

The Holocaust – Is It a Wallpaper Paste?

Film screening and discussion with the filmmaker Mumin Shakirov
Moderated by Olga Gershenson, Professor of Judaic and Near Eastern Studies

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(Dir. Mumin Shakirov, Studio “Baktria-Film,” Russia, 56 min, 2013.)

Last year two student sisters appearing on a Russian TV quiz show gained instant notoriety when asked to define the word ‘Holocaust’. A trip to Auschwitz with journalist and filmmaker Mumin Shakirov dispelled their ignorance, and brought the girls to face the history that is so rarely mentioned in Russia today. Whose fault is it that young Russians do not know anything about the Holocaust? Whose responsibility is it to teach them the history of their own country and of World War II? Shakirov’s new film poses these difficult questions as it documents two naïve young women discovering the difficult subject of the Holocaust and grappling with its lessons.



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