

For Immediate Release

“The Story of Lina Amato”

A documentary film about the true story of a Holocaust Survivor.

Free public screenings of the film in commemoration of the Rhodes Island Deportation of Jews by the Nazis during World War II.

Johannesburg, South Africa – 25 June 2018.

During July 2018, the #GETPeaceProject documentary film entitled *The Story of Lina Amato*, by South African filmmaker, Johnathan Andrews will be screened in four cities in South Africa. The film screenings are done in commemoration of the deportation of Jews by the Nazis from Rhodes Island (Greece) during July 1944 - WWII.

The film screening events will take place at the *Holocaust and Genocide Centres* in Cape Town, Johannesburg and Durban, while a Pretoria screening will take place at *Jaffa*.

To attend any of the film screenings is free, however it is essential to RSVP as limited space is available.

About the Film:

The film was made in association with The Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and The Turkish Embassy in Pretoria, in honour of Selahattin Ülkümen and all the other Turkish Diplomats who saved lives during World War II.

The Story of Lina Amato explores the rare account of how the interventions of Selahattin Ülkümen (Turkish Consul-General on Rhodes Island, Greece), and the actions of two Italian school teachers (Bianca and Girolamo Sotgiu), saved 42 Jews from deportation by the Nazis to Auschwitz during July 1944 - World War II.

The film is an honest and unforgettable fragment of history, beautifully presented and told from Lina’s heart as she speaks about her time spent on Rhodes Island as a child and how she and her family was saved through the efforts of Selahattin Ülkümen and the Sotgiu. Yad Vashem ultimately recognised Ülkümen as Righteous Among The Nations in 1989 and the Sotgiu in 2015.

The film, with additional scenes and content, will be made available for purchase on DVD at the screening events.

Watch the movie trailer - <https://unitedworldnation.org/the-story-of-lina-kantor-amato/>

YouTube - https://youtu.be/YiUsJhVuF_0

Screening Dates and Cities:

Cape Town ... 12 July – Cape Town Holocaust & Genocide Centre

<http://holocaust.org.za/cape-town/TheStoryofLinaAmato.htm>

Durban ... 17 July – Durban Holocaust & Genocide Centre

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Johannesburg ... 24 July – Johannesburg Holocaust & Genocide Centre

<http://jhbholocaust.co.za/event/film-screening-lina-amato/>

Pretoria ... 26 July – Jaffa

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Featured in the film:

Lina Kantor (Amato) - Holocaust Survivor.

Richard Freedman - Director of the South African Holocaust & Genocide Foundation.

Elif Comoglu Ulgen – Turkish Ambassador in South Africa (2017).

About the #GETPeaceProject:

GET is the acronym for a project to **Get Earth Together**.

Making films that make a difference, promote peace and tolerance, and inspire positive change. The #GETPeaceProject is powered by Johannesburg based filmmaker, Johnathan Andrews for his initiative entitled *United World Nation*.

For more information visit the website <http://getpeaceproject.com>

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