

PRESS NOTES

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present



Hedy & Yumi
CROSSING THE BRIDGE

a film by Robyn Symon

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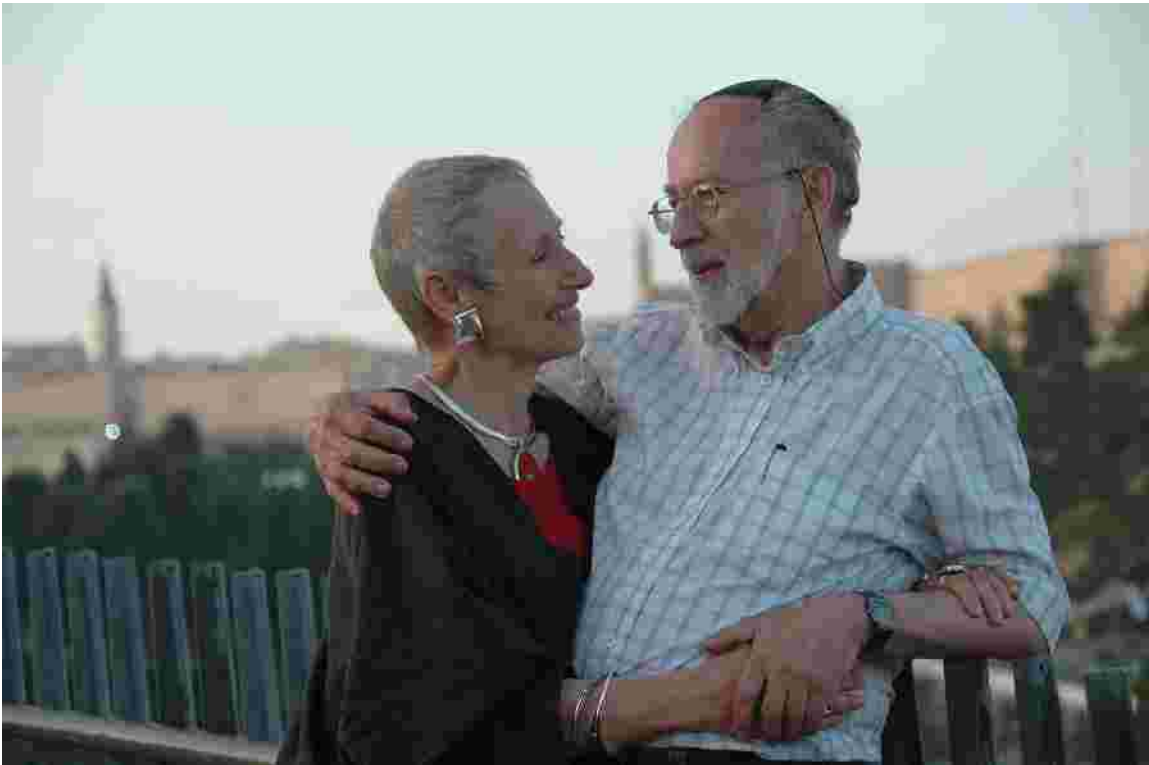
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Synopsis - Short

A husband and wife overcome childhood scars and marital struggles to become a dynamic and inspiring relationship-building team.

The film highlights the emotional drama of couples in conflict around the globe.

Watch Hedy and Yumi pursue their mission of global human connection by teaching us to “Cross the Bridge” to one another.



Synopsis - Medium

This is the story of Hedy and Yumi Schleifer, recognized amongst their peers as one of the world's most dynamic and inspiring relationship-building teams. Fueled by their own emotional scars of the Holocaust and power struggles during four decades of marriage, Hedy and Yumi have overcome their personal challenges and now teach a skill set for couples that leads to passionate, rewarding, and lasting relationships. They travel the globe promoting the "power of connection" among couples and nations. Follow Hedy and Yumi into their "Adventure in Intimacy" workshops in Vancouver, Vienna, and Israel where you will witness the transformation of couples as they are "Crossing the Bridge" to each other, an intimate ritual designed to clean out the emotional pollution that exists in the "sacred space" of our relationships.

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Born in Europe, Hedy and Yumi were children of war. Although they survived, they and their families experienced many personal losses and

extreme hardship as a result of the persecution of Jews by Nazi Germany. Their experiences growing up in such a difficult environment formed lasting impressions that followed them into their married life and led to the inevitable power struggles that take place between husband and wife. You will come to understand their own healing process as they visit the war memorial in Vienna and re-awaken suppressed memories that have invisibly shaped their relationship. Now married for over 40 years, Hedy and Yumi have overcome several crisis points to reach what they refer to as a "conscious marriage".

"What did fascinate me was the subject of relationships. It is something I never thought of as a subject. I never thought of breathing as a subject – you breathe. It wasn't until we got involved in Imago, that I realized relationships were a subject we could study and work on to make them better." – Yumi Schleifer

In a world where it seems easier to exit a relationship than to learn how to transform it into a fulfilling and meaningful way of life, Hedy and Yumi provide couples with the tools required to understand each other, to listen to each other and to enable each other to grow. Over the past 15 years, they have taught couples on six continents, and in five languages, how to "cross the bridge" to one another and deepen their relationships through their unique "Adventure in Intimacy" workshop. The film highlights the emotional drama as couples explore their inner childhood experiences that have now become the trigger for conflict with their loved ones.

The Producer/Director

"HEDY & YUMI: Crossing the Bridge" was produced, directed and edited by Robyn Symon (<http://www.symonproductions.com/>). Robyn is a two-time Emmy award-winning writer/producer specializing in documentaries and television TV series. She has quickly become known in the industry as the "transformational" filmmaker, putting a spotlight on people who make a difference in the world.

A former TV news reporter, Symon wrote and produced the national PBS documentary series "Voices of Vision," hosted by NPR's Scott Simon. The series focused on non-profit organizations and ranged in topics from combating human rights violations against women in West Africa, China's looming "fast food" health crisis, to the history of Boys Town. While at PBS, Symon also wrote and produced the musical special "Boleros: Unforgettable Love Songs" with Ricardo Montalban, Celiz Cruz, Jose Feliciano and many top Latin music stars which became a "fundraising favorite" for PBS stations nationwide. While at PBS Symon also wrote and produced the series "Florida!" which aired for six seasons on The Travel Channel.

In 2007, Symon debuted in the indie arena, producing and directing the feature documentary "Transformation: The Life & Legacy of Werner Erhard" " about one of the most controversial cultural figures of the human potential movement. At its New York premiere, "Transformation" broke the box office record. The film and TV rights were acquired by Screen Media Films.



"Robyn Symon and Hedy Schleifer"

Symon recently completed her latest feature documentary, "Hedy & Yumi: Crossing the Bridge" about relationship experts who have turned their pain from

the Holocaust into a global mission to create a 'culture of connection.' Symon is currently producing several projects including a documentary on two-time Nobel Peace Prize nominee SOMPOP Jantraka who is on a mission to prevent young girls from entering Asia's sex trade, "Grown Up Kidz" about child caregivers, and the journey of a Canadian college grad in "One Week Job" who generated world wide attention for taking one job a week for a year in search of his passion.

Symon has been honored with numerous national awards including two Emmys for writing and producing short documentaries, three National Telly Awards, two NABJ awards, two Associated Press and UPI honors for news reporting.

For more information, visit www.symonproductions.com.

TESTIMONIALS

"Someone asked me which films I liked best. Hedy and Yumi Schleifer's – Crossing the Bridge. I encourage you all to see it." – Diane Sollee, Director of Smart Marriages Conference and Founder of the Coalition for Marriage, Family and Couples Education

"Technically it is stunning – the visuals, the music, and the symbols are so powerful...it will be a center piece of the Couples Counseling course I teach." – Bert Bertram, Ed. D. LMHC & LMFT

"The film is so beautiful, so inspiring, that you leave knowing you owe it to yourself to make the effort to live life to its fullest...an asset to my work as a couples therapist." – Laura Hugelmeyer, Imago Therapist, Netherlands

"Restoring soul to ourselves and the planet. A vision that continues to manifest and evolve." – E. Fajardo, LMHC CAP

"A group of us Imago therapists watched it together. We were all moved." – J. Finneren MA, LPC, CIRT

About the Workshops

The story of Hedy and Yumi Schleifer is also the story of the Adventure in Intimacy workshop which they developed and now conduct in various locations throughout the world each year. Workshops held in Vancouver, Vienna, and Israel provide the backdrop for the film Hedy and Yumi: Crossing the Bridge.

The Adventure In Intimacy workshop for couples is based on Imago Relationship Theory, the relational philosophy of Martin Buber, the positive change approach of Appreciative Inquiry and other sources.

This three-day workshop helps couples begin to heal the history each brought into the relationship and the history they have created together, and to rediscover the joy of being together.

The workshop focuses on the relationship with one's partner. Except for a brief introduction, couples work either alone or with their partner and are not expected to share anything with other couples unless they choose to do so.

The stated goals of the workshop are:

- To provide a conceptual reframing and understanding of relationships
- To provide relationship skills training
- To shift couples from blame to cooperation
- To develop constructive ways to express anger and resolve conflict
- To renew passion and pleasure in the relationship.

For more information on the Adventure in Intimacy workshop and schedules, visit www.hedyyumi.org.

Credit List

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Malvin Magri

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GBMI Studios

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Wizard Sound Services
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Dave Rendall
Allan Check
Allen Jones

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Sandra Licastro

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Chuck Ibey

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Martin Hendricks

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Teresa Heller

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Production Assistant
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Michal Martsinkovsky (Hebrew)

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Morgan Hachim

Tanya Harmon
Terry Nielsen

Medwyn McConachy
Karin Watson

Donna Rayner
Jennifer Smith

Toni Paletta
Jim Gill

Gail Muise
Rodger Ostlund

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Adi and Ilan Avitsur Gal

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Locations

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Ohalo Manor Hotel (Tiberias, Israel)
George's Restaurant (Miami Beach, FL)

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