



“FROM THEN ON, I DECIDED I WOULD NEVER LET THAT HAPPEN TO MY CHILDREN, EVER.

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Harriet on growing up with antisemitism

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is, of course, Jewish! What does this film mean to you, and what do you hope attendees get out of it?

I don't have many relatives who are very religious, though I also can't think of many who have intermarried. The message I hope people will hear is this: don't knock people who choose that very religious path. It's not right for me, but it is for some people. I think it's very hard to make that transition into religiosity. I'm even reading a book about it, and it's difficult—but I'm glad some people can do it.

If *American Birthright* asks, “Why be Jewish?” then *A Jew Walks Into A Bar* asks, “Okay, you're Jewish—now, how do you make that work?” We see David, a Haredi stand-up comedian, struggling to balance his observance with his passion. It's a story we've seen before in Chaim Potok's *My Name is Asher Levi* and more recently in Akiva's storyline on the Israeli drama *Shtisel*. It's a question Jews have had to grapple