

THE WILLY LINDWER COLLECTION

BIOGRAPHY



International Emmy Award-winning documentary filmmaker and producer Willy Lindwer was born in Amsterdam, The Netherlands in 1946. His parents fled anti-Semitic Poland and Ukraine in the 1930's and settled in Amsterdam. Driven by a passion for oral history and his interest in exploring human hardships, he has travelled extensively around the globe, producing highly acclaimed documentary series about Europe, Africa and the Middle East.

CURRENT AFFAIRS



Willy has interviewed world-famous personalities including Henry Kissinger, Shimon Peres, Yasser Arafat, Simon Wiesenthal, President George H.W. Bush, Ehud Barak, Teddy Kollek, Jan Karski, Gerhard Riegner and Marek Edelman. In 1988 he won the International Emmy Award for his film *The Last Seven Months of Anne Frank*. Espresso TV is proud to present Willy Lindwer's thought provoking collection of films, available for screening worldwide.

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Simon Wiesenthal: Freedom is Not a Gift from Heaven 1 x 60'

Simon Wiesenthal, the world's most famous Nazi hunter, tells his life story for the first time, from his youth in the Ukraine, to his World War II experiences in various concentration camps and the significance of his work in the light of today's growing neo-Nazi movement in Europe.

HOLOCAUST



Teddy Kollek: From Vienna to Jerusalem 1 x 60'

The first documentary about the life and achievements of Teddy Kollek, mayor of Jerusalem for 28 years. Kollek tells his fascinating life story; from his youth in Vienna to his active involvement in the creation and development of the State of Israel, especially the establishment of close ties with the US.

Yitzhak Rabin: Warrior & Peacemaker 1 x 58'/90'/105

A documentary about the Israeli prime minister who was assassinated in 1995. His widow, Leah Rabin, tells of war and peace, duty and family, the life of Yitzhak Rabin and the story of Israel. The film is an intimate portrait of an impressive leader, profiled by the people who knew him best, those who loved him and those who fought him, and features unique archive material.

RELIGION



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Empty Rooms 1 x 52'

This film is based on one of the most horrifying episodes in Israeli history. On the 1st June 2001, a suicide bomber walked into the crowd waiting to enter Dolphinarium Disco on Tel Aviv's sea promenade and blew himself up. The film contains interviews with the survivors and the victims parents, plus footage from the night of the disaster.

HOLOCAUST

Anna's Silent Struggle 1 x 56' HD

Handicapped Jews had little chance of surviving the Nazi horrors so the survival of Anna van Dam, a 17-year old deaf Dutch-Belgian girl in Auschwitz is a unique story. This is the first film documenting the dramatic story of this long forgotten group.

RELIGION



Children of the War 1 x 50'

This film tells the stories of children during the Holocaust and their traumatic post-war experiences. There were some who went into hiding and some who were survivors of concentration camps. This is a gripping account of eight orphaned child survivors.

TECHNOLOGY



Child in Two Worlds 1 x 60'

A documentary about Jewish war orphans who were raised by Christian families. The film includes the gripping story of Halinka, a baby born in the Warsaw Ghetto whose parents threw her over the wall where she was caught by a Polish policeman, and other remarkable stories of hidden children.

The Fatal Dilemma 1 x 60'

The dramatic story of Mr Abraham Ascher and Professor David Cohen, the leaders of the Jewish community of Amsterdam. They became the heads of the Jewish council in 1941, and also an instrument in the hands of the Nazis and their murderous policy of deporting the Dutch Jews.

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Goodbye Holland: The Destruction of Dutch Jewry 1 x 90'

A shocking documentary, uncovering the painful truth about Dutch indifference to, and collaboration with, the Nazis in WWII. This investigation into the past explains why Anne Frank and 100,000 other Dutch Jews were deported to the death camps.

The Last Seven Months of Anne Frank 1 x 50'/75'

(Emmy Award winner)

Anne Frank's surviving friends tell the horrifying story that begins where her famous diary leaves off; for the first time the concentration camp experiences of Anne and her family are recounted. Among the eyewitnesses is Anne Frank's closest friend, Hannah Goslar, identified as 'Lies Goosens' in Anne's diary.

The Lonely Struggle: Marek Edelman, Warsaw Ghetto 1 x 60'

In this documentary Dr. Marek Edelman, the sole surviving member of the Jewish High Command, looks back on the Warsaw Ghetto revolt, a unique event in Jewish history. In 1943 the remaining 50,000 Jews in the Warsaw ghetto realized that there was no hope that any of them would survive the Holocaust and for the first time the Jews took up arms against the Nazis.

Married with a Star: A Jewish Wedding in Amsterdam in 1942 1 x 33'

Eleven minutes of rare film footage of a Jewish wedding that took place in Nazi-occupied Amsterdam in 1942 was entrusted to Willy Lindwer. This documentary tells the touching story of the ill-fated couple and many of the wedding guests, only a handful of whom survived the war.

Messengers Without an Audience 1 x 52'

A number of people were aware of the Holocaust at an early stage and did all they could to inform and warn others, sometimes risking their own lives. These brave people and their efforts to make the world intervene are the focus of this documentary. Unfortunately they were often messengers without an audience.

Stuart Eizenstat: The Nazi Gold Reports 1 x 25'

Stuart Eizenstat, Undersecretary of State of the United States during the Clinton administration, initiated an investigation into the role of the neutral countries during WWII. His first report was published in May 1997 and accused Switzerland of having assisted in prolonging the war by serving as a banker for the Nazi regime.

The Wannsee Conference: 11 Million Sentenced to Death 1 x 50'

Eleven million European Jews were sentenced to death on January 20 1942, at a lavish villa in Berlin. Fifteen high-ranking Nazi officers were invited there by Reinhardt Heydrich to discuss the Final Solution. This film reveals rare archive film and interviews with many famous Holocaust historians to describe the events that took place at this infamous meeting.



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Westerbork: Camp of Hope & Despair 1 x 70'

Willy Lindwer documents the tragic history of Westerbork in Eastern Holland, the last stop for more than 100,000 Dutch Jews who were deported to Nazi concentration camps. Many of the survivors tell their story for the first time.

RELIGION

D'vekut: Hasidism & Jewish Mysticism 1 x 62'

A documentary that tells the fascinating story of Hasidism and Jewish mysticism. Through very special personal contacts the filmmaker has succeeded, for the first time ever, in filming Israel's Hasidic communities, which are among the fastest growing mystical societies in the world.

Jerusalem: Between Heaven & Earth 3 x 52'

3,000 years of Jerusalem's history, told by families who are deeply rooted in the city. These Jewish, Christian and Muslim families share their knowledge and express their own special feelings for the city of peace that remains a city of conflict.

Miracle of Faith: 2,000 Years of Christianity in the Holy Land 3 x 52'

Freshly into the third millennium, our attention focuses on the roots of the world's largest monotheistic religion - Christianity, and its Mediterranean roots. Through the eyes of a wide-ranging mix of Christians who live in modern Israel, Miracle of Faith chronicles the unique story that made Christianity one of the world's most widely spread religions.

The Return: 100 Years Zionism, 50 Years Israel 3 x 52'

A gripping three-part series on the Jewish people's return to their ancestral homeland and the establishment of the Jewish state. Since the UN-recognition of Israel in 1947 millions of Jews have immigrated, creating a new Jewish society.

Return to My Shtetl Delatyn 1 x 60'

Willy Lindwer travels to Galicia (now Poland & Ukraine) to retrace the route his father had taken six decades earlier, escaping from the Nazis. He discovers how the area and its inhabitants have changed.

The Temple Mount is Mine 2 x 52'

Holy to Judaism, Christianity and Islam, the Temple Mount in Jerusalem is the world's bloodiest and most fought-over site. This two-part documentary contains the first film material shot on and beneath the Temple Mount since the beginning of the Intifada in 2000.

TECHNOLOGY

Africa Goes Digital 1 x 52'

Information and Communication Technology is revolutionising our society as the world becomes a global village. However one continent is in danger of being left out of this digital revolution: Africa. We travel to Rwanda, Uganda, Ethiopia and Ghana to examine attempts to bridge the internal and international digital divide.

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