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FIRST TO STAND

THE CASES AND CAUSES
OF IRWIN COTLER

a film by

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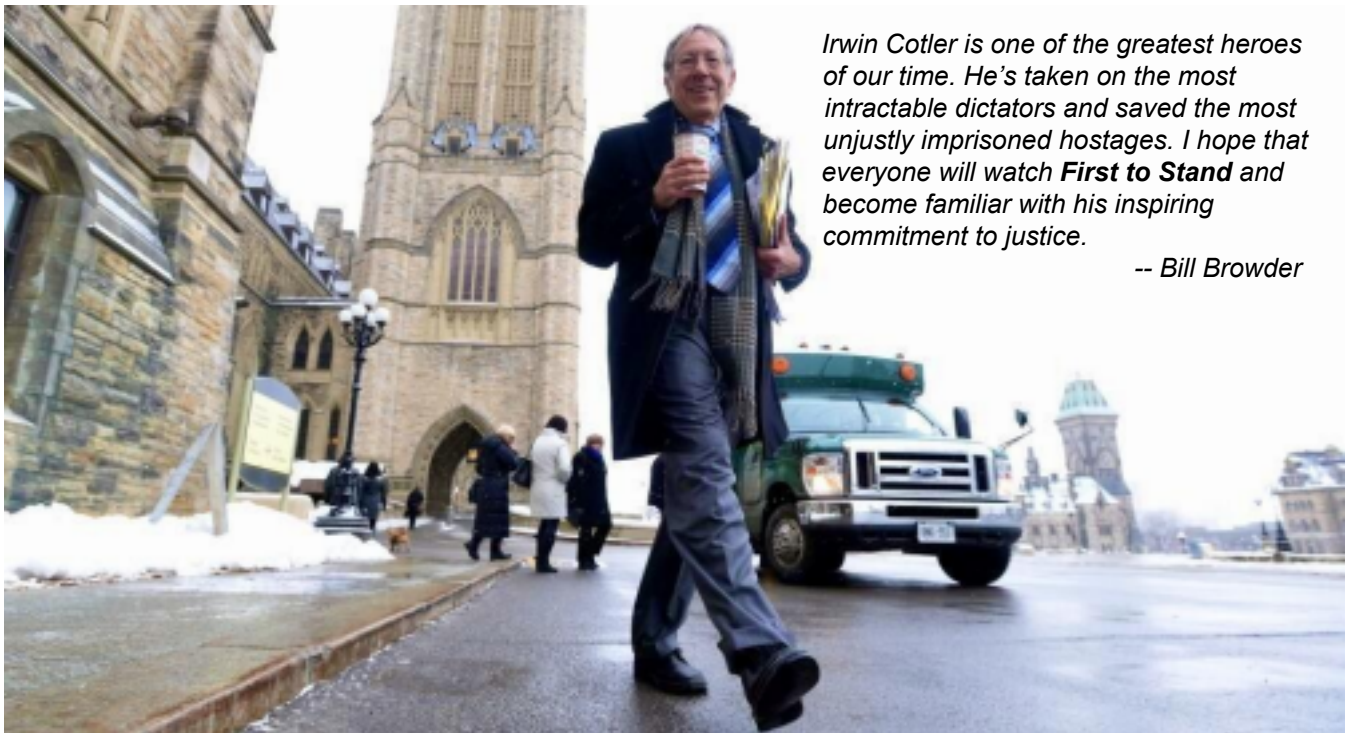
Irwin Cotler

Raif Badawi Bill Browder Natan Sharansky Shaparak Shajarizadeh

Amal Clooney Masih Alinejad Nelson Mandela Romeo Dallaire

Justin Trudeau Esther Mujawayo James McGovern

and the team at the Raoul Wallenberg Centre for Human Rights



*Irwin Cotler is one of the greatest heroes of our time. He's taken on the most intractable dictators and saved the most unjustly imprisoned hostages. I hope that everyone will watch **First to Stand** and become familiar with his inspiring commitment to justice.*

-- Bill Browder

Irwin Cotler, international human rights lawyer and advocate, on Parliament Hill in Ottawa. / Photo: Canadian Press

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TAGLINE

First to Stand is about human rights activists who know if they stand up, it won't be long before others are standing with them.

SYNOPSIS

First to Stand follows Irwin Cotler and his team of young activists at the Raoul Wallenberg Centre as they take on the cases and cause of political prisoners and human rights activists battling against the world's most repressive regimes.

Cotler began fighting for freedom and justice in law school with the landmark case of Russian refusnik, Natan Sharansky, for whom he devised his “mobilization of shame” against the human rights violator — essentially, a PR blitz against a superpower to convince them that holding a political prisoner is bad for their image. The strategy led to Gorbachev releasing Sharansky in 1986.

Tyrants aren't amused by someone embarrassing their regime in front of the rest of the world -- especially Vladimir Putin. Like others who crossed Putin's path, Cotler was poisoned in Moscow. But the attempt on his life hasn't dampened his commitment. He is today one of the world's most effective activists in the protection of human rights.

First to Stand opens in the streets of Moscow with protesters chanting to bring Putin down. Against the Russian backdrop, past and present, ***First to Stand*** follows Irwin Cotler and his team of young activists at the Raoul Wallenberg Centre as they take on the cases and causes of political

prisoners and human rights activists all over the world. It is a film of high stakes, emotion, and drama, which takes us from the streets of Iran, where women dare to wave their hijabs on the end of a stick to the strategy sessions and corridors of power, as Cotler meets with the heads of state arguing passionately for his client's release. With unprecedented access, we follow their families and supporters, including:

Raif Badawi, the Saudi blogger who was sentenced to ten years and a thousand lashes for “insulting Islam” by advocating for freedom of speech.

Bill Browder, Putin's #1 enemy, one of the first to speak out against Putin and the creator of the Magnitsky Act, the most important human rights tool of the last century.

Amal Clooney, international human rights barrister, who is co-heading an international panel to protect media freedom.

Shaparak Shajarizadeh, named one of the most influential women in the world by the BBC for her protests and arrests fighting compulsory hijab in Iran.

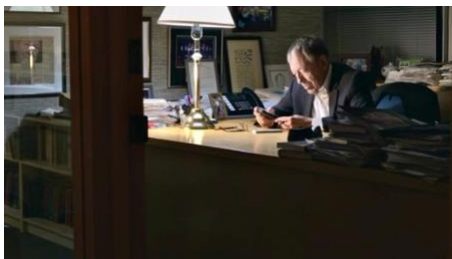
Natan Sharansky, spokesman for the human rights movement, prisoner of conscience and leader in the struggle of Soviet Jews to immigrate to Israel.

Masih Alinejad, journalist, who spearheaded the current women's protest in Iran.

We also cover Irwin Cotler's work with the international team for **Nelson Mandela** and survivors of the genocide in **Rwanda**.

THE PARTICIPANTS

With unprecedented access, First to Stand brings us our heroes - the one who stand up first. We'll show that when one finds the courage to stand against authoritative regimes, others follow.



Irwin Cotler is the International Chair of the Raoul Wallenberg Centre for Human Rights, former Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, and an international human rights lawyer.

As Minister of Justice and Attorney General, Irwin Cotler initiated the first-ever comprehensive reform of the Supreme Court appointment process and helped make it the most gender-representative Supreme Court in the world; appointed the first-ever aboriginal and visible minority justices to the Ontario Court of Appeal; initiated the first-ever law on human trafficking; crafted the Civil Marriage Act, the first-ever legislation to grant marriage equality to gays and lesbians; issued Canada's first National Justice Initiative Against Racism and Hate; quashed more wrongful convictions in a single year than any prior Minister, and made the pursuit of international justice a government priority.



Photo: Abbey Neidik

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau listening to Irwin Cotler comparing the case of Raif Badawi with the case of Natan Sharansky he brought to then Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau a generation before.



Photo: Alamy

Raif Badawi, the Saudi blogger who was sentenced to ten years and a thousand lashes for advocating freedom of speech. He was released in March 2022, but the Saudi regime has instituted a ten-year travel ban, so he cannot leave the country. His wife Ensaf Haidar and Irwin Cotler have worked tirelessly on his behalf and are trying to have the ban rescinded.

<https://vimeo.com/722314634>



Photo: Associated Press

Bill Browder, British-American financier, billionaire, and Putin's #1 enemy, who created and championed Magnitsky Sanctions, the most effective tool to hold individual human rights abusers accountable.

<https://vimeo.com/722396285>



Photo: Getty Images

Amal Clooney, British-Lebanese barrister, specialising in international law and human rights, speaking at the Global Conference for Media Freedom. She was appointed Deputy Chair of the High-Level Panel of Legal Experts on Media Freedom.

<https://vimeo.com/722333405>



Photo: Human Rights Network

Shaparak Shajarizadeh, tortured, then sentenced to 20 years in prison for her protests against compulsory hijab in Iran. She was named one of the most influential women in the world by the BBC.

<https://vimeo.com/722316067>



Photo: Stasi

Natan Sharansky, Russian refusenik born in Ukraine, was a spokesman for several human rights movement, a prisoner of conscience and leader in the struggle for the right of Soviet Jews to immigrate to Israel.

<https://vimeo.com/722307017>



Photo: Abbey Neidik

Romeo Dallaire, Canadian Lieutenant-General (retired), who led the United Nations peacekeeping mission in Rwanda and disobeyed the command to withdraw peacekeeping forces when the UN denied permission to intervene in the planned massacre.

<https://vimeo.com/686388252>



Photo: Abbey Neidik

Dikgang Moseneke, South African judge and former cellmate of Nelson Mandela. Arrested at the age of fifteen for his anti-apartheid activities, he spent ten years on Robben Island.



Photo: F.I.L.M.

Irwin Cotler's work as "Canadian counsel" to the South African international legal team for **Nelson Mandela**, participating in anti-apartheid activities on Mandela's behalf.



Photo: Abbey Neidik

Masih Alinejad, journalist, who Iranian agents attempted to abduct in 2021 in an assassination plot intervened by the FBI, then targeted again in 2022. She spearheaded the current protest for women's rights in Iran.

<https://vimeo.com/722326498>



Photo: Abbey Neidik

James McGovern, congressman and co-chair of the U.S. Human Rights Commission, with Ensaf Haidar, Brandon Silver, and Irwin Colter discussing next steps in Raif Badawi's case.



Photo: Abbey Neidik

Esther Mujawayo, Rwandan Survivor, talking about the lessons we've learned from Rwanda

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Photo: Abbey Neidik

The team meeting at the **Raoul Wallenberg Centre for Human Rights**: Irwin Cotler, Judith Abitan, Nirushaa Senthilnathan, Yonah Diamond, Jeremy Assaly and Brandon Silver.

THE FILMMAKERS

Irene Lilienheim Angelico

director, producer, writer, editor



Irene Angelico is the winner of numerous international awards for directing and producing, as well as a Gemini for best writing in a documentary. Her work was included in The Fifty Greatest Documentaries of all Times at the International Salute to the Documentary and selected for retrospectives in London and France.

In 1980, Angelico and her partner Abbey Neidik produced and directed *Dark Lullabies* about the effects of the Holocaust on the next generation of Germans and Jews. This highly regarded film *garnered* many prestigious international prizes and continues to be shown International Human Rights Festival and Liberation 75 in Toronto in 2021. Angelico went on to direct and write award-winning series including ***Black Coffee***, about the history and social impact of coffee; ***Inside the Great Magazines***, about the first international media; and ***The Cola Conquest***, about Coca-Cola as a metaphor for America and winner, among others, of the Best Documentary Series by an Independent at Hot Docs, the Silver Hugo in Chicago, a Gold Apple in San Francisco and a Gemini Award for Best Writing in a Documentary.

Angelico produced and wrote many other highly successful films including ***The Love Prophet and the Children of God***; ***She Got Game*** (Guirlande d'Honneur - Milan, Best Documentary - Temecula Valley, Chris Statuette – Columbus); ***Vendetta Song*** (Best Documentary, CIDA Prize, Best Documentary – Quebec Film Critics Association, Best Documentary - Calgary, Best Documentary - Female Eye; ***Unbreakable Minds***, a poignant film that aims to humanize mental illness; ***Shekinah: the Intimate Lives of Hasidic Women***, # 1 in the box office for six weeks.

Angelico (with Neidik) is currently; in post-production with the feature version of ***Reaching for Zion***, a film about prejudice told through music and featuring Bob Marley's granddaughter Donisha Prendergast, and releasing ***Shekinah Rising***, the second in a sequel about young Hasidic women and ***First to Stand***, a documentary featuring the work of Irwin Cotler and the Raoul Wallenberg Centre for Human Rights.

Abbey Jack Neidik

director, producer, writer, editor, cinematographer



Abbey Neidik has participated in over seventy films, including an Academy Award nominees.

In 1980, Neidik and his partner Angelico formed DLI Productions. Together they produced and directed ***Dark Lullabies***, which has garnered critical acclaim and numerous prestigious awards worldwide. The film was included in The Fifty Greatest Documentaries of all Times at the international Salute to the

Documentary and was selected to represent the best of the NFB at retrospectives in London and France.

Next Neidik produced and directed ***The Love Prophet and the Children of God***, an inside look at one of today's most controversial religious cults, which was awarded a Gold Plaque in Chicago; ***Between The Solitudes / Entre Solitudes***, which was nominated for two Gemeaux; ***The Journey Home: A Romanian Adoption***, a tender and emotional film about Romanian orphans a decade after the fall of Ceausescu; ***She Got Game: Coming of Age on the WTA Tour***, a unique, behind-the-scenes look at women's tennis that received four international awards; ***Unbreakable Minds***, a poignant film that aims to de-stigmatize and humanize mental illness; ***Canadaville, USA***, about billionaire Frank Stronach's bold social experiment in rural Louisiana; ***Beyond Earth: the Beginning of NewSpace***; ***Big Wind***, about the effects of industrial wind turbines; and ***Shekinah Rising***, a follow-up to ***Shekinah: the Intimate Lives of Hasidic Women***.

Neidik also produced ***Song for Tibet*** (Gemini); ***Vendetta Song***, which examines honour killings within rural Kurdish tribe in Turkey; ***Inside the Great Magazines***, a three-part special about the inner workings of the magazine industry; and ***The Cola Conquest***, a three-part documentary special that garnered Best Documentary Series by an Independent at Hot Docs, a Silver Hugo in Chicago, and a Gold Apple in San Francisco.

Neidik (with Angelico) is currently in development with a film about the mystical roots of Leonard Cohen's genius; in productions on ***Search for God***, a quirky film about finding meaning in a word filled with suffering; and releasing ***First to Stand***, a documentary featuring the work of Irwin Cotler and the Raoul Wallenberg Centre for Human Rights.

Toben Neidik

sound and additional camera



Photo: Abbey Neidik

Toben Neidik is a soundman, artist, jeweler, and rap singer. His work is on permanent display at the Montreal's Children's Hospital and has been exhibited in the Grand Chalet on Mont Royal. He has done camera on several music videos and sound and additional camera on documentaries including ***Search for God***, ***Reaching for Zion*** and ***Unbreakable Minds***; and sound on ***Elmyr*** and ***Shekinah Rising***. He most recently did sound and additional camera on ***The First to Stand***.

Howard Goldberg

Editor



Photo: Eliza Parkinson

Howard Goldberg has worked on over 40 feature length documentaries, including ***I Am Not a Rock Star*** (Canadian Screen Awards, Best Editing in a Documentary Program or Series); ***How William Shatner Changed the World*** (Gemini Awards, Best Editing in a Documentary Program or Series); ***The Cola Conquest*** (Gemini Award, Best Writing in a Documentary Series) and ***Undying Love*** (Best History Documentary).

Martin Nault

Editor



Photo: Abbey Neidik

With over seven years' experience as an editor and more than fifteen years in postproduction, Martin Nault has an impressive list of feature films in 35mm and IMAX, documentaries including *Reaching for Zion*; *Shekinah Rising*, *Beyond Earth*; *the Beginning of NewSpace*; *Search for God* and *Big Wind*; as well as television séries, fiction films and animation including *Only in Montreal*, *Les Cracks du Lab*, *Madlabs*, and *Dogs with Jobs*.

Philippe Dionne

Original Music



Photo: Ryan O'Leary

A recent master's graduate from Berklee College of Music, Philippe Dionne scores his first full length documentary for *First to Stand*. He is however no stranger to production and composition, having producedf or prominent artists *Minoe* and *Maky Lavender*, as well as *Further's* "*FaceValue*" and providing music for "*Qui Sait Chanter*". He is the founder of the sample label *Duson Audio*, designing sounds on sample packs sold everywhere online

FAQs

*What is the **Raoul Wallenberg Centre for Human Rights**?*

The RWCHR is a unique international consortium of parliamentarians, scholars, jurists, human rights defenders, NGOs, and students united in the pursuit of justice and inspired by Raoul Wallenberg's humanitarian legacy.

*Why does **Irwin Cotler** use the term “Case and Cause?”*

The Case is the legal aspect — the legal defence, the legal cause of action or due process. The Cause is the principle or movement, one is prepared to defend or advocate, because of a deep commitment.

*In addition to those shown in the film, who else has **Irwin Cotler** represented?*

As international human rights lawyer, Irwin Cotler has served as Counsel to Andrei Sakharov (former Soviet Union), Jacobo Timmerman (Latin America), Professor Saad Eddin Ibrahim (Egypt). He was Chair of the International Commission of Inquiry into the Fate and Whereabouts of Raoul Wallenberg, Member of the International Legal Team of Chinese Nobel Peace Laureate Liu Xiaobo, and international legal counsel to imprisoned political prisoners Leopoldo López in Venezuela and Shi'ite Cleric Ayatollah Boroujerdi in Iran.

*What was **Irwin Cotler's** first case?*

In 1977, while chairing the Canadian Professors for Peace in the Middle East and leading a Peace Mission to the Arab Countries, Palestinian Territories, and Israel, Irwin Cotler was approached by affiliates of Amnesty International Canada to take up the case of a Palestinian detainee, Tasir Al-Aruri. Cotler representations on behalf of Al-Aruri, foreshadowed his later involvement with the Palestinian Human Rights Monitoring Group and other political prisoners like Egyptian Saad Eddin Ibrahim.

*What are some of the “firsts” **Irwin Cotler** accomplished as Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada?*

Irwin Cotler initiated a reform of the appointment process to help make the Supreme Court the most gender-representative in the world, appointed the first-ever aboriginal and visible minority justices to the Ontario Court of Appeal, initiated the first-ever law on human trafficking, crafted the first-ever legislation to grant marriage equality to gays and lesbians, issued the first National Justice Initiative Against Racism and Hate, and made the pursuit of international justice a government priority.

*How did the Law Society of Upper Canada's describe **Irwin Cotler**, when they honoured him with the Inaugural Human Rights Award?*

In 2015, the Law Society recognized “The Honourable Irwin Cotler's tireless efforts to ensure peace and justice for all. In his varied roles as law professor, constitutional and comparative law scholar, international human rights lawyer, counsel to prisoners of conscience, public intellectual, peace activist, Member of Parliament, and Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, Mr.

Cotler has been a leader and role model. Through his advocacy work both in Canada and internationally, he has transformed the lives of many."

*Is **Irwin Cotler** also an athlete?*

Irwin Cotler fulfilled a childhood dream when he participated in the 17th Maccabiah Games in Israel. He won the first match but lost in a swift defeat as Menachem Stein won the next three and went on to win the gold medal. Said Colter of his win, "I'm the only one who won a game against him - I think he was being charitable."

*When was **Raif Badawi** released from prison?*

March 11, 2022. But his reunion with his family was delayed because Saudi Arabia would not rescind the travel ban that was part of his sentence.

*What does **Ensaf Haidar** do?*

Ensaf Haidar, with the help of their three children, Najwa, Doudi and Miriyam, and supporters worldwide, have been relentless advocates for Raif's release.

*Who championed **Magnitsky** legislation?*

Bill Browder, a financier, and political activist, who championed Magnitsky legislation after the killing of his lawyer Sergei Magnitsky.

*What countries have passed **Magnitsky** legislation?*

Magnitsky legislation has been enacted in several countries, including the United States, United Kingdom, Estonia, Canada, Lithuania, Latvia, Gibraltar, Jersey, and Kosovo and is under consideration in Moldova and Ukraine.

*Does barrister **Amal Clooney** specialize in human rights cases?*

Amal Clooney specialises in international law and human rights. Her cases include Nobel Prize laureates Maria Ressa and Nadia Murad, journalist Mohamed Fahmy, and a former Prime Minister of Ukraine Yulia Tymoshenko. She and her husband George Clooney co-founder the Clooney Foundation for Justice.

*Aren't there more important issues in Iran than **Shaparak Shajarizadeh** fight to abolish compulsory hijab?*

For **Shaparak Shajarizadeh**, protesting compulsory hijab is not just about wearing a veil on your head or some sort of dress code. It's about violence against women and women's rights. Iranian women always have a shadow of fear when they go out in public.

*What was the outcome of **Irwin Cotler's** strategy in the case of **Natan Sharansky**?*

Irwin Cotler's strategy helped one million Soviet Jews and other persecuted minorities win the right to leave the Soviet Union.

*What other human rights cause has **Natan Sharansky** been involved with?*

Natan Sharansky is one of the great human rights advocates of our time, who fought for the rights of all ethnicities, all religions, and all nationalities around the world. He spent nine years in the gulag, refusing to disavow his demands for human rights for all oppressed people of the Soviet

Union and once released, fought tirelessly for the rights of new immigrants, religious minorities, and women. The recent winner of the Genesis Prize, he donated the entire \$1 million prize to organizations combating the coronavirus.

*Did **Natan Sharansky** become good at chess after playing 1000s of games in the punishing cell?*

A decade after his release, Natan Sharansky defeated world champion Garry Kasparov in an exhibition game in Tel Aviv in 1996.

*What does **Masih Alinejad** do?*

Masih Alinejad is an Iranian journalist, author, and women's rights activist, who was recently the target of a kidnapping plot by the Iranian government. Alinejad has been actively critical of Iranian laws making it illegal for women not to wear a hijab in public, calling it as the most visible the symbol of oppression.

*What is **Nelson Mandela International Day**?*

Nelson Mandela International Day is on July 18, Nelson Mandela's birthday. It is a global movement to honour his life's work and change the world for the better, inspired by his call to the next generation to take on the burden of leadership in addressing the world's social injustices.

*What is **Romeo Dallaire's** involvement in Rwanda?*

Romeo Dallaire was a Canadian army officer who headed the United Nations peacekeeping mission in Rwanda. Knowing Rwanda was going to implode, he tried relentlessly to get the attention of the UN, but the global community did not react. Emotionally spent, he suffered severe PTSD, and attempted to commit suicide. He now advocates for recognition of PTSD recognition in the military.

Who heads the Human Rights Commission in the U.S.?

James McGovern is the democratic member of the U.S. House of Representatives and co-chair of the Tom Lantos Commission on Human Rights. He believes in fairness, decency, respect for all people giving back to our community and global human rights.

*Who is the **Human Rights Commission** named for?*

Tom Lantos was a Hungarian Jewish Holocaust survivor who survived with the help of Raoul Wallenberg. He served in the House of Representative and founded the Congressional Human Rights Caucus. He devoted his public life to stirring the consciousness "to protect human rights and common decency." (Bono). After his death, the caucus was renamed the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission.

*Is **Esther Mujawayo** a survivor of the 1994 genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda?*

Esther Mujawayo is a survivor of the genocide, who lost many members of her family in the genocide. She founded the Association of Widows of the Rwandan Genocide and practices as a sociologist and psychotherapist.

*How long was **Dikgang Moseneke** on Robben Island?*

Dikgang Moseneke was on Robben Island for ten years from the age of fifteen, where he shared a cell with Nelson Mandela.

*How long has **Judith Abitan** been with the RWCHR?*

Judith Abitan, the Executive Director of the RWCHR, has helped to build the centre from its founding in 2015. Her focus is strategic direction and growth; the implementation of a governance

framework; and legal and financial oversight, as well as the advocacy of international justice issues and the defence of political prisoners.

*Does **Brandon Silver** have a family connection with human rights issues?*

Brandon Silver is a third-generation descendant of the Holocaust Survivors. “Many of my family died in the Holocaust and the world was indifferent and inactive in the face of these atrocities. A lot of that still goes on today. The universal message, I don’t think, has been understood nor the need to act in the face of these crimes. I didn’t want to be one of the people standing by and so, inspired by Professor Cotler’s actions, I decided to get involved in public interest work and human rights”.

*Have **Irene Lilienheim Angelico** and **Abbey Jack Neidik** made other film dealing with human rights?*

All of Angelico and Neidik’s films deal with some aspect of human rights including racism anti-Semitism, sexism, xenophobia, slavery, Holocaust and freedom of belief and opinion.

*Who championed the **Universal Declaration of Human Rights**?*

In the aftermath of World War II and the horror of the concentration camps, people realized that there was an urgent need to protect individuals from the abuses of governments. President Truman appointed **Eleanor Roosevelt** Chairperson of the UN Commission on Human Rights which drafted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. She fought hard to make the declaration comprehensive and considered it her most important task while serving at the UN.

*What are the articles in the **Universal Declaration of Human Rights**?*

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights outlines thirty basic rights:

- Article 1 Right to Equality
- Article 2 Freedom from Discrimination
- Article 3 Right to Life, Liberty, Personal Security
- Article 4 Freedom from Slavery
- Article 5 Freedom from Torture and Degrading Treatment
- Article 6 Right to Recognition as a Person before the Law
- Article 7 Right to Equality before the Law
- Article 8 Right to Remedy by Competent Tribunal
- Article 9 Freedom from Arbitrary Arrest and Exile
- Article 10 Right to Fair Public Hearing
- Article 11 Right to be Considered Innocent until Proven Guilty
- Article 12 Freedom from Interference with Privacy, Family, Home, and Correspondence
- Article 13 Right to Free Movement in and out of the Country
- Article 14 Right to Asylum in other Countries from Persecution
- Article 15 Right to a Nationality and the Freedom to Change It
- Article 16 Right to Marriage and Family

- Article 17 Right to Own Property
- Article 18 Freedom of Belief and Religion
- Article 19 Freedom of Opinion and Information
- Article 20 Right of Peaceful Assembly and Association
- Article 21 Right to Participate in Government and in Free Elections
- Article 22 Right to Social Security
- Article 23 Right to Desirable Work and to Join Trade Unions
- Article 24 Right to Rest and Leisure
- Article 25 Right to Adequate Living Standard
- Article 26 Right to Education
- Article 27 Right to Participate in the Cultural Life of Community
- Article 28 Right to a Social Order that Articulates this Document
- Article 29 Community Duties Essential to Free and Full Development
- Article 30 Freedom from State or Personal Interference in the above Rights

*When was the **Universal Declaration of Human Rights** adopted?*

2023 marks the 75th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

*Who do the **Universal Declaration of Human Rights** belong to?*

Everyone!

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written and composed by Bob Dylan
published by Dwarf Music

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