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CAPTURED ON FILM

CULTURAL STEREOTYPES AND PUBLIC MEMORY

USC LIBRARIES RESOURCE GUIDE

“Captured on Film: Cultural Stereotypes and Public Memory” is organized by **THE USC SHOAH FOUNDATION INSTITUTE FOR VISUAL HISTORY**. The event includes a screening of the Institute’s documentary, *Spell Your Name*, followed by a discussion with filmmaker **SERGEY BUKOVSKY**, USC cinematic arts professor **MICHAEL RENOV**, USC Shoah Foundation Institute curator **CRISPIN BROOKS** and USC history professor **WOLF GRUNER**.

In association, **ANTHONY ANDERSON** of the USC Libraries selected the following films from Leavey Library’s collection of documentaries about the Holocaust. The works enable you to explore a variety of topics related to the Holocaust, historical trauma, public memory, and cinematic representation.

The Children of Holocaust Survivors

Breaking the Silence: The Generation After the Holocaust

National Center for Jewish Film, 2008

The film documents a group discussion in which young adults share their common experience of having parents who survived the Nazi Holocaust.

LVYDVD 2655

A Generation Apart

City Lights Home Entertainment, 2008

A powerful yet personal documentary about the children of concentration camp survivors coming to terms with their parents and the Holocaust legacy.

LVYDVD 2529

Last Stop Kew Garden

Sisu, 2008

The documentary takes viewers on a journey to a place that became the last stop for Holocaust refugees, and the “Americanized” kids that grew up there in the 1940s and 50s in the heart of New York City.

LVYDVD 2597

The Concentration Camps

Auschwitz: Inside the Nazi State

BBC Video Ltd., 2005

The result of three years of research, drawing on recently discovered documents and nearly 100 interviews with camp survivors and perpetrators, many of whom are speaking on the record for the first time.

LVYDVD 1586

Escape from Auschwitz

PBS Home Video, 2008

The incredible story of two young Slovak Jews, Rudolf Vrba and Alfred Wetzler, who managed to escape by hiding in a woodpile for three days, then fleeing across enemy territory, determined to tell the world about the atrocities being committed by the Nazis at the camp.

LVYDVD 2538

Fuehrer schenkt den Juden eine Stadt (The Fuhrer Gives a City to the Jews)

National Center for Jewish Film, 2005

This is the only film known to be made by the Nazis inside an operating concentration camp. Germany’s Ministry of Propaganda produced this 1944 film about Theresienstadt, the “model” ghetto established by the Nazis in 1941 in Terezin, a town in the former Czechoslovakia. Joseph Goebbels intended to use the film to prove to the Red Cross and the world that Jews were being well-treated in the camps. The film, however, is an elaborately staged hoax presenting a false picture of camp life. Upon completion, the director and most of the cast of prisoners were shipped to Auschwitz.

LVYDVD 2636

Holocaust: Dachau and Sachsenhausen

Artsmagic, 2006

A historical account of concentration camps Dachau and Sachsenhausen.

LVYDVD 2327

Holocaust: The Liberation of Majdanek

Artsmagic, 2006

Never-before-seen footage about the Majdanek concentration and extermination camp. The film includes SS officers and kapos appearing before a Russian tribunal at Lubin to be accused of their crimes.

LVYDVD 2338

Holocaust: Ravensbrook and Buchenwald

Artsmagic, 2006

A historical account of concentration camps Ravensbruck and Buchenwald.

LVYDVD 2339

Holocaust: Theresienstadt

Artsmagic, 2005

Takes a look at the show camp at Theresienstadt where Nazis could deceive the outside world about what was really happening to the Jews of Europe.

LVYDVD 2350

Memory of the Camps

PBS Home Video, 2005

When allied troops invaded Germany and liberated Nazi death camps at the end of World War II, they found unspeakable horrors that still haunt the world's conscience. In 1945, British and American film crews accompanying the troops liberating the camps captured these atrocities firsthand. The resulting film directed in part by Alfred Hitchcock but never finished, was discovered in 1984 in the archives of the Imperial War Museum.

LVYDVD 1587

René and I

National Center for Jewish Film, 2005

Documentary on the lives of twins Irene Hizme and René Slotkin who were subjected to experiments by Josef Mengele at Auschwitz.

LVYDVD 2641

Swimming in Auschwitz: Survival Stories of Six Women

Bala Cynwyd Productions, 2007

Six women Holocaust survivors, currently living in Los Angeles, bear witness to the female experience of life in the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camps.

LVYDVD 2244

The Holocaust in the Former Soviet Union

Shoah by Bullet: The Forgotten History

Filmmakers Library, 2008

Based on the research and contributions by Father Patrick Desbois, the film presents interviews with eyewitnesses of the Holocaust in the Ukraine.

LVYDVD 2361

The Holocaust in France and Italy

17 Rue St. Fiacre

National Center for Jewish Film, 2006

The film follows Léon Malmed and Rachel Malmed-Epstein as they travel from the United States to Compiègne to visit the Ribouleau family who adopted them as children during the Second World War.

LVYDVD 2635

Primo Levi's Journey

New Yorker Video, 2008

The documentary follows writer Primo Levi on his thousand-mile journey to his home in Turin, Italy, after being liberated from the Auschwitz concentration camp.

LVYDVD 2706

The Righteous Enemy:

The Story of the Italian Resistance to the Final Solution

National Center for Jewish Film, 2006

During World War II, the Italian army interned Jews rather than send them to death camps in Germany. This film describes the many lengths that Italian officials went to save Jewish lives. It shows how Italian officials prevented the deportation of some 40,000 Jews in Italian-occupied France, Greece, and Yugoslavia.

LVYDVD 2374

The Children of Chabannes

New Video Group, 2005

During World War II, many Jewish children were sent out of occupied countries for safety. Chabannes, France, housed about 400 such refugees in a local chateau used as a school. This documentary presents the accounts of students, teachers, and townspeople about the efforts to protect the children in 1942 when the war came to Chabannes.

LVYDVD 2330

The Holocaust in Germany

Alle Juden raus! (All Jews Out!)

National Center for Jewish Film, 2007

The filmmaker travels from New York to Göppingen, Germany, and interviews many Jews about their recollections of the Holocaust and events leading up to it.

LVYDVD 2639

Hearts Divided: Baptism and the Jews in the Third Reich

Vital Visions, 2008

In 1933 Berlin, Bishop Joachim Hossenfelder proclaimed the popular, pro-Nazi "German Christian" movement the "Storm Troopers of Christ." Hossenfelder led the early phase of a movement that still echoes through the church today, even though the world has tried to forget. This film looks at the people who lived through the movement.

LVYDVD 2868

Wannsee Conference: 11 Million Sentenced to Death

Vision Video, 1999

The documentary examines the political and social forces that fueled anti-Semitism in Germany in the 1930s and led to the Wannsee Conference in 1942 where Nazi leaders formulated their plans for the worldwide eradication of the Jewish people.

LVYDVD 1687

Watermarks

Kino Video, 2004

The film tells the story of the surviving members of the Viennese Hakoah sports club women's swim team, a world-dominating

competitor in the 1930s. The club was eventually shut down during Hitler's reign, though all the women managed to escape capture. Zilberman combines historical footage and contemporary interviews to reconnect the women's lives and memories.

LVYDVD 2345

The Holocaust in Holland and Belgium

Comme si c'était (As If It Were Yesterday)

National Center for Jewish Film, 2006

Through the personal recollections of survivors, this film documents the Belgian underground's assistance of hiding and transporting Jewish children during the four years of Nazi occupation in World War II.

LVYDVD 2640

The Hidden Child

PBS Home Video, 2007

Of the 1.6 million Jewish children who lived in Europe before WWII, only 100,000 survived the Holocaust. Most were hidden children, shuttered away in attics, cellars, convents, or farms. This is Maud Dahme's story of courage, hope, and bravery. The film chronicles the wartime experiences of Dahme, one of an estimated 5,000 Jewish children hidden from the Nazis by families in the Netherlands.

LVYDVD 1940

Memories of Anne Frank

Films for the Humanities & Sciences, 2004

Filmed in the Frank's apartment and the building that housed the Opecta offices and the Franks' secret refuge, Miep Gies recounts her experiences: working for Otto Frank, bringing food to the fugitives, the exposure of the hidden Jews and their protectors, the liberation of Amsterdam, Otto Frank's return from Auschwitz, and the publication of Anne's diary.

LVYDVD 1590

The Short Life of Anne Frank

Anne Frank Stichting, 2003

The story of Anne Frank's life is told through quotations from her diary, photographs from the Frank Family albums, and historical footage.

LVYDVD 1182

Steal a Pencil for Me

Westlake Entertainment, 2008

A compelling documentary about the power of love and the ability of humankind to rise above unimaginable suffering. In 1943, Holland is under total Nazi occupation. When the Jews are being deported, Jack, his wife Manja, and his new love, Ina, find themselves living in the same barracks in a concentration camp. When Jack's wife objects to the relationship in spite of their unhappy marriage, Jack and Ina resort to writing secret love letters, which gives them the strength to survive the war.

LVYDVD 2531

The Holocaust in Poland

Diamonds in the Snow

National Center for Jewish Film, 2005

This documentary tells the story of three Jewish children from Bendzin, Poland, who survived the Nazi Holocaust. These women, one of whom is the filmmaker herself, recount their memories of a childhood spent hiding from the Nazis and reflect on those individuals and families who helped them survive. Rare archival film and photos and interviews document a tragic historical period.

LVYDVD 2640

The Legacy of Jedwabne

LogTV, 2005

Feature-length documentary that tells the story of a pogrom in 1941 in Jedwabne, Poland, and explores the implications of the past for present constructions and negotiations of personal, national, and religious identity.

LVYDVD 2370

Partisans of Vilna:

The Untold Story of Jewish Resistance During World War II

New Video Group, 2005

Skillfully blended songs, newsreels, and archival footage with interviews of over forty Holocaust survivors paint an eye-opening portrait of the courageous Jewish resistance which staged a sabotage offensive against the Nazis in the Polish city of Vilna.

LVYDVD 2340

Shoah

New Yorker Video, 2003

The Nazi extermination of Jews is examined through interviews of survivors, witnesses, and perpetrators and through footage of the sites of the death camps and environs as they appear today.

LVYDVD 2117

Warsaw Ghetto Uprising

Ergo Media, 1993

Beginning with the Nazi invasion of Poland, we are led step-by-step through the deportations, life in the ghetto, the formation of a resistance organization, and the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising. The film utilizes archival footage, photographs, and survivor testimony.

LVYDVD 2421

Films about Remembrance

Forgiving Dr. Mengele

First Run/Icarus Films, 2005

Forgiving Dr. Mengele tells the story of a shocking act of forgiveness by Auschwitz survivor Eva Mozes Kor and the firestorm of criticism it has provoked. Eva and her twin sister, Miriam, were victims of Nazi doctor Josef Mengele's cruel genetic experiments—an experience that would haunt them their entire lives. We follow Eva's metamorphosis from embittered survivor to tireless advocate for reconciliation.

LVYDVD 2337

The Holocaust Tourist

National Center for Jewish Film, 2006

The documentary asks vital questions about how the Holocaust tourism industry is changing history, from whistle-stop tours of Auschwitz to Krakow's kitsch Judaica.

LVYDVD 2647

Island of Rhodes: The Jews of Rhodes in Los Angeles

National Center for Jewish Film, 2006

The film explores how the transplanted Sephardic culture of the Jews of Rhodes has been both preserved and transformed in the United States. It includes interviews with first generation Jews who fled Rhodes during the Holocaust, as well as with second and third generation descendants.

LVYDVD 2634

A Jew among the Germans

PBS Video, 2005

Polish Holocaust survivor Marian Marzynski sets out on a personal quest to find out how Germans are going to design a memorial to the murder of six million Jews, to be unveiled on the 60th anniversary of the end of World War II. Over three years he meets artists, architects, and planners who struggle with questions of guilt, responsibility, and memory. He struggles with his own relationship to the German people and meets a "third generation" of Germans who declare their distance from their parents and grandparents.

LVYDVD 2342

Paul Eisenman: Building Germany's Holocaust Memorial

Insight Media, 2006

The documentary follows the creation of the Holocaust memorial in Berlin by architect Peter Eisenman, showing the reaction of the German public to the completed memorial.

LVYDVD 2377

Films about Rescuers

The Power of Good: Nicholas Winton

Gelman Educational Foundation, 2007

In the fall of 1938, Nicholas Winton took a pleasure trip to Prague. He saw that Czech children in the Sudetenland were stateless. He understood that these refugee children were in danger from Hitler. Although Winton was only 28 years old, he knew he had to take action. He devised a rescue operation to save these children. This inspiring documentary tells how an ordinary man took extraordinary action.

LVYDVD 2654

Sugihara: Conspiracy of Kindness

WGBH Boston Video, 2005

This documentary tells the story of Japanese diplomat Chiune Sugihara, consul to Lithuania during World War II. Sugihara defied Tokyo authorities and wrote transit visas that allowed hundreds of Jewish families to flee Europe through Russia to Japan and other countries. Includes home movies, photographs, film footage, and interviews with Holocaust survivors who owe their lives to Chiune Sugihara.

LVYDVD 1978

Secret Courage: The Walter Suskind Story

M&M Films, 2005

Walter Suskind, a German Jew living in Amsterdam, orchestrated the escape of close to 1,000 Dutch children who were marked for transport to the death camps. We hear the stories of five of the saved children in their own words.

LVYDVD 2304

Films about War Criminals

I Have Never Forgotten You:

The Life and Legacy of Simon Wiesenthal

Starz Home Entertainment, 2007

Holocaust survivor Simon Wiesenthal lost 89 family members and helped track down over 1,100 Nazi war criminals. He spent six decades fighting anti-Semitism and prejudice against all people. Watching the early efforts of the U.S. government to prosecute Nazi war criminals, he realized that without justice, there is no freedom, and decided to dedicate a few years to that quest. A few years turned into the rest of his life.

LVYDVD 2250

Nuremberg: Tyranny on Trial

New Video, 2005

The Nuremberg Trials revealed the full scope of Nazi Germany's atrocities and ended in the execution of many of the top Nazi leaders. This film follows the historic trials from accusations through executions.

LVYDVD 2319

Verdict on Auschwitz: The Frankfurt Auschwitz Trial, 1963–1965

First Run Features, 2007

The documentary covers the Frankfurt Auschwitz trial, originally held from 1963–1965.

LVYDVD 2324