



*My Mother's Eyes*  
The True Story of Lusia Rosenzweig Milch, Holocaust Survivor

Narrator: Lusia Rosenzweig Milch

Running Time:

Primary Audience: Middle School Students and Older

### **SYNOPSIS**

*My Mother's Eyes* is the true story of Holocaust survivor Lusia Rosenzweig Milch. Lusia was just 10 years old when the Nazis invaded her hometown of Skalat, Ukraine, on July 4, 1941. Within a few days of the invasion, murderous pogroms were carried out, sending Lusia, her mother, and her 4-year-old sister into hiding. The film recounts Lusia's last moments with her mother, her harrowing escape, and her miraculous survival of the Holocaust.

### **INTRODUCING THE FILM**

The Holocaust began in 1933 with Adolf Hitler's rise to power in Germany and ended on May 7, 1945, with Germany's surrender in WWII. The Holocaust was the systematic, state-sponsored persecution and murder of more than 6,000,000 Jews, including one-and-a-half-million Jewish children, by the Nazi regime and its collaborators. Other groups targeted during the Holocaust included: Roma (Gypsies), individuals with disabilities, Black people, some of the Slavic peoples (Poles, Russians, and others), Communists, Socialists, Jehovah's Witnesses, and homosexuals.

The Holocaust was fueled by hatred and intolerance, especially antisemitism—hatred of Jews. Every Holocaust survivor's experience is unique and a miracle. *My Mother's Eyes* recounts how Lusia survived the Holocaust by escaping death and pretending to be a local peasant.

You can learn more about Lusia Rosenzweig Milch [here](#).

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is your initial reaction to the film?
2. How did Lusía's life change after the Nazis invaded her hometown of Skalat?
3. What qualities do you think Lusía possessed that made it possible for her to survive the Holocaust?
4. What is something new you learned from the film?
5. What challenges do you think Lusía experienced as a young teen on her own?
6. What can we learn from Lusía's experience?
7. Why do you think it is important to learn about the Holocaust?
8. How can you assume responsibility for passing on the memory and lessons of the Holocaust?
9. What would you ask Lusía if you met her?
10. What are you left wondering about?

## RESOURCES

- Biography and film: [\*A Survivor's Journey: The Lusía Milch Story\*](#)
- To learn more about the Holocaust watch [The Path to Nazi Genocide](#)
- [Swastika: Hate Symbol](#)

VISIT [Lappin Foundation's Holocaust Education and Commemoration Resource Page](#)

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