

# LINIE 41

by Tanja Cummings



## SYNOPSIS

Throughout his adult life, Natan Grossmann (born in 1927) suppressed memories of his captivity in the Lodz ghetto that had been set up by the Germans during World War II. He repressed his desire to learn about the circumstances of his parents' death as well as the fate of his brother to whom he had lost contact in 1942. Now, 70 years later, Grossmann starts to search for answers in Łódź (Poland) and immerses in an emotional confrontation with the past. As Grossmann gradually uncovers details about his brother's fate, memories of his parents and life and death in the ghetto return. He discovers facts and encounters people that he never would have imagined possible just a few years ago.

Jens-Jürgen Ventzki (born in 1944) is also researching his family's past in Łódź. He is driven by a dark family secret – his father Werner Ventzki was the Nazi Head Mayor of the city at that time, which was a centre of German repression and annihilation politics against Jews and...

## FESTIVALS

Bucharest Jewish Filmfestival 2015 (im Wettbewerb)

Kasseler Dokfest, 2015

Jüdische Filmtage München, 2016

JIFF Jewish International Film Festival, Sidney & Melbourne, Australien, 2016

Neiße Filmfestival. Gewinner des Spezialpreises beim 13. Neiße Filmfestival, 2016

JFBB Jüdisches Film Festival Berlin & Brandenburg (JFBB), 2016

Paul Spiegel Filmfestival, Düsseldorf, 2017

BJFF Boston Jewish Filmfestival, 2017

## CAST AND CREW

DIRECTOR Tanja Cummings

2015

101 min

### FORMAL CATEGORIES

History, Conflicts, War/Peace, Human Rights, Social issues

### ORIGINAL LANGUAGES

Polish, German

### PREMIERE

Kassel, Germany (2015)

### PRODUCTION COMPANY

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