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**The Life and Death of Hannah Senesh**

# **BLESSED IS THE MATCH**

**Street Date: April 13, 2010**

**Pre-Order Date: March 16, 2010**

**SRP: \$26.95**

“A miracle—moving, informative, unforgettable.” —Gloria Steinem

**OVERVIEW:** In 1944, 22-year-old Hannah Senesh parachuted into Nazi-occupied Europe with a small group of Jewish volunteers from Palestine. Theirs was the only military rescue mission for Jews that occurred in World War II.

Narrated by 3-time Academy Award® nominee Joan Allen, the multi-award-winning BLESSED IS THE MATCH follows the remarkable journey of this young Hungarian poet and diarist, paratrooper and resistance fighter. Told through Hannah's letters, diaries, and poems, her mother's memoirs, and the recollections of those who knew and loved her (including two of her fellow parachutists), the film traces her life from her childhood in Budapest to her time in British-controlled Palestine—where she was drawn by the Kibbutz Movement that sought to build an independent Jewish state—to her daring mission to rescue Jews in her native Hungary.

Both devastating and inspiring, BLESSED IS THE MATCH offers an intimate portrait of a singularly talented, courageous and complex girl who believed that one person could be a flame that burns brightly in even the darkest hours.

Following a successful film festival run where it garnered 12 awards, BLESSED IS THE MATCH releases on DVD on **April 13, 2010**, the same day an hour-long version airs on PBS's acclaimed “Independent Lens”.

**DVD BONUS FEATURES:**

- Deleted scenes and Interviews
- Behind-the-Scenes Photo Gallery
- Theatrical Trailer

**FILMMAKERS:**

Directed by Roberta Grossman  
Produced by Lisa Thomas & Roberta Grossman  
Executive Producer: Marta Kauffman  
Written by Sophie Sartain  
Director of Photography: Dyanna Taylor  
Editor: Blake West  
Narrated by Joan Allen  
Music by Todd Boekelheide  
Story Consultant: Eitan Senesh

**FESTIVALS INCLUDE:**

New Jersey Jewish Film Festival  
Seattle Jewish Film Festival  
Houston Jewish Film Festival  
Pittsburgh Jewish Israeli Film Festival  
Denver Jewish Film Festival  
San Diego Jewish Film Festival  
Tucson Jewish Film Festival  
Atlanta Jewish Film Festival  
Washington Jewish Film Festival  
Hong Kong Jewish Film Festival  
Garden State Film Festival  
Heartland Film Festival

**TECHNICAL INFORMATION:**

Catalog #:	NNVG215770	Language:	English
Rating:	N/A	Color:	Color and B&W
Running Time:	85 mins + extras	Audio Format:	Stereo
Genre:	Documentary		

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