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## DOCUMENTARY FROM ROBERTA GROSSMAN AND NANCY SPIELBERG BEGINS PRINCIPAL PHOTOGRAPHY IN POLAND

**"WHO WILL WRITE OUR HISTORY" BRINGS TOGETHER TOP  
INTERNATIONAL TALENT TO TELL HEROIC HOLOCAUST STORY**

Hollywood, CA (April 18, 2016) – Imagine if the Dead Sea Scrolls remained in the back room of an archive. No beautiful museum. No scholars mining the scrolls for information. No knowledge of their existence outside academic circles. Such is the case with the Oyneg Shabes Archive, a secret cache of 30,000 documents and eyewitness accounts from the Warsaw Ghetto during World War II. Buried in 1943 on the eve of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, the archive has remained largely unknown to the general public. Now, 70 years later, the voices of the Oyneg Shabes Archive will finally be heard in the new feature-length documentary *Who Will Write Our History*, which begins principal photography in Poland in May 2016.

Based on the book of the same name by Samuel Kassow, *Who Will Write Our History* reunites director Roberta Grossman with executive producer Nancy Spielberg. Previously, they created the feature documentary *Above and Beyond*, the winner of the audience award at more than twenty film festivals worldwide. Grossman and Spielberg will be joined by Polish co-producing partner Match&Spark and by a top international team, including Emmy Award-winning cinematographer Dyanna Taylor (U.S.), line producer Pavlina Zipkova (Czech Republic) and production designer Frank Gampel (Israel). Award-winning Polish actors Karolina Gruszka (*Maria Curie*), Piotr Glowacki (*The Gods*) and Jowita Budnik (*Saviour Square*) will play the lead roles of Judyta Ringelblum, Emanuel Ringelblum, the creator of the Oyneg Shabes Archive, and Rachel Auerbach, one of the few Oyneg Shabes members to survive the war.

"I am thrilled to team up with Roberta Grossman again to tell this incredible, little-known story," says Spielberg. "Any time you say the words 'secret' and 'buried,' you have definitely caught my attention. The time to bring this story to light is long overdue, and I'm proud to help in that endeavor."

Through Match&Spark, the American-Polish co-production will include executive producer Anna Rozalska (*Arbitrage*), co-producer Tarik Hachoud (*In the Name of Honor*), production designer Marek Warszewski (*City 44*), costume designer Aleksandra Staszko (*Ida*), and make-up artist Agnieszka Hodowana

*(The Gods)*. The film's narration will be voiced by American actress and three-time Academy Award nominee Joan Allen.

"Match&Spark has pulled together a remarkable group of artist collaborators, all of whom are not only at the top of their fields, but are deeply committed to bringing the story of the Oyneg Shabes to life," says director Grossman. "We strongly feel that Emanuel Ringelblum, Rachel Auerbach and the other heroic members of the Oyneg Shabes deserve no less than the best we can give them."

Shooting will take place from May 5-26 in Lodz and Warsaw, Poland.

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