



Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center for Holocaust Studies

Presents the

Resource and Leadership Training Centre

**Programs are open to FSWC members, affiliates and interested members of the community.
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Welcome to FSWC's new Resource and Leadership Training Centre

Drawing on the experiences of the Simon Wiesenthal Center's Los Angeles Museum of Tolerance and New York Tolerance Center, the new Resource and Leadership Training Centre will focus on Holocaust awareness, multiculturalism and acceptance within a Canadian context.

Conveniently located in the Yonge and Sheppard area the 2,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art facility will be composed of three distinct areas: the Harry and Barb Silverberg Reference Collection Library and Public Policy Research Centre; the Tom and Anna Koffler Tolerance Training Centre; and the Exhibition Centre.

The Centre will function as an accessible and tangible tool for Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center's members, front-line professionals and the community at large. Various workshops and training sessions designed by Friends will be held throughout the year and will be geared towards educators, professionals and students.

FSWC is proud to offer the Toronto community a unique and diverse venue that will bring tolerance education to the forefront of public consciousness. We hope the Centre will serve as an informed source for ongoing education that is so desperately needed in today's world.

All workshops will be held in the Tom and Anna Koffler Tolerance Training Centre. Participants will also have the opportunity to peruse the Harry and Barb Silverberg Reference Collection Library and Public Policy Research Centre and view our inaugural exhibit entitled *The Making of a War Criminal*, designed by Ian Leventhal. The majority of the programmes are offered free of charge. FSWC members and affiliates will be granted priority seating during any of the programmes. Programmes are open to FSWC members, affiliates and interested members of the community.

Tolerance Education Workshop Series

Our workshops are created to ensure tolerance in a diverse community. Through the workshop series, frontline professionals like teachers and police officers will receive support and guidance to create inclusive learning environments, resolve conflicts, and encourage civic participation amongst Canada's citizens. Education with real life applications in the classroom is a key element of all of our sessions. Educational resource materials will be provided whenever possible. Professionals who participate in the workshop series will receive a *certificate* upon completion of the courses and will be eligible to apply for positions as facilitators in our future workshops.

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October 10 at 4:30 p.m.

Moriah Film Screening Featuring: *Ever Again*

Ever Again examines the resurgence of violent antisemitism and terrorism that threatens Europe and all of Western civilization. It exposes the dangerous Islamic extremism and culture of death being preached from the mosques of Europe's major cities and its impact on the recent attacks in Madrid and London. It examines the new Neo-Nazism in Germany and the shifts from the traditional antisemitism of the right to the antisemitism of the extreme left, and it raises disturbing questions about our future. The film's conclusion echoes Edmund Burke's warning, "The only thing necessary for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing." Narrated by Kevin Costner.

October 11 at 5:30 p.m.

“Who-dun-it” revisited: Coming of age in the arena of guilt, blame and responsibility for the Holocaust

For six decades the address for Holocaust responsibility has been never opaque. Blame has been consistently placed on the shoulders of the German Nazis. Is that really true? Might this singular ascribing of blood-guilt be an accidental misplacement or perhaps even a willful omission? This iconoclastic lecture will challenge old paradigms and force you to rethink your perspective of the Holocaust as well as of world events today!

Rabbi Mendel Kaplan is the founder and spiritual leader of Chabad @ Flamingo. Born in Norfolk Virginia, he was raised in various cities along the Atlantic Seaboard and spent his formative years immersed in Judaic studies at religious academies in close proximity to the internationally revered Lubavitcher Rebbe, of righteous memory. After graduating in 1990, he assumed a rabbinic internship in Los Angeles and subsequently held educational postings in Buenos Aires, Petersburg (Russia), Milwaukee, Detroit and Jerusalem. Rabbi Kaplan serves as a Chaplain of the York Regional Police with the added distinction of being the only Rabbi in Canada to do so. The Rabbi is also an active member of Toronto’s Vaad HaRabbanim, York Region’s Advisory Committee of Community Links and The Police Community Liaison Committee. In addition he is a popular public speaker often called upon by the mass media and featured regularly on many local television and radio shows.

October 15 at 7 p.m.

6 Million vs. Ernest Zundel: The Prosecution of Ernest Zundel

Based on the book *‘The Judeo-Massonic conspiracy’*, Professor Goldschlager will discuss the different systems used in court to confront and denigrate the testimonies of Holocaust survivors. He will also explore the way Holocaust deniers’ arguments have been used in the world and especially in the Arab world of today. This lecture will cover not only Zundel's various trials but also try to understand the way people accepting conspiracy theories think. The limits of the Canadian legal system in dealing with hate propaganda will also be discussed.

We will also look at the subsequent use of the Internet for fostering these ideas which enter the logic of Zundel and some other deniers, and also explore the way deniers arguments have been used in the world and especially in the Arab world of today.

Alain Goldschlager is a Professor at the University of Western Ontario where he directs the Holocaust Literature Research Institute. He was President of the Canadian Semiotic Association and President of the Canadian Comparative Literature Association. He was the National Director of the Canada-Israel Foundation for Academic Exchanges. He is also Co-Chair of the League for Human Rights of B’nai Brith Canada. He is also the author of *La Shoah: Temoignage Impossible? (The Shoa: Impossible Testimony?)*, *Building History: The Shoah in Art, Memory, and Myth* and numerous other publications. He is currently working on a book on Holocaust testimonials.

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October 17 at 6 p.m.

Darfur: The First Genocide of the 21st Century Can Canada Make a Difference?

The genocide in Darfur continues unabated with the international community seeming too inept to stop it. The history and context of the conflict in Sudan will be discussed in this workshop along with how Canada could take a leadership role in resolving the crisis.

Dr. Norman Epstein is the founder and co-chair of CASTS, Canadians Against Slavery and Torture in Sudan, a coalition of 21 organizations and hundreds of activists across the country advocating and lobbying on behalf of Sudanese of African descent who have suffered extreme oppression, slavery and genocide in the hands of Khartoum regime.

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October 23 at 6 p.m.

Encountering Emerging Threats: A Proactive Approach to Countering Antisemitism and Anti-Israel Sentiment

With the increase of antisemitism and anti-Israel sentiment in Canada, Europe and throughout the Middle East, how can we afford not to be active in protecting the values we hold close? If society plunges into an abyss without moral clarity, can people of good will afford to do nothing? This workshop will examine what we as Canadians can do to ensure a more tolerant society. Question and answer period will follow.

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October 24 at 4:30 p.m.

Moriah Film Series Screening Featuring: *Beautiful Music*

Beautiful Music is the remarkable story of Devorah Schramm, an American-born, Orthodox Jewish pianist and composer who, after relocating to Israel, taught piano to a 9-year old blind and severely autistic Palestinian girl, Rasha Hamid, in the worst days of the Intifada. This heartwarming true story of the dedication of a teacher to her student is a snapshot of what is possible when peace finally comes to the Middle East.

It is a testimony to the human spirit and to the incredible talents and resources that Israel has to offer and is eager to share with the entire region. Narrated by Brooke Shields.

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October 29 at 6:30 p.m.

Presentation and Book Signing

Holocaust Denial after the Iranian Conference

Antisemitism, the Generic Hatred: Essays in Memory of Simon Wiesenthal

In December 2006, Iran took Holocaust denial out of the shadows and put it on the stage. This lecture will examine the background and implications of this conference for Iran, those who claim that the Shoah never took place and society in general.

Dedicated to the memory of the 'conscience of the Holocaust' Simon Wiesenthal, to whom it offers a number of personal tributes, this book brings together essays by a wide variety of authors on antisemitism and related forms of intolerance, racism and xenophobia. Simon Wiesenthal believed not in vengeance but in justice for the victims and played a pre-eminent and, at times, lonely role in tracking down individual criminals and bringing them to trial-but he knew that was not enough. The contributors to this memorial volume, representing a range of cultural, religious and disciplinary perspectives, share that view. They know that so long as the Jewish stereotype is vested with legitimacy, the fight against antisemitism can never be won. Nor can it be defeated so long as it is fuelled by crisis in the Middle East, which has allowed some people to give expression to their antisemitism while denying it.

Mark Weitzman is the Director of the Task Force against Hate and Terrorism and the Associate Director of Education for the Simon Wiesenthal Center, the chief representative of the Center to the United Nations in New York and was also the Founding Director of the SWC's New York Tolerance Center. As a recognized expert in the fields of extremism and cyberhate he has lectured and worked with various groups ranging from Congress, the U.N., the EU and the U.S. Embassy in Berlin to the U.S. Army and the FBI. In 2004 he was one of the featured speakers at the UN's first ever conference on antisemitism and chaired the Working Group on Internet and Media Issues at the Global Forum on Antisemitism that was convened by the Israeli government in February 2007. He is the co-author of *Dismantling the Big Lie: The Protocols of the Elders of Zion*, which is the first full refutation of the infamous Protocols. Mr. Weitzman is the co-editor and contributed to the memorial volume in honour of Simon Wiesenthal, entitled *Antisemitism, the Generic Hatred: Essays in Memory of Simon Wiesenthal* that will be published in June, 2007.

October 30 at 7:30 p.m followed by Book Signing at 8:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER 2007

Teaching the Holocaust with Film and Video

This 3-4 hour workshop, geared toward high school teachers, is an overview of the history of Holocaust film. Participants will be taught alternatives to using *Schindler's List* as a Holocaust Unit and how to keep teachers and students from feeling overwhelmed by the history of the Holocaust.

Dr. Amanda Grzyb is an Assistant Professor in the Faculty of Information and Media Studies at the University of Western Ontario, where she teaches courses in Holocaust and Genocide Studies, homelessness, African-American cultural studies, and activism and the media. She is an Associate Scholar at UWO's Holocaust Literature Research Institute, and a past Instructor of "Teaching the Holocaust with Film and Video" at the Dallaire Institute. She is currently editing a book about the crisis in Darfur, Sudan.

November 1 at 5 p.m.

Moriah Film Screening Series Featuring: *Genocide*

Winner of the 1981 Academy Award® for best feature documentary. *Genocide* is the story of man's inhumanity to man - the story of the millions of men, women and children who fell victim to Hitler's "Final Solution." A unique multi-image documentary which combines historical narrative with actual stories of ordinary people caught up in the Nazi reign of terror. Narrated by Elizabeth Taylor and Orson Welles.

November 22 at 5:30 p.m.

Holocaust and Fighting Antisemitism in Today's Society

Geared to university students, representing the next generation of community leaders, this workshop will explore the tools needed to combat antisemitism in today's society. The question of how the Holocaust relates to our lives today is one we must work to make important so people will teach others that such acts of hatred will not be tolerated. By learning from each other we can fight racism, antisemitism and intolerance.

Facilitator: Josh Hacker

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Workshop time: 2-3 hours

November 8 at 4:30 p.m.

November 11 – Remembrance Day

Join FSWC as we commemorate the sacrifice of veterans and civilians in World War I, World War II and other wars.

November 11 at 11 a.m.

Denial on the Internet: Bigotry in the Guise of Scholarship

A presentation confronting contemporary Holocaust denial, this seminar includes three components. Participants are first introduced to the fundamental objectives of Holocaust deniers as well as their most frequently applied assumptions. Moving from theory to practice, common revisionist methods are revealed in real time using a live Internet connection. Once the most notorious websites of Holocaust denial have been navigated, Mr. Etedgui exposes conclusive parallels between online deniers and other extremists, including racists and conspiracy theorists. Denial on the Internet: Bigotry in the Guise of Scholarship concludes with a cursory review of the most important pieces of legislation and laws concerning freedom of speech – especially regarding the World Wide Web – in Canada.

Michael Ettetdgui works in research and education at Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center. His main area of concern is contemporary hatred and terrorism on the Internet. Mr. Ettetdgui is co-author of the annual CD-ROM report, *Digital Terrorism & Hate*, produced by the Wiesenthal Center and is in frequent contact with Canadian Internet service providers as well as law enforcement, education and government officials. Mr. Ettetdgui regularly lectures to police officers and post-secondary students on hate crimes in Canada.

Workshop time: 1 hour
November 13 at 2 p.m.

Terrorism, Jihad, and the Canadian Response

Canadians have a hard time accepting the reality of terrorism, and an even more difficult time believing that anyone has hostile intentions towards them. However, Wahhabi, Salafist, Deobandi and Khomeinist Jihadis are eager to attack Canada's interests and kill our fellow citizens to further a violent Islamicist agenda. Our responses are problematic when so many Canadians cannot understand that they have an enemy, let alone being able to recognize them.

John Thompson is the president of the Mackenzie Institute, and served in the Canadian Armed Forces and the Canadian Institute of Strategic Studies prior to joining the Institute in 1990. For over 20 years, he has studied terrorism and other aspects of organized violence and political instability; and has now become one of Canada's foremost commentators on the subject.

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November 14 at 6 p.m.

The Middle East: Is Peace Possible?

Ambassador Baker will discuss the present situation from the point of view of the relationship with the Palestinians, Syrians and Lebanese, as well as the outer layer of Arab and Moslem states, and the threats emanating from Iran and Syria. He will analyze whether in such an orientation peace of any kind would be possible.

Prior to his appointment as Ambassador to Canada, Ambassador **Alan Baker** held the post of Legal Adviser and Deputy Director-General of Israel's Ministry of Foreign Affairs since 1996. He has been actively involved in the Middle-East peace negotiations with all of Israel's neighbours. He participated in the negotiation and drafting of the Peace Treaties and other agreements with Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon and the Palestinians. Ambassador Baker has represented Israel in international conferences and negotiations in various fields of international law. He served as Israel's representative to the Legal Committee of the United Nations General Assembly, to the preparatory committees and conferences involved in the establishment of the International Criminal Court and to numerous bodies involved in all fields of international law. He has written several articles on such matters. Between 1985-9 Ambassador Baker was seconded by the Government of Israel to the Office of Legal Affairs at the United Nations Headquarters in New York where he served as a senior United Nations lawyer.

November 15 at 5:30 p.m.

International Law and Genocide

This lecture will take a close look at the adaption and implementation of the Nuremberg principles in Australia and Canada. The central question to be asked is why, if the principles governing war crimes and crimes against humanity are so widely accepted in Western legal systems, are there so many prominent acquittals in Nazi war criminal cases? Is international justice, even in cases of indisputable genocide, impossible to actually achieve?

Ed Morgan is a law professor at the University of Toronto. His teaching fields include Constitutional Law and International Law. He has published *International Law and the Canadian Courts* (Carswell, 1990), and his forthcoming book is *The Aesthetics of International Law* (University of Toronto Press, 2007). He has also published a variety of law journal articles, case comments, and journalism dealing with various aspects of international law, terrorism, war crimes, the Middle East, and Canadian constitutional law. He has guest lectured and presented numerous papers on international law topics in Canada, the United States, Europe, Africa, and Israel, and has appeared in all levels of courts in Canada as well as in the Inter-American Court of Human Rights and the U.N. Decolonization Committee. He is currently the National President of Canadian Jewish Congress.

November 19 at 4:30 pm

Building Moral Courage: Working with Students to Affect Positive Change

This workshop will give students practical tools they can bring back into their schools and communities to allow them to engage with issues that seem much larger than they are. It will emphasize the importance of individual and small-group action and how those have often been some of the greatest impetuses for change. By focusing on the timely topic of Darfur this will be more than a lesson in being active citizens. It challenges students to implement what they learn in the workshop to begin affecting positive change immediately. Students are turned into leaders for the broader community and can begin taking up the important role of engaging in

world issues, learning about working with the government and most importantly, realizing that they possess the capacity to make a difference.

Josh Scheinert is the Advocacy Director for STAND Canada (Students Taking Action Now: Darfur), Canada's largest grassroots Darfur activist and awareness organization. He is also a law student at Osgoode Hall Law School with a focus on International, Comparative and Transnational Law. He spent one year between degrees working in the field of political consulting in Washington, DC and New York where he specialized in crisis management and communications. Working very closely with the United Nations during this time, Josh was exposed to challenges in reacting to conflict and injustice. As well, most recently he spent time in Uganda working with orphans and other disaffected youth. Josh has had articles published in the *National Post* and *Toronto Star* and has spoken at a city-wide conference on campus activism.

November 21 at 5:30 p.m.

Moriah Film Series Screening Featuring: *The Long Way Home*:

Winner of the 1997 Academy Award™ for Best Documentary Feature. *The Long Way Home* examines the critical post-World War II period between 1945 and 1948 and the struggle of the tens of thousands of displaced Jewish refugees to find dignity and renewal in the aftermath of the Nazi Holocaust.

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November 28 at 4:30 p.m.

Film Screening and Discussion

The Forgotten Refugees: A film about the mass exodus of Jews from Arab countries and Iran in the 20th century.

The Forgotten Refugees explores the history and destruction of Middle Eastern Jewish Communities, some of which had existed for over 2,500 years. Using extensive testimony of refugees from Egypt, Yemen, Libya and Iraq, the film recounts the stories-of joy and suffering-that nearly one million individuals have carried with them for so long. Segments on the contributions of Middle Eastern Jews to politics, business and music testify to the enormously rich cultures which fleeing Jews left behind. The film weaves personal stories with dramatic archival footage of rescue missions, historic images of exodus and resettlement, and analyses by contemporary scholars to tell the story of how and why the Arab world's Jewish population declined from one million in 1945 to several thousand today.

Sarah Carlen is a Professor and Program Chair of Sephardi Studies at York University, Toronto. She teaches, lectures and writes about the history and culture of Sephardi Jews.

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Workshop time: 2-3 hours

December 3 at 4:30 p.m.

Moriah Film Series Screening Featuring: *Liberation*

Liberation is unique among the many documentaries on World War II because it addresses two themes in a single film: the dramatic story of the battle waged on two fronts during the War - the Allied campaign to liberate Europe and Adolf Hitler's genocidal war against the Jews. Narrated by Sir Ben Kingsley, Miriam Margolyes, Patrick Stewart, Jean Boht and Whoopi Goldberg.

December 6 at 5:30 p.m.

Twenty-Five years of Peace Education: Lessons Learned and Future Possibilities

This workshop will emphasize a cross-curricular approach to teaching the Holocaust and connecting it to other global issues and international development themes. Participants will develop the tools needed for tolerance and moving from there to "Cultural Proficiency" with the Asper Program as a model and the Canadian Museum for Human Rights as an ideal. The presentation will focus on “Teaching for International Understanding” by developing partnerships within the community, across the country and around the world.

Keith Samuelson is the Global Education Coordinator at Prince of Wales Collegiate in St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador. Keith has been an English teacher, administrator and program coordinator for 30 years. His deep interest in the Holocaust, human rights, social justice and international development has been the subject of many articles and presentations at national and international conferences across North America.

December 10 at 4:30 p.m.

Investigating Internet Extremism

Since its launch in early 2007, Investigating Internet Extremism has been welcomed by Ontario police forces and included in mandatory training sessions and professional development courses of various Police services.

The workshop works from the premise that in order for law enforcement to be effective in the arena of hate, it must be proactive rather than reactive. To that end, police officers and investigators are given the knowledge, tools and resources to effectively prevent crimes from happening using the Internet.

Investigating Internet Hate consists of three components; infiltration, Internet tools and legalities. In the first section, police officers are introduced to the most frequented web forums, allowing them to become ‘part of the community’ and investigate varying groups and their activities. In the second section, attendees are instructed on the usage of open-source information and literally taught how to use the Internet and their own computers to investigate the people behind problematic websites. The third and final component of this workshop provides a review of Canada’s anti-hate laws, including actual case studies so police officers are familiarized with the laws they are entrusted to protect.

- Take-home materials allow the lessons police officers learn in this workshop to be implemented in their offices.
- Workshop time: 1.5 to 2 hours

Michael Ettedgui works in research and education at Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center. His main area of concern is contemporary hatred and terrorism on the Internet. Mr. Ettedgui is co-author of the annual CD-ROM report, *Digital Terrorism & Hate*, produced by the Wiesenthal Center and is in frequent contact with Canadian Internet service providers as well as law enforcement, education and government officials.

December 11 at 2 p.m.

Extraordinary Evil: A Brief History of Genocide

In her remarkable and timely new book, bestselling author Barbara Coloroso turns her attention to genocide: what it means; where it begins; where it must end. Through an examination of three clearly defined genocides—of the Armenians in the Ottoman Empire; the Jews, Roma, and Sinti in Europe; and the Tutsi in Rwanda—Coloroso deconstructs the cause of genocide and its consequences, both to the immediate victims and to the fabric of the world at large, and proposes the conditions that must exist in order to eradicate this evil from the world.

Barbara Coloroso is an internationally recognized speaker in the areas of parenting, teaching, non-violent conflict resolution, and grieving. Based on the author’s thirty years of research and extensive travel, *Extraordinary Evil* is an urgently needed work in an age when acts of genocide seem to occur more frequently and are in the public’s consciousness more than ever before.

December 11 at 5 pm

On Teaching a Diverse Classroom: Guiding a New Generation of Canadians

This workshop will explore recent immigration patterns and its affect on the make-up of the Ontario classroom. Participants will discuss the Ontario Human Rights Code and develop strategies to ensure that every student is respected and protected in our school system. Practical tools will be provided for teachers in order to create a classroom that all students can feel connected to.

Chris D'Souza is the current Equity and Human Rights Officer for the Dufferin Peel Catholic District School Board. He is the former chair of the Peel Police Race and Ethnic Relations Committee, the founder and chair of the Coalition on Diversity Education which aims to provide training on diversity and human rights issues for educators and the chair of AMENO (Anti-Racist Multicultural Education Networks of Ontario). Chris has also written and published a book entitled, *Empowerism: A guide to Environmental and Lifestyle Ethics*. He was recently profiled in the Toronto Star as "A Person to Watch in 2005."

December 12 at 2 p.m.

Building Moral Courage: Engaging Students in Democracy

Teachers will gain the practical tools needed to help their students explore the relationship between the individual and society. By reading case studies and leading discussion, participants will be encouraged to reflect on the responsibilities and challenges of membership in a democracy. They will look at contemporary examples of racism, antisemitism and discrimination and analyze why so many 'just stood by' and learn from those who took action to create change. Teachers will be encouraged to think of the role they play in creating a generation of socially empowered youth.

Paul Simmons is an educator with experience ranging from the classroom to the office. He has developed curriculum, designed and implemented outdoor education programmes, taught continuing education, has led departments both within the public and private systems and oversees a mentoring programme for teachers new to the profession. Moreover, he has taught public speaking courses, delivers professional development programmes and speaks frequently at OISE on the topic of whole school discipline planning and modifying student behaviour. His own academic career spans fifteen years, five universities and four degrees with a thesis that examined issues of gender equity in high schools within the GTA.

December 17 at 6 p.m.

Teaching and Learning in a Post September 11th World: Teaching Principles and Classroom Practices

Solid curriculum and instruction is needed more than ever in our post September 11 world. Based on more than three decades of experience teaching and designing curriculum, John presents ideas in both elementary and secondary grades. In this interactive session participants will;

- identify how curriculum should change to reflect global realities
- learn how teaching pedagogy should also change for the 21st century and
- experience a couple of simple but powerful approaches for making important content both meaningful and memorable.

Content examples will come from grades 5-12 in the Ontario Curriculum and involve social studies and related

curricula, including information technology and media literacy. Pedagogy will focus on critical thinking and anti-racist approaches such as co-operative learning.

John Myers is a curriculum instructor at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE) of the University of Toronto. He has taught elementary, secondary and university teaching in three provinces and three countries for more than three decades. He played an important role in the development of Ontario's multicultural curriculum in 1970s and now specializes in classroom teaching and assessment strategies.

December 18 at 4:30 p.m.

Moriah Film Series Screening Featuring: *Echoes That Remain*

Echoes That Remain is a poignant study of Jewish shtetl life before the Holocaust. It combines hundreds of rare archival photographs and previously unseen film footage, with live action sequences shot on location at the sites of former Jewish communities in Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Poland and Rumania. Narrated by Martin Landau and Miriam Margolyes.

December 20 at 5:30 p.m.

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