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***Simon Schama: The Holocaust, 80 Years On* Premieres April 22 on PBS**

New Documentary from Famed Historian Premieres During Holocaust Remembrance Month

NEW YORK (April 7, 2025) — Against the contemporary backdrop of rising antisemitism around the world, and 80 years after the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, Simon Schama traces the historical path to the death camps – the endpoint of a much longer road of horror. ***Simon Schama: The Holocaust, 80 Years On*** premieres on **Tuesday, April 22 at 9/8c on PBS** ([check local listings](#)), [PBS.org](https://pbs.org), the [PBS YouTube channel](#) and the [PBS App](#).

From Lithuania to Poland to the Netherlands, Schama visits the scenes of early atrocities and systematic genocide before traveling with trepidation - for the first time in his life - to Auschwitz. Along the way he meets with people determined to keep the memory of the Holocaust alive and reads testimonies from survivors and eyewitnesses of the increasingly violent persecutions. By finally "meeting the monster" as both a historian and 80-year-old Jew, Schama's hope is to more fully understand how the Holocaust happened, in the hopes it will never happen again.

"Never has there been so much Holocaust education while also as much ignorance about its true enormity, the most profound act of calculated evil known to history," said Simon Schama. "The conflicts and agonies of our present moment, not least the appalling return of antisemitism, only make a retelling of the Holocaust story the more urgent."

Simon Schama: The Holocaust, 80 Years On is part of The WNET Group's Holocaust Days of Remembrance exploring antisemitism through the history and personal stories of the Holocaust, and their impact on Jewish life and culture. It will stream simultaneously with broadcast and be available on all station-branded PBS platforms, including [PBS.org](https://pbs.org), the [PBS YouTube channel](#) and the PBS app, available on iOS, Android, Roku, Apple TV, Amazon Fire TV, Android TV, Samsung Smart TV, Chromecast and Vizio.

Simon Schama: The Holocaust, 80 Years On is an Oxford Films production for BBC, in association with The WNET Group. Hugo Macgregor is director. Simon Schama is writer

and presenter. Jyoti Mehta is producer. Nicolas Kent and Charlotte Sacher are executive producers for Oxford Films. Simon Young is commissioning editor for the BBC. And for The WNET Group: Benjamin Phelps is supervising producer, Lesley Norman is executive producer, and Stephen Segaller is executive in charge.

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