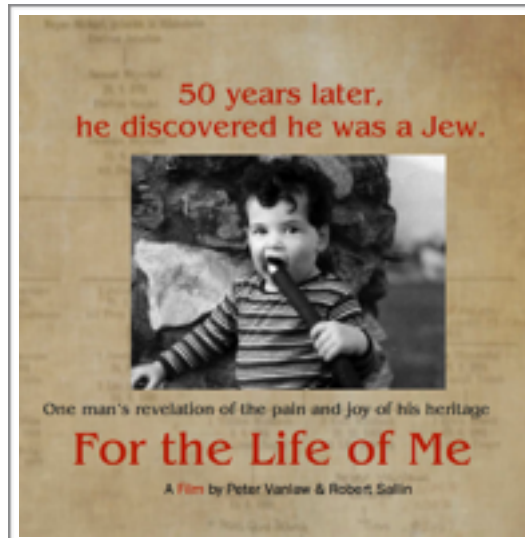


A Heart Attack, an Insane Mother, a Life Altering Discovery All Lead to a Documentary and More.....

Meet Pete Vanlaw: While recovering from a heart attack, his emotional mother suddenly created such a disturbance that she had to be physically removed from his CCU, which touched off a chain of events leading to the realization that he'd been living a lie; that his real heritage had been hidden from him for years, propelling him into discovering for the first time, the gripping stories of close family members, and what impact Hitler and the Holocaust had on their lives...and his own - Resulting in his compelling documentary...

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What Others are Saying:

“ I was so moved seeing those images that I just sat there trying to see through the tears.”

-Jim Henrikson (Pres. Mandala Music)

“Kudos to Peter Vanlaw for presenting his movie at the September meeting. It told the history of his German parents who hid their Jewish background from the world (and from him) for nearly 50 years. An emotional and lovely presentation.”

-Barbara Algaze, (Librarian, Jewish Genealogical Society, L.A. Chapter)

“A truly miraculous story of discovery and healing. It made me aware of the tendency of families to protect their secrets and the importance of uncovering and sharing them.

-Julie Cobb (Entertainment Professional)

“You have described your life and your family's with fascinating words, documents and photos. You make it possible to identify oneself with your fate, especially as you appear as the narrator and the story teller.”

”Dietrich Schabow (curator, Jacoby Institute, Bendorf-Sayn, Germany)

Some of our Stories On our Website:

“The Thirty Year Search for Mike Zanger”

“One Amazing Lady - Marion Blumenthal Lazan

“The Day I learned I was a Jew”

“Life with an Insane Parent”

Places Where We've Shown "For the Life of Me"

Suffield Academy, Suffield, CT
Temple Adas Israel, Sag Harbor, Long Is., NY.
Skirball Cultural Center, Los Angeles, CA
Brooks Institute, Ventura, CA
University of Judaism, Los Angeles, CA
Leo Baeck Temple, Westwood, CA
International Conference of Jewish Genealogical Soc.,

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