

For Immediate Release

## “The Story Of Lina Amato”

**The true story of a Holocaust Survivor.**

**Film Premiere in collaboration with the 2018 Johannesburg International Mozart Festival.**

Johannesburg, South Africa - 5 January 2018.

The #GETPeaceProject presents a documentary film entitled *The Story of Lina Amato*, by South African filmmaker, Johnathan Andrews. 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 release of the film will be done in commemoration of the International Holocaust Remembrance Day - 27 January.

The first ever screening of the film will be done in collaboration with the 2018 Johannesburg International Mozart Festival (JIMF) prior to this year’s opening concert - <http://www.join-mozart-festival.org/programme-2018/schedule-of-events/>. The premiere screening can be attended free by the public - limited seating is available and to RSVP is essential.

The film premiere screening will take place at 6pm, on 27 January 2018 - The screening will be held at the Space Frame Theatre (Linder Auditorium Complex, University of the Witwatersrand). The film, with additional scenes and content, will be made available for purchase on DVD at the event.

*The Story of Lina Amato* explores the rare account of how the interventions of Selahattin Ülkümen (Turkish Consul-General on Rhodes Island, Greece) 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. Yad Vashem ultimately recognised him as Righteous Among The Nations in 1989.

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

### **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:**

The #GETPeaceProject is a campaign of the United World Nation - an initiative by Johnathan Andrews. *GET Peace* is the acronym for a project to Get Earth Together. For more information visit the website <https://unitedworldnation.org/>

**Premiere Film Screening Event Details:**

**Date....** Saturday, 27 January 2018.

**Time....** Proceedings begin promptly at 18:00 and will end at +-19:00.

**Film running time....** 48 minutes.

**Free limited seating available....** To RSVP is essential (contact details below).

**Address....** Space Frame Theatre (Linder Auditorium Complex, University of Witwatersrand),  
27 St Andrews Road, Parktown.

**More Information:**

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