Supporting Israel during this difficult time

You are cordially invited to an OpenDor Media New Israeli film screening

Exodus 91: The Untold Story of Operation Solomon Film Introduction: With Special Guest Speaker, Gideon Naim

Executive Film Producer and son of Israeli Ambassador Asher Naim



"Exodus 91" tells the remarkable and complex story of the Israeli airlift, in 1991, of 14,000 Ethiopian Jews in to Israel, over 2 days, at a time of dangerous Civil War in Ethiopia.

This gripping documentary has received widespread acclaim and has been screened at over 20 prestigious film festivals worldwide. The film's powerful narrative will captivate the audience, leaving them inspired and moved by the incredible events portrayed on screen.

Sunday, December 10, 2023 at 1:30pm

Limited seating so please reserve early. Please arrive at 1:00 pm. No cost to attend event in-person or via streaming.

For security reasons, in-person attendees, please RSVP contact information to Les Agisim at tcmadv@aol.com by Friday, December 8 at 4:00 pm. Call 212-634-6447 x2156 with questions.

At Temple Emanu-El One East 65th Street, 5th Avenue, New York City

Movie Streaming, just for our group participants, will start on the day after this live "Exodus 91" Program, for 1 week (December 11 – 17, 2023) <u>https://vimeo.com/786286662</u> — Password: E91Preview

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"Having attended multiple screenings, I have witnessed firsthand the impact this film has had on audiences. It has the ability to entertain, educate, and provoke meaningful discussions about important topics such as immigration, human rights, successful Jewish Black People and compassion." - Victor Goldsmith

"It's a powerful statement about the film and I think it also shows Israel and the Jewish peoples views on unity with one another and for others in general- something that needs to be highlighted in the current climate."

- David Coleman, OpenDor Media



The clear hero was the *Israeli Ambassador to Ethiopia, Asher Naim*, who, faced with many obstacles, found his humanity. With his excellent diplomatic skills, he became the driving force for this success. *Of course, the most important heroes were the 14,000 Ethiopian Jews*, who left their villages and towns (in dangerous wartime), where they had resided for 3,000 years, and risked this journey by plane to their perceived home, Israel.

Asher, subsequently wrote a book about this - "Saving The Lost Tribe: The Rescue and Redemption of the Ethiopian Jews," upon which the movie is based. He has passed, but his son, Gideon Naim will attend and verify what indeed happened. The book, complete with photos, reads like a great mystery novel! The movie is comparable to the best of TV movies.

"*Mazi Melesa Pilip*, a *Nassau County Legislator*, will join us. At the age of ten, Mazi flew on this emergency "*Operation Soloman*" airlift with her family. Subsequently, Mazi served in the Israeli army paratroopers, and went on to get BA and MS college degrees in Israel. Then moved to Great Neck. An extraordinary success story." Most of all, we see this as a way to help Israel at this terrible time"

I have interacted, for years, with **OpenDor Media**, and enjoyed going to their film studios in the Old City of Jerusalem. I showed one of their movies here at Temple Emanuel Synagogue - About the treatment of Israeli Soldiers injured in the earlier Gaza wars. Most significantly, I presented to a zoom audience, of about 150 people) about 2 years ago, their Begin movie. ("Upheaval"), which we showed with **FJMC** (Federation of Jewish Men Clubs of North America) in May 2022.

"I was living in Israel, when the first Ethiopian airlift took place ("Operation Moses"), a much smaller airlift. I remember taking my Dad to the building where they were undergoing integration and absorption to Israeli society in Tivon. It was very emotional, as the Ethiopian Jews all huddled around us and hugged, and laughed. I returned to the Ethiopian Absorption Center in Jerusalem in June 2023, and it is clear that the Ethiopian Jews are a great Israel success story. They have their own Ethiopian Rabbis, and all serve in the Israeli Army, and many have arisen to officers. Now, in 2023, they are defending their country of Israel, and all of the global Jewish communities with their lives!!"

Looking forward to seeing you at the presentation, or on zoom. Zoom link to follow!

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