



**NEW RELEASE**

# JEWISH SOLDIERS IN BLUE & GRAY



**Director, Producer & Writer: Jonathan Gruber**  
USA | 2011 | 86 minutes | color | documentary

**Commemorating the 150th  
Anniversary of the American Civil War**

Brother against brother, Jew against Jew, 10,000 Jewish soldiers fought in the nation's deadliest war, in numbers proportionally higher than other American groups. **Jewish Soldiers in Blue & Gray** explores the little known history of the Civil War Jews who fought on both sides of the battlefield—7,000 for the Union and 3,000 for the Confederacy.

Allegiances during the War Between the States split the Jewish community as deeply as it did the nation at large: some prominent Jews, including Jewish slave owners, cited the Torah to justify slavery, while others were leaders in the abolitionist movement or established their synagogues as stops on the Underground Railroad.

**Jewish Soldiers in Blue & Gray** unreels remarkable history, including Ulysses S. Grant's infamous "General Order No. 11" expelling Jews from Kentucky, Tennessee and Mississippi; the rise of Sephardic Jew Judah P. Benjamin to Secretary of State of the Confederacy; the imprisonment of Confederate spy Eugenia Levy Phillips; and the unlikely story of Abraham Lincoln's Jewish doctor who moved through the South as a Union spy.

A dramatic and visual rich film narrated by Oscar-nominated screenwriter John Milius (*Apocalypse Now*) with Sam Waterson (*Law & Order*) voicing Abraham Lincoln.



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**“Fills a good-sized gap in the history of American Jewry...  
A must-see for all Jewish and American history buffs.”**  
– *San Diego Jewish World*

**“Moving...surprising.”** – *Philadelphia Jewish Voice*

## CREDITS

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Produced by Indigo Films  
With funding from the Shapell Manuscript Foundation  
Executive Producer: David M. Frank  
Co-Producer/Co-Writer: Robert Marcus  
Director, Producer & Writer: Jonathan Gruber

## EXPERTS INTERVIEWED IN THE FILM

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**Eli Evans**, Author, *Judah P. Benjamin: The Jewish Confederate*  
**Robert Marcus**, Civil War Historian  
**Robert Rosen**, Author, *The Jewish Confederates*  
**Jonathan Sarna**, Author, *American Judaism A History*  
**Dr. Gary Zola**, Executive Director, American Jewish Archives  
**Rabbi Mordecai Ecovitz**, Touro Synagogue, Newport, Rhode Island  
**Shalom Lamm**, Civil War Historian  
**Harold Holzer**, Lincoln Scholar  
**Catherine Kahn**, Archivist, Touro Infirmary, New Orleans  
**Gary Kross**, Battlefield Guide, Gettysburg National Military Park  
**Herbert Heltzer**, Lincoln Scholar  
**Rhetta Mendelsohn**, City Guide, Charlestown, South Carolina  
**Bryn Greenleaf**, Great-great Granddaughter of Leopold Karpeles  
**Anthony Smith**, Great-great Grandnephew of Adolph Proskauer  
**Mildred Heltzer**, Great-great niece of Moses Ezekiel/Great-great Granddaughter of Rev. Michelbacher

## FILM FESTIVALS

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**WORLD PREMIERE** New York Jewish Film Festival (2011)  
**NEW ENGLAND PREMIERE** NCJF Film Festival,  
Jewishfilm.2011  
Atlanta Jewish Film Festival (2011)  
San Diego Jewish Film Festival (2011)  
Asheville Jewish Film Festival (2011) National Civil War  
History Museum, Harrisburg (2011)  
Washington DC Jewish Film Festival (2011) - Civil War  
Anniversary Screening  
Cherry Hill Jewish Film Festival (2011)  
East Bay Jewish Film Festival (2011)  
Santa Barbara Jewish Film Festival (2011)

National Museum of American Jewish History;  
Philadelphia, PA (2011)  
Los Angeles Jewish Film Festival (2011)  
Toronto Jewish Film Festival (2011)  
Savannah Jewish Film Festival (2011)  
**Upcoming** Dallas Jewish Film Festival (2011)  
**Upcoming** Berkshire Jewish Film Festival (2011)  
**Upcoming** Palm Beach Jewish Film Festival (2011)  
**Upcoming** Cleveland Jewish Film Festival (2011)  
**Upcoming** St. Louis Jewish Film Festival (2011)  
**Upcoming** Rochester Jewish Film Festival (2011)

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