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***Germany and the Secret Genocide***  
Selected for Jewish “Side Bar” Screening  
at East Coast Film Festival

*Germany and the Secret Genocide* was featured in the Jewish “Side Bar” of the Rhode Island International Film Festival August 12. The award-winning film by Dr. J. Michael Hagopian of Thousand Oaks, CA was screened at the Pawtucket Visitor’s Center in Providence.

This is the second film of THE WITNESSES trilogy on the Armenian Genocide of 1915, prepared by the Armenian Film Foundation, also based in southern California.

The Rhode Island International Film Festival is the largest such festival in New England. Its proximity to Boston and New York provides the festival with a film-literate audience and an ideal high visibility environment for filmmakers. The Governor of Rhode Island is the honorary chair of the annual event.

*Germany and the Secret Genocide* was introduced to the Rhode Island International Film Festival by Dr. Sharon Rivo, Executive Director for the National Center for Jewish Film at Brandeis University. She was a panelist at the East Coast premiere of Hagopian’s film by the National Association of Armenian Studies and Research in April in Belmont, Massachusetts. Dr. Rivo was highly impressed with Hagopian’s work and expressed the desire to introduce it to the Jewish community of America.

Glenn Farr, co-producer of *Germany and the Secret Genocide*, stated that he is gratified by growing Jewish acclaim for the film. “It is an affirmation that genocide is a world-wide phenomena.”

Earlier this year *Germany and the Secret Genocide* won the coveted first place Golden Camera Award in the History category at the prestigious U.S. International Film and Video Festival, the largest festival of its kind. It was also one of only 7 out of 1500 submissions to be nominated for the festival’s Grand Prix. Additionally, it has received special recognitions at the One World Human Rights Film Festival in Prague and tied for first place at the Athens, Ohio International Film Festival.

For more information on *Germany and the Secret Genocide* and other Armenian Film Foundation films, visit the Foundation’s website at [www.armenianfilmfoundation.org](http://www.armenianfilmfoundation.org) or call their office at 805-495-0717.