

Harbour of Hope press release. For immediate release

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A FILM BY MAGNUS GERTTEN
**HARBOUR
OF HOPE**

Harbour of Hope team is looking for survivors

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The team behind the newly awarded documentary Harbour of Hope is currently documenting survivor stories from The Second World War. In Harbour of Hope three survivors tell their life stories. Now the team has started documenting more of the Holocaust witnesses coming to Sweden in Spring 1945.



In January 2012, when Harbour of Hope was shown in Jerusalem a lady raised her hand after the screening. "Excuse me", she said. "Did you see the little girl in the film with a blanket in her hand, who just had come off the ship? It is me", she told the astonished audience. It was an amazing moment when the Harbour of Hope team realized that it's still possible to identify survivors in the unique archive footage, which the film is based on.

The original archive material belongs to SVT, the Swedish National Television. The footage was mainly shot on April 28, 1945 the day several hundreds of concentration camp survivors came with ships from Copenhagen. Many of them came from the Ravensbrück camp, but also from other camps.

Director Magnus Gertten states:

'We want to put names to the thousand of nameless faces we see arrive in the Malmö harbour. Please spread the word that we are looking for survivors, who came to Malmö on April 28, 1945. There's a possibility that the photographers in the harbour documented their arrival on this day. We are also interested in testimonies from survivors who came with the Swedish Red Cross mission to Sweden during the period March to May and the refugees who came during the summer of 1945. We want to share their stories of liberation and starting a new life in Sweden.'

The Harbour of Hope team is doing this research and documentation in co-operation with SVT. At this point it is not known exactly how the results of the continued research will be published, but it might even end up in another documentary film.

If you are one of the survivors coming to Malmö in Spring 1945 or have relevant details on these survivors, please contact the director Magnus Gertten at magnus.gertten@autoimages.se

You can read more about the search for survivors at the Harbour of Hope web site here: <http://harbourofhope.com/know-survivors/>

About Harbour of Hope

Harbour of Hope is a heartbreaking, but life-affirming documentary about the beyond belief life stories of Irene Krausz-Fainman, Ewa Kabacinska Jansson and Joe Rozenberg. In 1945 they were among the 30.000 survivors that were rescued from German concentration camps and brought to the peaceful harbour town of Malmö, Sweden. There life began again.

Coming to Sweden in 1945 is a defining moment in the lives of Irene, Ewa and Joe. In Harbour of Hope they reveal their stories – from the complicated moments of freedom to the mysteries and questions still haunting them today.

Here you can see the **[Harbour of Hope trailer](#)**

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Harbour of Hope is currently screening at international film festivals. To stay updated on the progress of the film you can follow the Harbour of Hope Facebook page

<http://www.facebook.com/HarbourOfHope>

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Note to editors

Press material and links and resources with background information on the historical aspects of Harbour of Hope can be found here:

<http://harbourofhope.com/press/>