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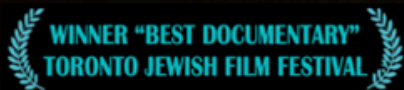
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FOUR WINTERS

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A STORY OF JEWISH PARTISAN RESISTANCE AND BRAVERY IN WWII



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Tablet

"A MUST-SEE HOLOCAUST MOVIE (NO, REALLY) ... FOUR WINTERS is a documentary with suspense, humor, and zero sentimentality" – Marjorie Ingall, TABLET MAGAZINE



"...from empathy to awe... poignant, deeply reflective and sometimes shockingly funny..." – Carrie Baker, MS MAGAZINE

"EASILY ONE OF THE BEST FILMS OF THE YEAR"
– Jeffrey Lyons, Film Critic WCBS/LYONS DEN RADIO

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SHORT SYNOPSIS

“All I owned was my camera, leopard coat, rifle and a grenade in case I’m captured...the pillow was the rifle, the walls were the trees and the sky was the roof,” says Faye Schulman, one of over 25,000 Jewish partisans, who fought back against the Nazis and their collaborators from deep within the forests of WWII’s Eastern Europe, Ukraine and Belarus. Against extraordinary odds, they escaped Nazi slaughter, transforming from young innocents raised in closely knit families to courageous resistance fighters. Shattering the myth of Jewish passivity, the last surviving partisans tell their stories of resistance in **FOUR WINTERS**, revealing a stunning narrative of heroism and resilience.

LONG SYNOPSIS

Torn from their families by the ravages of Hitler’s armies, men and women, many barely in their teens, escaped into the forests, banding together in partisan brigades; engaging in treacherous acts of sabotage, blowing up trains, burning electric stations, and attacking armed enemy headquarters. Against extraordinary odds, over 25,000 Jewish partisans courageously fought back against the Nazis and their collaborators from deep within the forests of WWII’s Belarus, Ukraine and Eastern Europe.

The last surviving partisans relive their journey in **FOUR WINTERS**, sharing their stories of resistance. Director Julia Mintz shines a spotlight on their transformation from young innocents raised in closely knit Jewish communities and families, to becoming fierce partisan soldiers with enduring hope, grit, magnificent courage and deep humanity.

Featuring the photography of Faye Schulman, partisan photographer clad in her signature leopard coat, and through a fusion of inspiring and powerful first-person interviews with stunning archival footage, **FOUR WINTERS** uncovers secrets held for lifetimes, revealing a heartfelt narrative of heroism, determination and resilience.

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SELECT AWARDS & ACCOLADES

Festival Premiere at **Lincoln Center**, New York Jewish Film Festival
<https://www.filmlinc.org>

Winner Human Rights Award at Hamptons Doc Fest
<https://www.hamptonsdocfest.com/2022-films/four-winters>

Winner Best Documentary, David A. Stein Award at **Toronto Jewish Film Festival**
<https://tjff.com/filmmaker-awards/> **Centerpiece Selection:** <https://tjff.com/festival-highlights/>

Featured as the **Centerpiece Documentary** at **Washington DC JxJ**
<https://www.washingtonian.com/60-international-films>

Winner Audience Award at Palm Beach Jewish Film Festival
<https://www.palmbeachpost.com/record-setter-for-ticket-sales>

Winner Audience Award at Seattle Jewish Film Festival
<https://www.sjcc.org>

Winner Audience Award at Australia Jewish Film Festival
<https://www.jiff.com.au/films/four-winters#>

World Theatrical Premiere opening at **Film Forum, NYC** – September 16th, 2022
<https://filmforum.org/>

Awarded **Stephen Spielberg's Jewish Story Partners Grant 2022**
<https://realscreen.com/exclusive-jewish-story-partners>

Awarded **PartnerGlobal's Capturing Resilience Award 2023**
<https://www.partnersglobal.org/arts4resilience-2023/>

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JULIA MINTZ DIRECTOR, PRODUCER & WRITER

"I set out to make this film in search of an answer to my long-lasting childhood question: 'Why didn't the Jews fight back?' What I discovered, through the survivors' searing memories, were riveting stories of courageous and inspiring resistance – a chapter in our collective history about the Jewish Partisans that needed to be told."

– Julia Mintz, Director, Writer & Producer
FOUR WINTERS documentary



Mintz's work focuses on narratives of bravery and resistance against unimaginable odds. She has been on the producing teams for films which have been shortlisted for the Academy Awards, have premiered at Cannes, Sundance and TriBeCa, and won Emmy, Peabody and festival awards. Her films can be seen on HBO, PBS, American Masters, NETFLIX, Amazon, and are shown on college campuses across the country. She has taught seminars and workshops worldwide, and has held an adjunct faculty position at LIU in NYC. Mintz has been a featured keynote and guest speaker for engagements in

both the public and private sectors. Julia Mintz is an award-winning artist and an accomplished multi-grant recipient for her work in visual arts and documentary film.



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NEW YORK TIMES – [FOUR WINTERS](#)

[Review: The Jewish Resistance](#)

ABC NEWS – [FOUR WINTERS](#) shares the stories of the Jewish resistance during WWII

FOX NEWS: GOOD DAY NEW YORK – [Theatrical premiere of FOUR WINTERS](#) featured on FOX News

NEW YORK AMSTERDAM NEWS – [FOUR WINTERS](#) – check out this tweet from Michael Imperoli

THE JERUSALEM POST – [‘FOUR WINTERS’](#) recounts the hell and fury of partisans who fought the Nazis

TABLET MAGAZINE – [A Must-See Holocaust Movie \(No, Really\)](#)

MS. MAGAZINE – [‘FOUR WINTERS’](#) reveals Jewish women’s armed resistance to Nazis during WWII

HEY ALMA – [A New Documentary Redefines Jewish Resistance](#)

FORWARD – [Over 25,000 Jewish partisans fought back against the Nazis, a new film tells.](#)

NEW YORK TIMES – [Culture Preview Fall 2022](#)

WOMEN & HOLLYWOOD – [September 2022 Film Preview](#)



“No person should succumb to brutality without putting up resistance – individually it can save one’s life, en masse it can change the course of history.”

– Shalom Yoran, Jewish Partisan

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