

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**PENTCHO**

*Festival dei Popoli (Unmissable Award)*

Broadcast on RAI (IT)

Synopsis: The story of Pentcho, a tugboat that in 1940 leaves the port of Bratislava carrying 520 Jews who want to reach Sulina where they have an appointment with a bigger ship which will bring them to Palestine.

Documentary | 80 minutes
Production Country: Italy
Language: Italian, Hebrew, English
Production Company: Sonne Film
Director: Stefano Cattini

https://www.imdb.com/title/tt10165766/

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**THE PENULTIMATE BULLET**

*The Road to Babi Yar (HOLOCAUST IN THE USSR - EPISODE 8)*

Woodrow Wilson Center Washington DC

Synopsis: “The Road to Babi Yar” traces the first hundred days of the Holocaust in Ukraine and asks how this mass extermination system evolved. Through interviews with historians, local eyewitnesses and Holocaust survivor Jews, the film paints a broad and painful picture of the fate of Ukrainian Jews in the Holocaust.

Documentary | 107 minutes
Production Country: Israel
Language: Hebrew
Production Company: Zvi Shefy
Director: Boris Maftsir

https://www.imdb.com/title/tt14909010/

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**SURVIVOR STORY**

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HotDocs Canadian International Film Festival, San Francisco Jewish Film Festival (Best Documentary Short), San Diego Jewish Film Festival (Best Documentary Short), New York Times Op-Doc. Academy Award Shortlist.

Synopsis: Eva Schloss, a Holocaust survivor and stepsister of Anne Frank, embarks on a new project to preserve her story as an interactive hologram.

Documentary | 16 minutes
Production Country: USA
Language: English
Production Company: Birdling Films
Director: Davina Pardo

https://www.imdb.com/title/tt6151732/

1945
Berlin International Film Festival (Panorama), San Francisco Jewish Film Festival (SF Critic’s Circle & Audience Award), Miami Jewish Film Festival (Audience Award), Jerusalem Film Festival (Yad Vashem Chairman’s Award Best Feature)

Synopsis: After Auschwitz is a “Post-Holocaust” documentary that captures what it means to survive and try to live a normal life after unspeakable tragedy. Hoping to find a sense of normalcy, six female Holocaust survivors immigrate to America, get married and raise children.

Narrative | 91 minutes
Production Country: Hungary
Language: Hungarian, Russian
Production Company: Kapapult Films Ltd
Director: Ferenc Török

https://www.imdb.com/title/tt5815492/

AFTER AUSCHWITZ
Long Beach International Film Festival (Audience Award), Los Angeles Jewish Film Festival, Warsaw Jewish Film Festival, Moscow Jewish Film Festival
Broadcast on PBS (USA)

Synopsis: After Auschwitz is a “Post-Holocaust” documentary that captures what it means to survive and try to live a normal life after unspeakable tragedy. Hoping to find a sense of normalcy, six female Holocaust survivors immigrate to America, get married and raise children.

Documentary | 83 minutes
Production Country: USA, Poland
Language: English
Production Company: LAMOTH
Director: Jon Keane

https://www.imdb.com/title/tt6079976/

THE CHRONICLE OF THE MINSK GHETTO: BORN TWICE (EPISODE 3)
International History Film Festival Warsaw

Synopsis: Film about the Righteous Among the Nations from Belarus. People, who despite deadly risks, rescued Jews during WWII.

Documentary | 52 minutes
Production Country: Belarus
Language: Russian
Production Company: Vladimir Bokun Studio
Director: Vladimir Lutsky

https://www.imdb.com/title/tt6950688/
DEAR FREDY

Houston International LGBTQ Film Festival (Houston Film Critics Society Grand Jury Prize), New York Jewish Film Festival, Taiwan International Queer Festival, Jewish International Film Festival Australia

Synopsis: Dear Fredy tells the story of Fredy Hirsch. Hirsch convinced Mengele to set up a daycare center in Auschwitz for 600 children and youth. Amid such pain, Fredy was an out Jewish man who, until his last breath, helped bring happiness and humanity to so many. His story is told through the testimony of survivors who were among the youth in his care.

Documentary | 74 minutes
Production Country: Israel
Language: Hebrew | Czech | English
Production Company: Clemantina Films
Director: Rubi Gat
https://www.imdb.com/title/tt7916478/

DEAD RECKONING - THE GENERAL’S GHOST (EPISODE 1)

Broadcast on PBS (USA)

Synopsis: The inaugural episode examines the creation of International Military Tribunals in the aftermath of WW2 -- and the enduring principle of command responsibility for war crimes.

Documentary | 54 minutes
Production Country: USA
Language: English
Production Company: Jonathan Silvers
Director: Jonathan Silvers
https://www.imdb.com/title/tt7155056/

DRAWERS OF MEMORY (HOLOCAUST IN THE USSR - EPISODE 6)

Haifa International Film Festival

Synopsis: In the sixth film of the project about Holocaust in the former Soviet Union, Boris Maftsir implores the discovery of the Holocaust memorial in Latvia.

Documentary | 80 minutes
Production Country: Israel
Language: Hebrew
Production Company: Zvi Shefy Productions
Director: Boris Maftsir
https://www.imdb.com/title/tt14919340/

GHETTO UPRISING: THE UNTOLD STORY

Ogeechee International Film Festival, Peloponnissos International Documentary Film Festival, Saratovs Sufferings International Documentary Film Festival

Synopsis: The Warsaw Ghetto Uprising has become a symbol of heroism throughout the world, but its generally accepted story is incomplete. Among the uprising fighters was a group that was not granted commemoration: the Jewish Military Union (ZZW) which was better armed than other groups fighting in the rest of the Ghetto and was responsible for the uprising major battle.

Documentary | 101 minutes
Production Country: Israel, Poland Ukraine
Language: Hebrew, German, English, Polish
Production Company: Metaphor
Director: Yuval Haimovich-Zuser, Simon Shechter
https://www.imdb.com/title/tt7205960/
**REDEMPTION BLUES**  
Etncineca Film Festival, Casa Italiana Zerilli Marimò (NYC), Jewish Museum Vienna, Jewish Museum Berlin

Synopsis: Redemption Blues is a film about the thorny legacy of the Holocaust generation and the insights of some of its last survivors. The film begins where conventional Shoah narratives leave off and traces a path forward, through personal and emotional engagement towards hope.

Documentary | 84 minutes  
Production Country: USA, Austria  
Language: English  
Production Company: Peter Stastny, Transmitter Film  
Director: Peter Stastny  
https://www.imdb.com/title/tt7604722/

**SCANDAL IN IVANSK**  
Toronto Jewish Film Festival, Jewish Motifs International Film Festival, Columbia Jewish Film Festival, Greater Phoenix Jewish Film Festival

Synopsis: Most of Ivansk’s Jews were killed by the Nazis, and the headstones in the Jewish cemetery were plundered for construction purposes. A group of descendants of Ivansk Jews restore the town’s cemetery, retrieving what headstones they can. When they commission a plaque that includes the word “collaborator,” a national scandal is unleashed.

Documentary | 78 minutes  
Production Country: Israel, Poland  
Language: English, Polish, Hebrew  
Production Company: Blumenfeld Pictures  
Director: David Blumenfeld and Ami Drodz  
https://www.imdb.com/title/tt6018172/

**SONDERGHETTO**  
Special Screening Mirsk Trostenets Memorial

Synopsis: The stories of three children who were saved from deportation to the Minsk Sonderghetto. Edna Magder, Kurt Marx, and Michael Rozenberg tell us about their life and their relatives who died in the Sonderghetto.

Documentary | 52 minutes  
Production Country: Belarus  
Language: Russian  
Production Company: Vladimir Bokun Studio  
Director: Ludmila Klintsova  
https://www.imdb.com/title/tt10297086/
AIDA’S SECRETS
HotDocs Candian International Documentary Film Festival DocAviv International Film Festival (Audience Award), Atlanta Jewish Film Festival (Jury Prize), Miami Jewish Film Festival (Jury Prize)

Synopsis: Two brothers, Izak and Shep, were born inside the Bergen-Belsen displaced persons camp in 1945 and separated as babies, never told of the other’s existence. Nearly 70 years later, the discovery of family records leads the brothers to an emotional reunion with their elderly mother, Aida, who hid more from Izak and Shep than just each other.

Documentary | 90 minutes
Production Country: Israel, USA, Canada, Germany
Language: English, Hebrew
Production Company: Real Peak Films, Music Box Films
Director: Alon Schwarz and Shaul Schwarz

https://www.imdb.com/title/tt5706568/

BEYOND THE NISTRU (HOLOCAUST IN THE USSR - EPISODE 3)
Haifa International Film Festival

Synopsis: This film depicts some of the Holocaust events that took place in the first year of the Great Patriotic War in the Soviet Union territories occupied by Romania.

Documentary | 96 minutes
Production Country: Israel
Language: Russian, Hebrew, Yiddish
Production Company: Zvi Shfy Productions
Director: Boris Maftsir

https://www.imdb.com/title/tt13260044/

BOGDAN’S JOURNEY
Jewish Motifs International Film Festival (Grand Prix), St. Louis International Film Festival (Interfaith Award Best Documentary), Warsaw Jewish Film Festival (Special Award), Jersey City International Film & Television Award

Synopsis: A Catholic Pole, determined to heal a historical wound, launches a crusade to reconcile Poles and Jews over a massacre that happened 69 years ago.

Documentary | 90 minutes
Production Country: USA, Poland
Language: English, Polish
Production Company: Metro Films, Two Point Films
Director: Michal Jaskulski and Lawrence Loewinger

https://www.imdb.com/title/tt5057854/

COUNTERLIGHT
Jerusalem Jewish Film Festival, New York Jewish Film Festival, Vancouver Jewish Film Festival

Synopsis: Hypnotic journey into the depths of consciousness that follows the traces of poet Paul Celan.

Experimental Documentary | 24 minutes
Production Country: Israel
Language: German
Production Company: Maya Zack
Director: Maya Zack

https://www.imdb.com/title/tt7705216/
THE ESSENTIAL LINK: THE STORY OF WILFRIED ISRAEL

DocAviv International Film Festival, Philadelphia Jewish Film Festival (Audience Award), New Hampshire Jewish Film Festival (Audience Award), Scottsdale International Film Festival (Adience Award)

HOLOCAUST, THE EASTERN FRONT (HOLOCAUST IN THE USSR - EPISODE 2)

Israeli-Russian Film Festival

Synopsis: Despite saving the lives of thousands of Jews, taking an integral role in the Kindertransport and working in partnership with the British intelligence, Wilfrid Israel is, for the most part, a forgotten hero. As the wealthy owner of one of Berlin's largest department stores and an avid art collector, Israel was a high profile yet deeply enigmatic figure.

Documentary | 82 minutes
Production Country: Israel
Language: Hebrew, German, English
Production Company: HighLight Films
Director: Yonatan Nir

https://www.imdb.com/title/tt5921554/

General Overview

THE SCREAM OF CHERNOZEM

Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, Berezan Museum of Local Lore, Uman City Council

Synopsis: This documentary is about the mass shootings of the Jewish population of the village of Kivshovaty, in Tarashchansky district, south of Kyiv. Eyewitnesses who survived the massacre are featured in the film alongside historians. They talk about the peaceful life of the Jewish and Ukrainian population in Kivshovaty before the war and the execution of the Jewish villagers.

Documentary | 46 minutes
Production Country: Ukraine
Language: Ukrainian
Production Company: Jewish Foundation of Ukraine
Director: Sergey Cherevatiy

https://www.imdb.com/title/tt13267140/

Survivor Story

SHALOM ITALIA

International Documentary Film Festival Amsterdam, Jewish International Film Festival Australia, AFI Docs, DocAviv International Film Festival

Synopsis: Three Italian Jewish brothers set off on a journey through Tuscany, in search of a cave where they hid as children to escape the Nazis. Their quest, full of humor, food and Tuscan landscapes, straddles the boundary between history and myth, and the result of which is a profound portrait of memory and history.

Documentary | 59 minutes
Production Country: Israel, Germany
Language: English, Hebrew, Italian
Production Company: Know Productions Ltd
Director: Tamar Tal

https://www.imdb.com/title/tt5921524/

Hiding Survivor Story

2016
SIERAKOWIAK’S DIARY

Krakow Film Festival, Łódź "Man in Danger" Media Film Festival (Award of the Monumentum Judaicum Lodense Foundation)

Synopsis: This documentary feature examines the journals of Dawid Sierakowiak, who profiled his experiences living in the Lodz Ghetto in Poland before dying prematurely of tuberculosis in 1943.

Documentary | 57 minutes
Production Country: Poland
Language: Polish
Production Company: Digit-Films
Director: Michal Bukojemski

https://www.imdb.com/title/tt7918012/

BIOGRAPHY Ghetto

UNTIL THE LAST STEP
(HOLOCAUST IN THE USSR - EPISODE 5)

Synopsis: By the end of the winter of 1941 – 42, almost all the killings of Jews in eastern Belarus had already been completed. Some ghettos still remain in the western part.

Documentary | 88 minutes
Production Country: Israel
Language: Hebrew
Production Company: Zvi Shefy Productions
Director: Boris Maftsir

https://www.imdb.com/title/tt14919592/
ANRATH
Manchester International Short Film Festival, European Short Film Festival Berlin, Near Nazareth Festival (Best Short), Kurzfilmtage Speyer, Kamp

CHAVA ROSENFARB: THAT BUBBLE OF BEING
Kadimaah Jewish Cultural Center Melbourne, University of Pennsylvania, Center for Jewish History New York, University of Ottawa

THE CHRONICLE OF THE MINSK Ghetto: FOR FREEDOM AND HONOR (EPISODE 2)
International History Film Festival Warsaw
Broadcast on BTRC (BY), Channel 9 (IL), TVP (PL)

PASSING THE TORCH (FAITH & FATE SERIES)

SYNOPSIS: Nazi Germany. October 1944. A 60-year old Jewish woman from the village Anrath in the Lower Rhine Region, is being deported. She rides crossbar on the bike of an elderly village police man. They inevitably come closer than convention usually allows. He is resigned, to obediently follow orders, but fate seems to throw obstacles in the way of this journey.

Narrative | 20 minutes
Production Country: Germany
Language: German
Production Company: Segeler & Borowski Filmproduktion
Director: Gregor Hoeppner

https://www.imdb.com/title/tt4438278/

SYNOPSIS: The unknown story of opposition in Jewish ghettos in Belarus and the story of how Jews who had fled from the ghettos and continued their fight behind partisan troops.

Documentary | 83 minutes
Production Country: Belarus
Language: Russian
Production Company: Vladimir Bokun Studio
Director: Vladimir Lutsky

https://www.imdb.com/title/tt6964192/

SYNOPSIS: Passing the Torch focuses on the centrality and importance of Torah to Jewish survival and continuity. It features some of the dedicated individuals who survived the Holocaust with a passion and mission to rebuild the highest level of Torah education for future generations to face the challenges of the modern world.

Documentary | 67 minutes
Production Country: USA
Language: English
Production Company: Berel Wein Destiny Foundation
Director: Ashley Lazarus
**RESCUE TRAIN**
*Mexico City Jewish Film Festival, Sedona Jewish Film Festival*

Synopsis: The story of how thousands of Jewish children were brought out of post-war Poland where they had been living in Christian homes and institutions with those who had rescued them from the Nazis. Poland was in upheaval. Antisemitism was sweeping across the country. Chief Rabbi of Mandate Palestine, Yitzchak Herzog, felt it his duty to save those children.

Documentary | 58 minutes
Production Country: Israel
Language: Hebrew
Production Company: Price Communications Inc.
Director: Larry S. Price

**SHORES OF LIGHT**
*Ann Arbor Jewish Film Festival, Los Angeles Jewish Film Festival, San Diego Italian Film Festival*

Synopsis: Thousands of Jewish survivors landed in Southern Italy after WWII, on their way to Israel. Amazed by the welcome they received from the local population, they found joy and healing while they awaited the ships that would run the British blockade. Hundreds of children were born during the wait.

Documentary | 56 minutes
Production Country: Israel
Language: Hebrew, Italian
Production Company: Katzir Productions
Director: Yael Katzir
https://www.imdb.com/title/tt4520000/

**SON OF SAUL**
*Academy Award Winner Best Foreign Language Film, BAFTA Award for Best Film Not in the English Language, Cannes Film Festival, (Nominated Palme d’Or, Winner Grand Jury Prize)*

Synopsis: A Jewish-Hungarian concentration camp prisoner sets out to give a child he mistook for his son a proper burial.

Narrative | 107 minutes
Production Country: Hungary
Language: Hungarian, Yiddish, German, Russian, Polish, French, Greek, Slovak
Production Company: Laokoon Filmgroup
Director: László Nemes
https://www.imdb.com/title/tt3808342/

**SURVIVING SKOKIE**
*Milf Valley Film Festival (Audience Award), Atlanta Jewish Film Festival, Warsaw Jewish Film Festival (Best Documentary), Los Angeles Jewish Film Festival*

Synopsis: The relationship between father (Jack) and son deepens as they return to Poland, where Eli learns more about the extended family that perished during the Shoah. Together they retrace the painful and debilitating journey through two ghettos and two concentration camps.

Documentary | 66 minutes
Production Country: USA, Poland
Language: English
Production Company: Eli Adler
Director: Eli Adler, Blair Gershkow
https://www.imdb.com/title/tt4770640/
TUNNEL OF HOPE
Boulder Jewish Film Festival, JW3 London, Lincoln Square Synagogue

Synopsis: In 1943, 250 Jewish slave workers successfully escaped from a Nazi labor camp in Novogrudok, Belarus, via a tunnel they dug. The film follows the remaining escapees, accompanied by their descendants, in an attempt to find the tunnel.

Documentary | 88 minutes
Production Country: Israel
Language: Hebrew
Production Company: Torch Films, Go2Films
Director: Dror H. Schwarz

https://www.imdb.com/title/tt5302480/

VITA ACTIVA: THE SPIRIT OF HANNAH ARENDT
Santa Barbara International Film Festival (Jury Award), Jewish International Film Festival Australia, Master of Art Film Festival (Best Documentary in Literature), Sole Luna Doc Film Festival (Best Editing Award)

Synopsis: A documentary about the life and work of Hannah Arendt, the prolific and unclassifiable thinker, political theorist, moral philosopher and polemicist, and with her encounter with the trial of Adolf Eichmann.

Documentary | 125 minutes
Production Country: Israel, Canada, Germany
Language: English, German, Hebrew, French
Production Company: Fernsehbüro
Director: Ada Ushpiz

https://www.imdb.com/title/tt5358370/

ZELDA: A SIMPLE WOMAN (EDUCATIONAL VERSION)
Jerusalem International Film Festival, Warsaw Jewish Film Festival

Synopsis: A poetic documentary about Holocaust memory and memorialization in Israel, as manifested through the uses of Zelda’s poem or song of the same name. A cinematic exploration of the meaning of names and naming, and the meaning of the past as it is reflected in the present.

Documentary | 55 minutes
Production Country: Israel
Language: Hebrew
Production Company: The Hebrews
Director: Yair Qedar

https://www.imdb.com/title/tt6114738/
THE DECENT ONE

Berlin International Film Festival (Panorama), Jewish International Film Festival Australia, UK Jewish Film Festival, Jerusalem Film Festival

Synopsis: Through previously undiscovered private letters, photos and diaries that were found in the Himmler family house in 1945, the ‘The Decent One’ exposes a unique and at times uncomfortable access to the life and mind of the merciless ‘Architect of the Final Solution’ Heinrich Himmler.

Documentary | 94 minutes
Production Country: Israel, Austria, Germany
Language: English, German
Production Company: Realworks Ltd
Director: Vanessa Lapa (see Speer Goes to Hollywood, 2020)
https://www.imdb.com/title/tt3508830/

THE GUARDIANS OF REMEMBRANCE (HOLOCAUST IN THE USSR - EPISODE 1)

Haifa International Film Festival, Chicago Festival of Israeli Cinema

Synopsis: In the “The Guardians of Remembrance” Boris Maftsir offers a comprehensive and accurate picture of the events of the Holocaust in Belarus.

Documentary | 107 minutes
Production Country: Israel
Language: Russian Hebrew
Production Company: Zvi Shefy Productions
Director: Boris Maftsir
https://www.imdb.com/title/tt5302542/

THE LITTLE HEROES FROM THE WARSAW GHETTO

Broadcast on FRANCE TÉLÉVISIONS (FR), YLE (FI)

Synopsis: From 1942 until the elimination of the Warsaw ghetto in May 1943, children aged 6 – 15 left the ghetto and went into the Aryan part of the Nazi occupied town. They survived in the city until 1945 by singing and selling cigarettes and newspapers to the Germans.

Documentary | 59 minutes
Production Country: France
Language: Polish, English, Hebrew, Yiddish
Production Company: Paris-Barcelone Films
Director: Chochana Boukhobza (see A Kinderblock in Birkenau, 2020)
https://www.imdb.com/title/tt4676026/

MEMORY AFTER BELEN

Houston International Film Festival (Silver Medal)

A thirty- year-old granddaughter of a Bergen-Belsen survivor explores her grandmother’s Holocaust story. Her journey to the Bergen- Belsen concentration camp serves as the springboard for exploring issues and themes of memory.

Documentary | 76 minutes
Production Country: USA, Canada, Germany
Language: English
Production Company: n/a
Director: Shiva Kumar
https://www.imdb.com/title/tt2343266/

INTERGENERATIONAL TRAUMA

2014
THERE AND HERE
Jerusalem Film Festival, Gainesville Jewish Film Festival

Synopsis: The story of 3 ex-pilots and a navigator, all in their eighties, who in their youth embodied the perfect image of the “model Israeli Tsabar”. The four decide to come clean about their true identities as Holocaust survivors and venture out on a journey throughout their lost childhoods, their silent youth and their glory days as pilots.

Documentary | 58 minutes
Production Country: Israel
Language: Hebrew
Production Company: Omer TV, Go2Films
Director: Avida Livny

https://www.imdb.com/title/tt5302504/
BUREAU 06
Jerusalem International Film Festival, Jewish International Film Festival Australia, Jewish Film Festival Berlin Brandenburg, Nominated for Best Israeli Documentary Award - Israeli Film Academy

Synopsis: This is the dramatic story of Bureau 06, the team of police investigators formed for the sole purpose of investigating and preparing the grave charges brought by the Jewish people against Adolf Eichmann, during the trial that took place in Jerusalem, 1961. The Eichmann trial presented the story of the Shoah to the entire world in a way that had never been told before.

Documentary | 58 minutes
Production Country: Israel
Language: Hebrew
Production Company: Open Doors Films
Director: Yoav Halevy
https://www.imdb.com/title/tt3005048/

THE ESCAPE
Jerusalem Jewish Film Festival, Jewish International Film Festival Australia, Vancouver Jewish Film Festival, Crossing Europe Film Festival

Synopsis: In this road movie a group of Israeli teenagers from different backgrounds set out on a personal and fascinating adventure following the original "Bricha Movement", which was set up to help Jews escape post-war Europe and get to Israel.

Documentary | 74 minutes
Production Country: Israel, Italy, Switzerland
Language: Hebrew
Production Company: Tapuz Communications, The Phoenixes (Ofot Hachol)
Director: Meni Elias
https://www.imdb.com/title/tt3005598/

THE HUNGARIAN CUBE: A JOURNEY WITH ANDRE HAJDU
Jerusalem Jewish Film Festival, Budapest Israel Jewish Film Festival, Hungarian Film Festival in Los Angeles, Verzio International Film Festival

Synopsis: Israel Prize winner, composer Andre Hajdu, is a multi-faceted man. Throughout his life, Andre positioned himself as an outsider and has been able to use those contradictions as a tool for growth and a well for inspiration. He combines an uncompromising Orthodox religious life with a bold avant-garde artistic expression.

Documentary | 75 minutes
Production Country: Israel
Language: Hebrew, French, Hungarian
Production Company: The Phoenixes (Ofot HaChol)
Director: Gilad Inbar
https://www.imdb.com/title/tt3005616/

THE CHRONICLE OF THE MINSK GHETTO (EPISODE 1)
Minsk International Film Festival, Together International TV and Film Festival, International Festival of Historical and Military Films (Golden Saber Award), Televershina National Competition (Best Belarusian Documentary Award)

Synopsis: The history of the Minsk ghetto and life within its walls.

Documentary | 55 minutes
Production Country: Belarus
Language: Russian
Production Company: Vladimir Bokun Studio
Director: Vladimir Lutsky
https://www.imdb.com/title/tt6964162/
**LIGA TEREZIN**

*Synopsis:* The incredible story of the soccer league which took place in Theresienstadt. From 1942 to 1944, Jewish prisoners played hundreds of soccer matches on improvised fields set up in the courtyards of the barracks where they lived. Thousands of spectators watched a mixture of professional and amateur players and briefly escaped the reality of their terrible plight.

Documentary | 52 minutes & 90 minutes
Production Country: Israel, Czech Republic
Language: Hebrew, English
Production Company: Beit Theresienstadt
Director: Avi Kanner, Michael Schwartz

https://www.imdb.com/title/tt2798634/

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**LOST TOWN**

*Cleveland International Film Festival, Ann Arbor Jewish Film Festival, New Hampshire Jewish Film Festival, Tampa Bay Jewish Film Festival*

*Synopsis:* The story of one man’s obsessive search to get closer to his deceased father by uncovering the story of his family’s town of Trochenbrod. Trochenbrod was the only all-Jewish town to ever exist outside of Palestine. Trochenbrod’s 5000 Jews were obliterated by the Nazis, except for 33 townspeople who escaped the massacre there.

Documentary | 85 minutes
Production Country: United States
Language: English
Production Company: Goldstreet Films
Director: Richard Goldgewicht, Jeremy Goldscheider

https://www.imdb.com/title/tt2180459/

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**WHEN MEMORY COMES: A FILM ABOUT SAUL FRIEDLÄNDER**

*Netherlands Film Festival, Israel Film Festival*

*Synopsis:* A visually arresting documentary that interweaves leading Holocaust historian Saul Friedländer’s personal story of survival with an introduction to his work and thought.

Documentary | 83 minutes
Production Country: Netherlands
Language: English
Production Company: Interakt
Director: Frank Diamand

https://www.imdb.com/title/tt5181256/

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**2013**
**DEFIANT REQUIEM**

*Synopsis:* A memorial concert reawakens the story of an artistic uprising in the Nazi concentration camp Theresienstadt, where a chorus of 150 inmates confronts the Nazis face-to-face - and sings to them what they dare not say.

Documentary | 85 minutes  
Production Country: USA, UK, Czech Republic  
Language: English, German, Yiddish  
Production Company: Milk & Honey Productions, Partisan Pictures  
Director: Doug Schultz  
[https://www.imdb.com/title/tt2401005/](https://www.imdb.com/title/tt2401005/)

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**NO PLACE ON EARTH**

*Synopsis:* Guided by Auschwitz survivors' testimonies, this documentary explores the significance and history of the numbers tattooed onto their bodies.

Documentary | 55 minutes  
Production Country: Israel  
Language: Hebrew  
Production Company: kNow Productions  
Director: Dana Doron and Uriel Sinai  
[https://www.imdb.com/title/tt1921040/](https://www.imdb.com/title/tt1921040/)

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**HIDING**

*Synopsis:* The story of the Jews facing the rise of Hitler before the Holocaust. How the evil of one man bamboozled the whole world. How winning World War I and the Great Depression set the stage for World War II. The mistakes. The deceptions. The unheeded lessons of history.

Documentary | 84 minutes  
Production Country: United States  
Language: English  
Production Company: Berel Wein Destiny Foundation  
Director: Beverly Beard  
[https://www.imdb.com/title/tt5278368/](https://www.imdb.com/title/tt5278368/)

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**NUMBERED**

*Synopsis:* A cave exploration in Ukraine leads to the unearthing of a story of World War II survivors who once found shelter in the same cave.

Documentary | 83 minutes  
Production Country: USA, UK, Germany  
Language: English, German, Yiddish  
Production Company: A List Films, Delirio Films, PPM Film Productions, Sierra Tango Productions, Magnolia Pictures  
Director: Janet Tobias  
[https://www.imdb.com/title/tt2343266/](https://www.imdb.com/title/tt2343266/)

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**OMINOUS SKIES 1930-1939 (FAITH & FATE SERIES)**

*Synopsis:* Guided by Auschwitz survivors' testimonies, this documentary explores the significance and history of the numbers tattooed onto their bodies.

Documentary | 55 minutes  
Production Country: Israel  
Language: Hebrew  
Production Company: kNow Productions  
Director: Dana Doron and Uriel Sinai  
[https://www.imdb.com/title/tt1921040/](https://www.imdb.com/title/tt1921040/)

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**MUSIC**

**HIDING**

*Synopsis:* A cave exploration in Ukraine leads to the unearthing of a story of World War II survivors who once found shelter in the same cave.
THE RESCUERS: HEROES OF THE HOLOCAUST

New York International Film Festival (Best Historical Documentary), Palm Springs International Film Festival (Best of the Fest), Monaco International Film Festival

Synopsis: The film traces the journey of Stephanie Nyombayire, a young Rwandan anti-genocide activist who teams up with Sir Martin Gilbert, the renowned Holocaust historian, to travel across 15 countries and three continents interviewing survivors and descendants of the diplomats who rescued tens of thousands of Jews from the unspeakable horrors of the Nazi death camps.

Documentary | 94 minutes
Production Country: USA
Language: English
Production Company: Michael King Productions, Café Film, Director: Michael King

https://www.imdb.com/title/tt1346308/


SIX MILLION AND ONE

International Documentary Film Festival Amsterdam (IDFA), Munich International Documentary Film Festival, Krakow Film Festival (Best Feature-length Documentary) Best Documentary Nominee Israeli Film Academy

Synopsis: Following the death of his father, Israeli documentary filmmaker David Fisher discovered the diary that his father Joseph kept during the harrowing times he spent at the Gusen concentration camp in Austria during World War II. The diary reveals a story that David and his siblings never knew.

Documentary | 93 minutes
Production Country: Israel
Language: Hebrew, English, German
Production Company: Fisher Features
Director: David Fisher

https://www.imdb.com/title/tt2118726/

INTERGENERATIONAL TRAUMA

WHERE BIRDS NEVER SANG: THE RAVENSBRÜCK AND SACHSENHAUSEN CONCENTRATION CAMPS

Broadcast on KENTUCKY EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION (USA)

Synopsis: Ravensbrück was the largest concentration camp for women on the grounds of the German Reich. Between 1936 and 1945, more than 200,000 people were imprisoned in Sachsenhausen.

Documentary | 28 minutes
Production Country: United States
Language: English
Production Company: On the Road Productions
Director: Rosemarie Reed

https://www.imdb.com/title/tt5292170/
JUST LIKE THE QUEEN OF ENGLAND
Jerusalem International Film Festival, Shanghai TV International Film Festival, Epos Arts Festival, Banff Center

CHILDREN

2010

NUREMBERG (RESTORATION OF 1948 FILM)
Berlin International Film Festival (Berlinale Special), New York Film Festival, Jerusalem Film Festival, Toronto Jewish Film Festival

NUREMBERG JUSTICE

2009

CHILDREN WITHOUT A SHADOW

2009

BLESSED IS THE MATCH
Atlanta Jewish Film Festival (Audience Award), Hong Kong Jewish Film Festival (Audience Award), Palm Springs Jewish Film Festival (Best of Fest)
Nominated for Primetime Emmy

POETRY RESISTANCE BIOGRAPHY

2008

Synopsis: A French boy, street-smart and charismatic, is left to fend for himself after the Nazi Occupation of Paris leaves him without his mother. The 69 years that came after were an emotional journey that is only now being truly examined. Layer by layer, the past and present of David Bergman unfolds into a dramatic story of longing and strength.

Documentary | 88 minutes
Production Country: Israel, France, Switzerland
Language: Hebrew
Production Company: The Phoenixes (Ofot HaChol)
Director: Micha Shagrir
https://www.imdb.com/title/tt1982729/

Synopsis: Holocaust survivor Shaul Harel, aka Charles David Hilsberg, spent his childhood in Belgium hiding from the Nazis under an assumed identity.

Documentary | 66 minutes
Production Country: Belgium
Language: French
Production Company: Dérives Productions
Director: Bernard Balteau
https://www.imdb.com/title/tt5272818/

Synopsis: The story of Hannah Senesh, a Hungarian poet who was captured by the Nazis, while trying to rescue Jews in WWII.

Documentary | 86 minutes
Production Country: USA
Language: English
Production Company: Katahdin Foundation
Director: Roberta Grossman (see Who Will Write Our History, 2018)
https://www.imdb.com/title/tt2343266/

Synopsis: Nuremberg depicts the most famous courtroom drama in modern times, and the first to make extensive use of film as evidence. It was also the first trial to be extensively documented, aurally and visually. All of the proceedings, which lasted for nearly 11 months, were recorded.

Documentary | 78 minutes
Production Country: USA
Language: English
Production Company: n/a
Director: Stuart Schulberg (original) | Sandra Schulberg/Josh Waletzky (restoration)
https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0441889/
Claims Conference
Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany