

*"Wonderful! The story has such narrative drive that we're quickly engaged. A wise and heartwarming movie."*

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*My Grandfather's House*, a personal documentary, follows filmmaker Eileen Douglas's determined search to find her grandfather's house in Lithuania, the home he lived in and left behind in 1911 when he fled, at 16, from Kovno to America to escape the Tsar's Army. Four decades after his death, with only fragments to guide the way, the documentary is Douglas's attempt to lift the veil of darkness and discover "where it all began." Traveling from New York City, to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, to her mother's attic in Syracuse, to the homes of relatives and, finally, to the block in Kovno where her grandfather once lived, along the way she unexpectedly unlocks the mystery of stories he never told, discovers the fate of family members lost in the war, learns of the glory that once was Lithuanian Jewry, finds living relatives missing for years in Siberia, and resurrects a family shattered by the traumas of the 20th Century.

The documentary weaves together original footage, old family photographs, archival records, translations of old Yiddish letters, archival film footage, family reminiscences, interviews, conversations, and music scored to evoke a vanished era.

*"a remarkable and moving family story."*

*-Judith Roach, Head of Local*

*History and Genealogy, the Library of Congress*

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Directed by Ron Steinman

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### *My Grandfather's House*

"My Grandfather's House is an important movie for everybody: Jewish, non-Jewish and of all cultures. This movie brings full circle the journey one goes through to discover and explore his/her roots. I loved how the filmmaker was able to include all of her family, both living and non-living, to get a full sense of who she was. I found the movie to be very compelling and it made me go home after the screening and take a look at old pictures and remind myself from where I have come from."

*-Ilene Dackman Alon, Program Director, the Jewish Museum of Maryland*



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