

**REVIEW OF "THE WEIGHT OF MEMORY: I AM BERNIE FURSHPAN": A FILM BY
Christiane Arbesu of TERREBONNE PRODUCTIONS AT THE DON BOSCO ORATORY
CINEMA THEATER ON MAY 25, 2025.**

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The film was not just amazing, it is 'The' story that has meaning on many levels for us today. Teaching tolerance is never easy, but Bernie does it brilliantly as he narrates the story of his family. Beyond the poignant reflections on ideologies gone wrong and evil, brainwashed communities and countries, and we being all cousins, the documentary is a real lesson in how to live life and handle ordeals.

While we will never know what Moshe went through to survive 3 years in the forest, his survival testifies to an ability, flexibility and resilience that today's younger generations cannot even imagine, let alone go through. He was not a boy who 'played' at camping out in the forest, but fought to survive while the forest swarmed with soldiers. While we all protect our kids, it also raises the point that real-life challenges build solid men and women. His intelligence and that of his wife in creating a new life and raising successful kids despite it all speak of a couple that chose to focus on a positive future and not on the bitterness that can seep in after tragedy. While carrying a hefty baggage, he did not victimize himself, but worked hard to leave a better world.