



**HISTORY'S CANADIAN-ORIGINAL DOCUMENTARY SPECIAL,
CHEATING HITLER: SURVIVING THE HOLOCAUST, FEATURES
DRAMATIC REUNIONS AND POWERFUL STORIES TOLD BY
THREE HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS**

**The Two-Hour Investigative Documentary Premieres Monday, November 11
at 9 p.m. ET/PT**



From top to bottom: Featured Holocaust Survivors Helen Yermus, Maxwell Smart, and Rose Lipszyc
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TORONTO, October 17, 2019 – In commemoration of those affected by the Holocaust, **HISTORY®**'s Canadian-original documentary special ***Cheating Hitler: Surviving the Holocaust*** premiering on **Monday, November 11** at **9 p.m. ET/PT**, takes viewers into the emotional childhood experiences of Holocaust survivors **Helen Yermus, Maxwell Smart, and Rose Lipszyc** as they share their stories of terror, bravery and resilience. The two-hour investigative documentary uncovers answers to deeply personal questions that have haunted the featured survivors throughout their entire lives.

Helen, Maxwell, and Rose were just seven, nine, and 10-years-old when the Second World War began. They endured the terror of forced labour, killing squads, and concentration camps, robbing them of their childhood. After being torn from their families and surviving the war, they discovered that their childhood was not the only thing that was lost. Their homes and possessions had also been taken.

Now, 75 years after the war has ended these three survivors and their loved ones head back to Europe, looking for answers to deeply personal questions that they have carried with them throughout their entire lives. The documentary starts with Maxwell Smart, a 13-year-old boy who saved a baby after a Nazi massacre in a Ukrainian forest in 1943. After the war had ended and with his own family gone, Maxwell eventually came to Canada. However, he always wondered what happened to the baby. Then in 2019, a Canadian team finds her in Israel. This incredible detective story and the amazing reunion between the two is one of several deeply moving encounters at the heart of this new film.

Throughout the documentary, the three survivors and family members travel to Poland, Ukraine, and Lithuania exploring some of the hidden and rarely visited sites where the Holocaust occurred. Historians, genealogists, and forensic experts help them uncover completely unexpected life-changing information thought to be lost to history.

In advance of the premiere, featured survivors **Helen Yermus, Maxwell Smart, and Rose Lipszyc** are available for interviews. Canadian Screen Award-winning director **Rebecca Snow** (*Real Vikings: Viking Women*) is also available for interviews.

Cheating Hitler: Surviving the Holocaust is a Canadian production by Saloon Media, directed by Rebecca Snow, produced by Steve Gamester and in association with Corus Entertainment.

Additional Remembrance Day programming includes:

Black Watch Sniper airs at **5:30 p.m. ET/PT**

No Stone Left Alone airs at **7:00 p.m. ET/PT**

D-Day in 14 Stories airs at **7:30 p.m. ET/PT**

For a full schedule of HISTORY's Remembrance Day programming, please visit history.ca

Cheating Hitler: Surviving the Holocaust will also air on **Saturday, November 16** at **9 p.m. ET/PT** on **Global**.

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