

## Canadian Premiere Screening of Film

*Obsession: Radical Islam's War Against The West*

The Asper Foundation Lecture Series and Aish Winnipeg in association with the Winnipeg Zionist Initiative proudly present the Canadian premiere of the award-winning film "Obsession: Radical Islam's War Against The West" on May 29, 7:30 p.m. at the IMAX Theatre, Portage Place. From the same makers of the groundbreaking film "Relentless: The Struggle for Peace in Israel", "Obsession" is a film that challenges the way people look at the world. Following the screening, Nonie Darwish, founder of Arabs for Israel and a featured speaker in the film, will address the audience and take questions.

Almost 70 years ago, Europe found itself at war with one of the most sinister figures in modern history: Adolf Hitler. At the end of

World War II, over 50 million people were dead, and countless countries were both physically and economically devastated. Hitler's bloody struggle sought to forge the world anew, in the crucible of Nazi values. How could the West have overlooked the evil staring it in the face, for so long, before standing forcefully against it?

Today, we find ourselves confronted by a new enemy, also engaged in a violent struggle to transform our world. A new menace is threatening, with all the means at its disposal, to bow Western civilization under the yoke of its values. That enemy is radical Islam.

"Obsession" reveals an "insider's view" of the hatred the radicals are teaching, their incitement of global jihad, and their goal of world

domination. With the help of experts, including first-hand accounts from a former PLO terrorist and a Nazi youth commander, the film clearly shows that the threat is real. A peaceful religion is being hijacked by a dangerous foe, who seeks to destroy the shared values we stand for. Other respected experts appearing in the film are Sir Martin Gilbert, Dr. Khaleel Mohammed, Professor Alan Dershowitz, John Loftus, Steven Emerson, Dr. Daniel Pipes and Khaled Abu Toameh.

Darwish is a powerful voice in support of Israel and women's rights in the Arab world. She has been featured on FOX News and CNN, among others. Her remarkable story makes her voice that much more powerful. Her father was appointed by Gen. Gamal Abdel Nasser as the

head of Egypt's military intelligence. In that capacity, he founded the Fedayeen terrorist operations against Israel. He was killed by the Israel Defence Forces in the first Israeli targeted assassination to prevent terrorism, making him a national hero in Egypt.

"Obsession" is now being screened world-wide and has received rave, critical reviews. Michael Medved, nationally syndicated radio host and film critic said, "Obsession is one of the most powerful, expertly crafted and undeniably important films I've seen this year. This courageous, utterly gripping expose deserves the attention of every American - and merits serious consideration for the Academy Award for Best Feature Length Documentary."

"Obsession" was awarded Best Feature Film at the 2005 Liberty Film Festival, Special Jury Award at the 2006 Houston International Film and Video Festival and was an Official Selection at the 2006 Newport Beach Film Festival.

To purchase tickets to this event and/or to get more information, please see the ad at left.

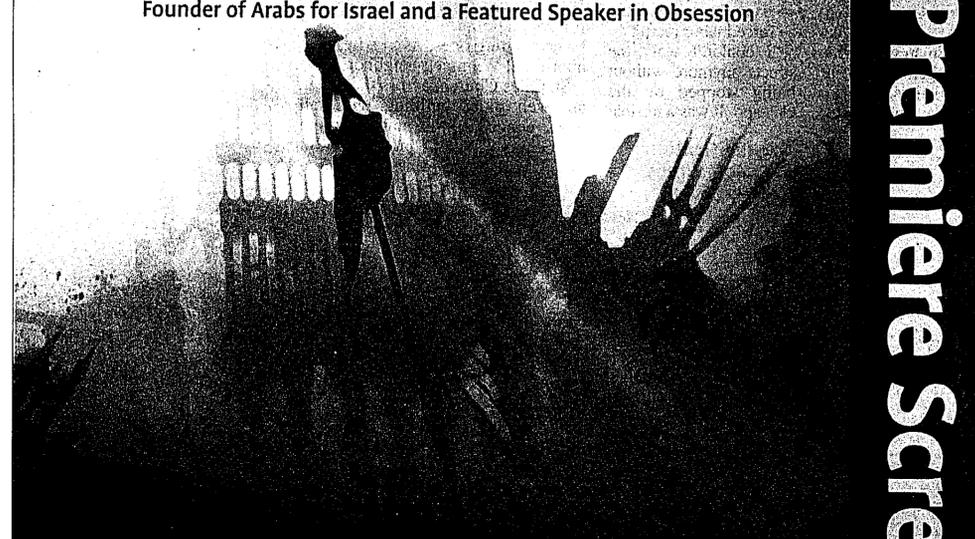
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The Asper Foundation Lecture Series and Aish Winnipeg  
in association with  
Winnipeg Zionist Initiative presents:

# OBSESSION

RADICAL ISLAM'S WAR AGAINST THE WEST

With Guest Speaker Nonie Darwish  
Founder of Arabs for Israel and a Featured Speaker in Obsession



**Canadian Premiere Screenings**

Monday, May 29th, 7:30 PM  
IMAX Theatre, Portage Place

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Recommended age: 15 + due to graphic footage

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## Community news

### Dutch righteous gentile uncomfortable being labelled a hero

*Berendina 'Diet' Eman tells her story to students at annual Holocaust symposium here*

By MARTIN ZEILIG

Berendina "Diet" Eman says she is uncomfortable being called a hero.

Yet, that is exactly what she is. "I just did what had to be done," said Eman, who lives in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

She was the keynote speaker at the Fifth Annual Holocaust Symposium of the Jewish Heritage Centre of Western Canada at the Duckworth Centre, University of Winnipeg on May 11. The event attracted approximately 700 high school students from Winnipeg and rural Manitoba. Besides Eman, local Holocaust survivors Dr. Stefan Carter, Albert Ghazan, Barbara Goszer, Joe Riesen and Walter Saltzberg also spoke at the symposium.

Born in 1920 in The Hague, The Netherlands, Eman (whose nickname is pronounced "Deet") joined the Dutch Resistance when World War Two broke out.

Along with her fiancé, Hein Siestman, she risked everything to rescue imperiled Jews in Nazi-occupied Holland during the war, notes information found on a website.

"Nazi rule was implemented immediately in Holland after the invasion," said Carla Divinsky, Holocaust education coordinator at the JHC, in her introductory remarks.

"Many people felt they wanted to help, but were not sure how to do so. Diet and her friends carried out many underground activities until their arrest in 1944."

In a followup interview, she said Eman was invited to the symposium because the organizers felt it was time to not only recognize the victims, but also those who put their own lives on the line to help



**BERENDINA "DIET" EMAN: "We helped people all through the war. It's important to live for what you believe." Photo by Martin Zeilig.**

save Jews.

"Without people like Diet, and others who helped fight injustice, there would have been many more victims of the Holocaust," said Divinsky, who, herself, hails from Hilversum, Holland originally.

Eman, who grew up in "a Christian home," said she first became aware of what was in store for Europe's Jews during Kristallnacht - the massive nationwide anti-Jewish pogrom, which foreshadowed the events of the Holocaust, in Germany and Austria on the night of November 9, 1938.

"After Kristallnacht, many German Jews moved to Holland," said Eman, whose talk was rambling and anecdotal, but still stirring.

After the German invasion of her country on May 10, 1940, Eman, who has been honored by Yad Vashem as a "Righteous among the Nations," noted that Jews had to wear a Star of David on their clothes.

Everybody, ages 14 and over, had to have an

identification book, which for Jews meant having to have their religion stamped in it, she said, adding that males between the ages of 16 to 45 were sent to Germany as forced labor recruits.

"I couldn't walk the streets anymore without being stopped by the Gestapo. It was a terrible

#### Clarification

A story in the April 5 Jewish Post & News, headlined "Gray Academy Grade 5s publish newsletter, raise \$827 for juvenile diabetes research", reported on a series of newsletters a Grade 5 class there has been publishing, under supervision of their teacher, Yolanda Papini-Pollock.

Although the story correctly stated that the project was done during classroom time, it focused mainly on the four students Papini-Pollock identified as contributing the most.

Papini-Pollock has sent *The Jewish Post & News* a letter, alleging the story was "incorrect", because it failed to mention that "all" her students contributed to the newsletters.

#### Nights of broken glass

(Cont. from page 1.) tried that over the years, and the neighbors are "not very friendly."

As for synagogue members themselves, "none live in the Burrows area."

The synagogue, which "about 120 people" attend on the High Holidays, draws at least 10 members for regular morning services and some evening ones, is in a heavily-aboriginal Winnipeg neighborhood.

St. Giles Church, across the street, an even older building with tall glass windows, was untouched in this round of windowbreakings. But no one, including Spitz, is pointing fingers at members of any racial group for the Ashkenazi Shule window-smashings.

"Not all the neighbors are aboriginal," he said.

Shelley Faintuch, Jewish Federation of Winnipeg community relations director, has been trying to improve relations between Winnipeg's Jewish and aboriginal communities, in response to anti-Semitic statements in the past few years by a current and a former aboriginal leader. She said last Friday it's "premature" to draw conclusions about who the culprits were, or their backgrounds, "until we have all the information."

Whether the window-smashings were "racially motivated or not, I'm not prepared to say. We'll see what the investigators come up with."

**At right: St. Giles Church across the street from Ashkenazi Synagogue: The windows there were left untouched this time, although vandals are said to have damaged that church in the past.**



**Ashkenazi officials put a steel plate on this back door after an attempted break-in about a year ago.**

