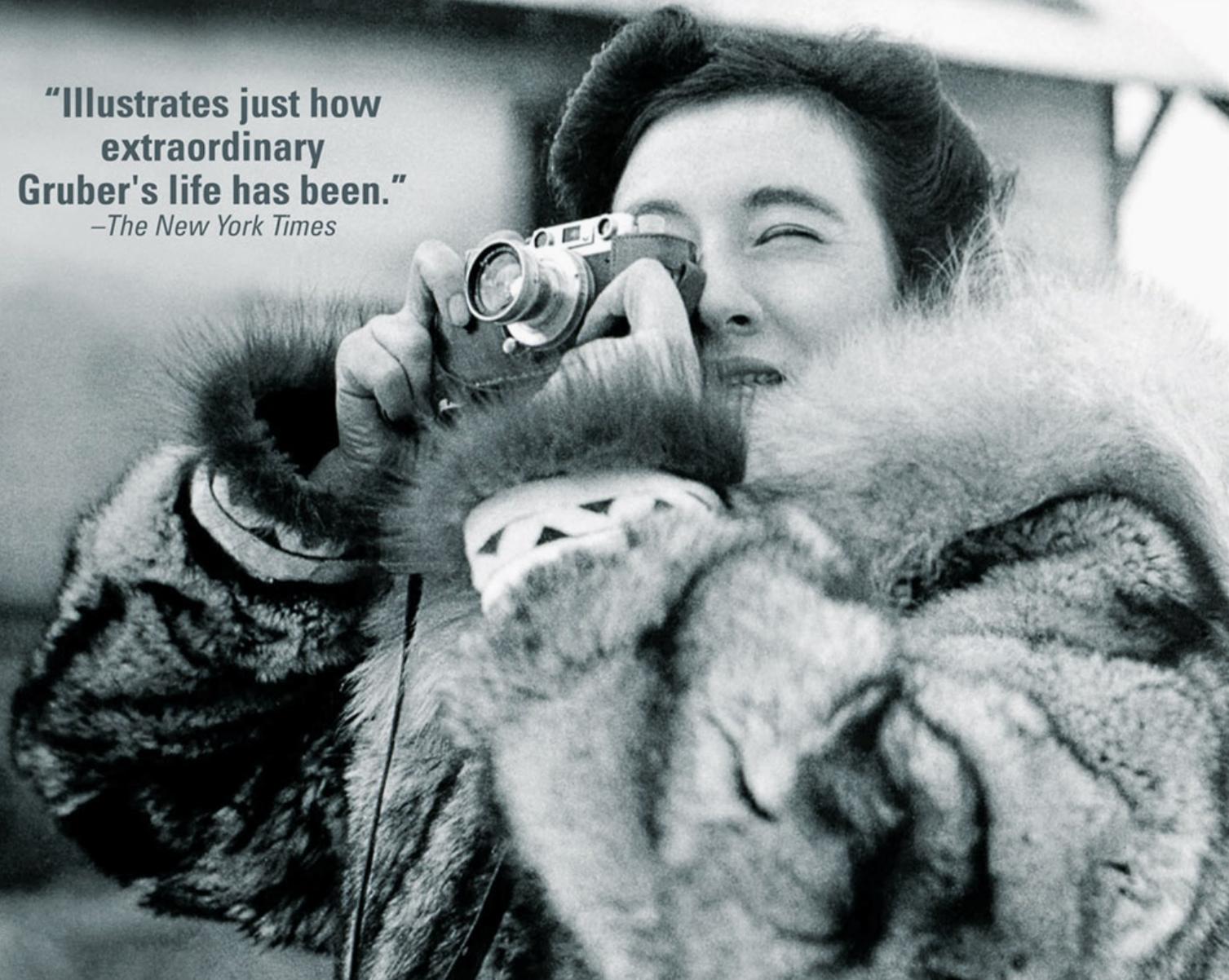


# AHEAD OF TIME

**THE EXTRAORDINARY JOURNEY OF RUTH GRUBER**

REEL INHERITANCE FILMS PRESENTS AHEAD OF TIME A FILM BY BOB RICHMAN EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS PATTI KENNER DORIS SCHECHTER DENISE BENMOSCHE HENRY JARECKI MD PRODUCTION DESIGNER ZEVA DELBAUM ARCHIVAL FOOTAGE PRODUCERS JUDY ALEY LEWANNE JONES  
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**"Illustrates just how extraordinary Gruber's life has been."**  
—*The New York Times*





“You could not  
invent Ruth  
Gruber...not  
even in a movie.”

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## Synopsis

*Ahead of Time* is a feature-length documentary film on the remarkable life of Ruth Gruber. Born in Brooklyn in 1911, Ruth became the youngest PhD in the world at age 20. As a student in Germany in 1931, she attended a Hitler rally observing first-hand the rising tide of Nazism. Ruth became a foreign correspondent and photojournalist at age 24. A feminist before feminism, Ruth was the first journalist to enter the Soviet Arctic in 1935. She traveled to Alaska as a member of the Roosevelt administration in 1941, where she was the first civilian on the Alaska Highway.

Ruth's unique perspective of the events surrounding WWII is a result of her involvement in many of those historical moments. She was chosen by the Roosevelt administration to escort 1000 Holocaust refugees from Naples to New York in a secret wartime mission in 1944. As a journalist, she accompanied leaders to the Middle East where they studied the problems of displaced persons and Palestine. Ruth covered the Nuremberg trials in 1946 and her photos of the ship Exodus 1947 were published in *Life Magazine* and around the world. With her love of adventure, fearlessness and powerful intellect, Ruth defied tradition and in the process, emerged as the eyes and conscience of the world.

*Ahead of Time* tells the remarkable journey of Gruber and is the directorial debut of cinematographer Bob Richman (*The September Issue*, *My Architect*, and *An Inconvenient Truth*).

On October 19, 2010, **The Norman Mailer Center** awarded 99 year-old Ruth Gruber their *Distinguished Humanitarian and Journalism Prize*

A tiny sampling of her other awards include:

**National Jewish Book Awards** - *Lifetime Achievement Award 2010*

**Overseas Press Club** - *Lifetime Achievement Award 2009*

**National Coalition Against Censorship** - *Lifetime Achievement Award 2008*

**Hebrew Union College** - Honorary Doctorate

**University of Wisconsin** - Honorary Doctorate

**Institute of International Education** - *Ruth Gruber Chair for the Scholar Rescue Fund*



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## Bios

**Bob Richman**, Director

Bob Richman was born in Brooklyn, New York and received a BA in psychology from SUNY at Buffalo. He began his career in film as a cinematographer working with the verite pioneers Albert and David Maysles.

Richman recently won the Grand Jury prize at the Sundance Film Festival for Best Cinematography for *The September Issue*. His other credits as DP/cinematographer include Academy Award winner *An Inconvenient Truth*, Academy Award nominee *My Architect*, *Metallica:Some Kind of Monster*, and *Paradise Lost:The Robin Hood Hills Child Murders*. Richman was nominated for a Prime Time Emmy for *Paradise Lost*.

*Ahead of Time* is Richman's first film as a director.



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### **Zeva Oelbaum**, Producer

Zeva Oelbaum is an award winning producer and the founder of Reel Inheritance Films. In addition to producing *Ahead of Time*, she directed and produced a short film on Ruth Gruber which is being shown at the International Center of Photography through August 28th in conjunction with Ruth's photography exhibition. She was Executive Producer of *Rene and I*, a documentary film on twins Irene Hizme and Rene Slotkin who survived Josef Mengele at Auschwitz.

### **Sabine Krayenbuehl**, Editor

Sabine Krayenbuehl is an award winning documentary film editor. She was nominated by the American Cinema Editors for an Eddie Award for *My Architect*. Her other documentary projects include *Mad Hot Ballroom* and *The Bridge*. Her most recent project, *Picasso and Braque Go To The Movies*, premiered at the Toronto International Film Festival in Fall 2008.

### **Ruth Gruber**, Subject

Ruth Gruber is a life long writer, journalist, photojournalist and humanitarian. She has written 19 books to date and recently accepted a Lifetime Achievement Award at the Overseas Press Club. Her book, *Haven*, which told her story of escorting Holocaust refugees to America was made into a television mini-series in 2001, starring Natasha Richardson.



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## The Filmmakers

Directed and Photographed By ..... Bob Richman  
Produced By ..... Zeva Oelbaum  
Editor ..... Sabin Krayenbuhl  
Production Design ..... Zeva Oelbaum  
Music Composer ..... Ted Reichman  
Animation ..... Brian Oakes  
Executive Producers ..... Patti Kenner, Doris Schechter and Denise Benmosche

## Film Subjects (In order of appearance)

### Ruth Gruber

Subject, filmed in her NYC apartment

### Louisa Herz Leopold

Daughter of Ruth's host family in Cologne, filmed in NJ

### Dava Sobel

Ruth's Niece, filmed in front of Ruth's childhood home in Brooklyn

### Lee Taylor

Helen Reid's great-granddaughter, filmed in Ruth's apartment

### Harold M. Ickes

Son of Harold L. Ickes, Secretary of the Interior, filmed in Washington, DC and New York City

### Temple Members

Pelham Jewish Center, filmed in Pelham, Westchester, NY

### Manya Hartmayer Breuer

Holocaust survivor who came to America aboard the Henry Gibbins in 1944, filmed in LA

### PBS news team

They interview Ruth for a television special on the birth of Israel that aired in May 2008, filmed in Ruth's apartment

### Tom Segev

Israeli journalist and author, filmed in Jerusalem

### Ike Aronowitz

Captain of the ship Exodus 1947, filmed in Haifa

### Mordechai Rossman

Leader of the refugees aboard the Runnymede Park, filmed in Haifa

## Voiceovers and Translation

### Eli Wallach

Mordechai Rossman

### Therese Plummer

Young Ruth

### Jody Shelton

Ruth's brother, Harry

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## About the Production

**PRODUCTION COMPANY CREDITS:** Reel Inheritance Films

**FILMING LOCATIONS:** New York City, Brooklyn, Westchester, Los Angeles, Washington D.C., Haifa, and Jerusalem

**WORLD PREMIERE:** Toronto International Film Festival, 2009

**MPAA RATING:** Not rated

**GENRE:** Documentary

**LANGUAGE(S):** English, Hebrew

**SUBTITLES:** Hebrew subtitled in English

**RUNNING TIME INCLUDING CREDITS:** TRT- 73 minutes

**PRESENTATION FORMAT:** HDCAM

**SCREENING FORMATS:** HDCAMsr, HDCAM

**ASPECT RATIO:** 16:9

**SOUND FORMAT:** LTRT and 5.1

