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FOR TEENS - ADULTS



Bruce Almighty

V-5006

This DVD stars Jim Carrey as Bruce Nolan, a TV reporter who believes that life is unfairly stacked against him. In a life-altering encounter, the "Big Guy Upstairs" (Morgan Freeman as God) endows Bruce with divine powers and challenges him to see if he can do the job any better. Students can be challenged to analyze how Bruce uses his Godlike powers, from a Jewish perspective. COLOR; 1 HOUR, 40 MIN.; AGE: 13-ADULT; 2003.

The Chosen (Available in video format as V-0570)

V-5024

This movie starring Robbie Benson and Barry Miller portrays the friendship between two young men. Danny is a Hassidic Jew raised to accept faith blindly by his father, an ultra-orthodox rabbi. Reuven, on the other hand, has been raised by his father, a more secular scholar, to question everything. As the movie progresses, each boy begins to learn what the other's way of life has to offer. Based on the novel by Chaim Potok. COLOR; 1 HOUR, 45 MIN.; AGE: 10 TO ADULT. TEACHER'S GUIDE; 1982.

A Class Divided

V-5023

To evaluate how racial stereotypes affect young children, innovative teacher Jane Elliot created a daring classroom experiment - dividing blue-eyed and brown-eyed students and favoring the blue-eyed. The DVD examines the long-term effects of racism and suggests approaches to make a difference. COLOR; 1 HOUR; AGE: 12-ADULT. TEACHER'S GUIDE; 2003.

Danny Siegel's Mitzvah Heroes in Israel: Where Heaven and Earth Meet

V-5007

(Available in video format at V-1240)

In this DVD, Danny Siegel, founder and chairman of the Ziv Tzedakah Fund, introduces viewers to eight dedicated and inspirational individuals who are exemplars of *tikkun olam* (making the world a better place). COLOR; TWO HOURS (in 8 stand-alone segments); AGE: 9-ADULT; 2004.

Echoes that Remain (Available in video format as V-0426)

V-5016

Life in the pre WWII Eastern European shtetl is recreated through this documentary utilizing photos and moving pictures. It is narrated by Martin Landau. The text includes legends and quotes of life in the shtetl. COLOR & B&W; 1 HOUR; AGE: 14-ADULT. TEACHER'S GUIDE. 1991.

Egypt's Golden Empire

V-5029

Using remarkably well-preserved letters and personal accounts, this DVD brings to life the science, culture, politics, and personalities of the powerful ancient Egyptian world. COLOR; 2 HOURS, 40 MIN.; AGE: 12-ADULT. TEACHER'S GUIDE: www.pbs.org/empire/egypt, 2001.

Elusive Peace**V-5037**

This DVD follows the fraught history of the Arab-Israeli peace process from 1999 - 2005, and is divided into three sections: Part 1 - Clinton (1999 - 2000), Part 2 - Arafat (2001 - 2002) and Part 3 - Sharon (2003 - 2005). COLOR AND B&W; 2 HOURS, 30 MINUTES; AGE: 14-ADULT; 2005.

Escape from Sobibor (Available in video format as V-1030)**V-5020**

This dramatization, based upon actual events, stars Alan Arkin, Rutger Hauer and Joanna Pakula. It is a powerful DVD that details the story of the largest prisoner escape from a World War II Nazi death camp. COLOR; 2 HOURS; AGE: 14-ADULT. TEACHER'S GUIDE; 1995. **Caution: contains scenes of violence.**

Fence, The: A Documentary Film about Bringing Israelis and Palestinians Together by Keeping Them Apart**V-5010**

Shot primarily in Israel and at the U.N., this DVD examines the fence and hears the perspectives, both pro and con, of government officials and citizens. COLOR; 55 MIN.; AGE: 14-ADULT; 2004.

The Forgotten Refugees: A Film about the Mass Exodus of Jews from Arab Countries and Iran in the 20th Century**V-5063**

Weaving personal stories with dramatic archival footage of rescue missions, historic images of exodus and resettlement, and analyses of scholars, this film tells the story of the destruction of Jewish Middle Eastern communities, some of which had been in existence for more than 2500 years. COLOR; 50 MINUTES; AGE: 12-ADULT; 2005.

Genocide (Available in video format as V-0339)**V-5013**

Genocide, through the words of many witnesses and scholars, tells the definitive story of the Holocaust in a way the world cannot refute, forget, or ignore. This DVD documentary introduces the audience to a civilization that thrived in pre-war Europe. The late Orson Well's powerful narrative chronicles the surge of anti-Semitism from Biblical times through the rise of Nazism. Also features Elizabeth Taylor's dramatic readings of individual suffering and heroism in the ghettos and death camps. Winner of the 1981 Academy Award for best feature documentary. COLOR; 1 HOUR, 30 MIN.; AGE: 14-ADULT. TEACHER'S GUIDE; 2004.

Heritage, Civilization and the Jews (Available in video format as V-1136)**V-5003**

This DVD contains episodes one and two of a nine-part series. Originally broadcast on WNET, Episode 1, A People is Born, covers the time period 3500 B.C.E. to sixth century B.C.E. A new people is born - with its patriarchs, prophets and kings - amid the ancient civilizations of Egypt and Mesopotamia. Episode 2, The Power of the Word, covers sixth century B.C.E. to second century C.E. In this sweeping episode, we see the consolidation of the Jewish people and their law and the creative interaction with the ancient Greeks and Romans. COLOR; 1 HOUR PER EPISODE; AGE: 14 - ADULT. TEACHER'S GUIDE; 1984-1988.

In Search of Peace - Part I: 1949 - 1967 (Available in video format as V-1164)**V-5012**

A very moving DVD about the first two decades of Israel's history (1948-1967). Narrated by Michael Douglas and other Hollywood stars. Touches on such problems as Arab-Israeli and Ashkenazic-Sephardic relations, as well as achievements. Written by Sir Martin Gilbert. COLOR; 1 HOUR, 45 MIN.; AGE: 14-ADULT; 2001.

Israel: A Dynamic Visit to the Past and Present (Replaces V-1191)

V-5064

This DVD presents an exciting view of Israel - from the Galilee in the North to the Negev in the South, from modern with ancient ruins in the West to the Jordan Valley, the Dead Sea and Jerusalem in the East. In five languages, with a separate section entitled "Israel Sings," with Hebrew and transliterated lyrics. COLOR; 1 HOUR, 30 MINUTES; AGE: 9-ADULT; 2006.

Journey to Golda's Balcony

V-5004

This is a rare behind-the-scenes look at the preparation of an actor playing the role of her life and a prime minister facing the crisis of her life. It has never-before-seen interviews with former heads of state, commanders in the field during the Yom Kippur War, and the last interview with Ambassador Simcha Dinitz. It also contains the only footage from the original play. COLOR 2 HOURS; AGE: 12-ADULT; 2004.

Judgment at Nuremberg (Available in video format as V-0895)

V-5031

Hollywood's first attempt to confront issues of innocence, guilt and culpability in the Holocaust, this Oscar winning DVD presents the trial of a group of German judges charged with "crimes committed in the name of the law and stars Spencer Tracy, Burt Lancaster, Judy Garland and Maximilian Schell. COLOR; 3 HOURS, 10 MIN.; AGE: 14-ADULT; 1961.

Left Behind: The Forgotten Jews of Ethiopia

V-5005

A short DVD showing the plight of the Ethiopian Jews still left and the efforts of the North American Conference on Ethiopian Jewry's efforts to help them. COLOR; 12 MIN.; AGE: 12-ADULT; 2004.

Liberation (Available in video format as V-0677)

V-5014

A documentary which includes the two themes of: the allied campaign to Liberate Europe and Hitler's genocide against the Jews. Includes rare documentary footage and news broadcasts. The DVD reaches its climax with the 1945 Liberation of Paris, the Benelux countries and the death camps. **CAUTION: Contains some graphic footage.** COLOR AND B&W; 1 HOUR, 40 MIN.; 14-ADULT; 1994.

The Long Way Home (Available in video format as V-0965)

V-5015

Using rare and powerful archival footage, original broadcasts, and personal testimonies from Holocaust survivors, this moving DVD presents both the broad historical events and personal stories from the years 1945 - 1948. 1997 Academy Award winner for best documentary feature. COLOR AND BLACK & WHITE; 2 HOURS; AGE: 12-ADULT; 1998.

MASA - Israel Journey

V-5044

This DVD presents publicity for MASA: the Project for Long Term Programs in Israel and showcases a wide variety of programs for high school graduates (aged 18-30) for a semester or year in Israel. COLOR; 20 MINUTES; AGE: ADULT; 2004.

One Survivor Remembers (Available in video format as V-0770)

V-5033

Through a series of interviews, photographs, and footage shot on location, Gerda Weissman Klein guides viewers through her story of surviving the Holocaust. Winner of the Academy Award for best short documentary. COLOR AND BLACK & WHITE; 40 MIN; AGE: 14 - ADULT. TEACHING KIT FOR GRADES 8-12; 1996.

Paper Clips

V-5059

Students in the Whitwell Middle School in Tennessee, a town with no Jews, began collecting paper clips to help them visualize the vast numbers of victims murdered by the Nazis, but ended up learning much more about how prejudice can escalate and how individual lives were changed forever by the Holocaust. They learned how the dedication and leadership of their teacher and principal and the work of a community can make the world a better place. The contents of this DVD include four curriculum lessons (three for junior and senior high school, one for high school); one study guide; one quiz; student hour-out materials; and an educator's guide. COLOR; 1 HOUR, 30 MINUTES; AGE: 12 - ADULT. TEACHER'S GUIDE - EDUCATIONAL VERSION; 2006.

Pay It Forward

V-5032

Based upon the novel, this DVD examines the concept of "paying forward" a favor by doing a favor for three others, who, in turn, do a favor for three others, and on. Stars Haley Joel Osment, Kevin Spacey, and Helen Hunt. Can be used to teach the rabbinic concept of "*mitzvah goreret mitzvah*" - the performance of one mitzvah leads to the performance of another. COLOR; 2 HOURS; AGE: 12-ADULT; 2000. See also www.payitforward.com.

Photographer

V-5025

Nazi-bureaucrat Walter Genevieve cold-bloodedly photographed, using pioneering color film, the devastation wrought upon more than 300,000 Jews in the Lodz Ghetto. This DVD juxtaposes these pictures with narration by a survivor of Nazi atrocities, documenting the guilt of ordinary men in the Final Solution. **CAUTION: Contains graphic images.** COLOR AND B&W; 1 HOUR, 15 MIN.; AGE: 12-ADULT; 1998.

Pillar of Fire - Parts 1 - 7 (Available in video format as V-0064 - 0070)

V-5021 - V-5023

A television history of Israel's rebirth (1896-1948) that relates the drama of the Jewish people's return to Zion. These three DVD's cover parts one - seven of the video series and feature documentary footage and newsreels covering that period in Jewish history. **CAUTION: Contains graphic footage. Use discretion when viewing.** COLOR and B&W; 1 HOUR; AGE: 12-ADULT; 1981.

Protocols of Zion

V-5058

Despite all the evidence, millions around the world blame the Jews for 9/11 - a modern incarnation of the infamous "Protocols of the Elders of Zion" - a forgery written in 1896 - that claimed that Jews plan to rule the world. Filmmaker Marc Levin set out on an explosive journey to understand and challenge one of the most persistent, insidious conspiracy theories of all time. This version includes a "Protocols" timeline, an interview with the filmmaker, and interviews. COLOR; 1 HOUR, 35 MINUTES; AGE: 14-ADULT; 2006.

Quarrel, The (Available in video format as V-0827)

V-5034

A reunion of two friends from the same town who are survivors meet after the War and debate the validity of religious faith in the aftermath of the Holocaust. Based on a story by Chaim Grade. COLOR; 1 HOUR, 30 min.; AGE: 14-ADULT; 1992.

Sallah Shabati* (Available in video format as V-0298)

V-5027

Sallah is a new immigrant to Israel who arrives with his large family from the Orient with great expectations. Instead, he lands in a ramshackle transit camp that arouses his disgust. He decides to take on the bureaucracy in his own inimitable fashion, with hilarious results. Topol plays the lovable, humble and wily hero. B&W; 1 HOUR, 45 MIN.; AGE: 14-ADULT; 1964. IN HEBREW WITH ENGLISH SUBTITLES. *Israeli DVD - can only be viewed on a computer, a multi-region DVD player, or via a LCD projector. Can NOT be viewed on a standard DVD player.

Six Short Films that Will Change the Way You See the Jewish Experience during the Holocaust

V-5008

Narrated by Larry King and Ed Asner, this DVD presents the story of Jewish partisans during the Holocaust, using interviews, actual film footage, news reports and narration. Viewers will learn how these "guerilla fighters" lived, survived, and fought in every condition imaginable. COLOR AND BLACK AND WHITE; ONE HOUR, 20 MINUTES; AGE: 14-ADULT; 2004.

They Looked Away

V-5026

This is the first documentary to examine the Allied inaction vis-à-vis the death camps during the Holocaust. It showcases never-before-seen aerial imagery, intelligence reports, interviews, evidence and opinion. Narrated by Mike Wallace. COLOR AND BLACK&WHITE; 55 MIN.; AGE: 12-ADULT; 2003.

The Tribe: Barbie's 5000 Year History

V-5062

Using the history of the Barbie doll, this fast-paced, short film combines archival footage, graphics, animation, Barbie dioramas, and slam poetry to bring viewers on a ride through Jewish history and culture. Its aim is to trigger discussion about what it means to be a member of any "tribe." COLOR; 20 MINUTES; AGE: 12-ADULT. TEACHER'S GUIDE ("An Unorthodox, Unauthorized Discussion Program"); 2006.

Unlikely Heroes

V-5011

This DVD documents unknown stories of Jewish resistance during WWII, including a rabbi's son who disguised himself as a major in the SS to save Jews; a young woman involved in the plot to blow up the Crematorium at Birkenau; and a Jew who defied Eichmann, devising an extraordinary scheme for 40,000 Jews to get to Palestine. Narrated by Sir Ben Kingsley. COLOR; 2 HOURS; AGE: 14-ADULT; 2005.

The Ushpizin

V-5028

Set in the customarily closed world of ultra-Orthodox Jews, *Ushpizin* tells the story of Moshe and Mali, a newly Orthodox childless couple, who find themselves penniless on the eve of Sukkot. Unexpected visitors result in a chain of events that challenges the couple's faith and position in the community. *Ushpizin*, the first feature filmed in Israel's ultra-Orthodox community is a semi-autobiographical story written by and starring Shuli and BatSheva Rand. COLOR; ONE HOUR, 30 MINUTES; AGE: 12-ADULT; 2004. IN HEBREW, WITH ENGLISH SUBTITLES. *Israeli DVD - can only be viewed on a computer, a multi-region DVD player (*available from SERC*), or via a LCD projector. Can NOT be viewed on a standard DVD player.

What Do You Believe?

V-5022

In this award-winning DVD, teens of many different religions candidly discuss many different topics, deflating misperceptions and stereotypes and making a strong case for a more tolerant America. COLOR; 50 MIN.; AGE: 12-ADULT. 28 PAGE TEACHER'S GUIDE AND PARENT'S GUIDE; 2004.

Witnessing Darfur

V-5047

This DVD features two short films, *Darfur Eyewitness* and *Staring Genocide in the Face* and is designed to increase awareness about the genocide taking place in Sudan. COLOR; 25 MINUTES; AGE: 14-ADULT. TEACHER'S GUIDE AND WEBSITE - <http://www.ushmm.org/darfur-resources>; 2005.



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