

Russes among stars of ♦The Jews of New York♦

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"The Jews of New York," a documentary on New York public television, profiles Jewish individuals and institutions that changed the face of New York, woven together with expert commentary, to present a broad spectrum of the ways in which the Jewish community has impacted secular New York life from the earliest immigrants through today. These slices of Jewish life in New York reflect the larger community experience what one people did for a city, and what a city did for them. "The Jews of New York" tells the full story of Russ and Daughters (a restaurant) from the early 1900s to the present, through interviews with three generations of the Russ family: Anne Russ Federman and Hattie Russ Gold, the two surviving Russ daughters; Mark Russ Federman, Niki Russ Federman, and Josh Russ Tupper. Mark, proprietor of Russ and Daughters, is a member of the Alfred University Class of 1966. Narrated by actor Tovah Feldsuh, the program also includes interviews with Ed Koch; Joe Stein and Sheldon Harnick (the playwright and lyricist of Fiddler on the Roof); David and Drew Schiff (the great grandson and great great grandson of Jacob Schiff); Dr. Arthur Aufses of Mount Sinai Medical Center; and hasidic rabbi Haskel Besser. For those of you in the New York area there are several viewing options: Sunday, Jan. 20, 8 p.m. on Channel 21. The premier includes a conversation with director, Julie Cohen. Thursday, Jan. 24 at 9 p.m. This is an uninterrupted airing. Sunday, Feb. 3 at 5 p.m. This time you'll see even more of the Russes. This airing includes a conversation with Niki Russ Federman and Josh Russ Tupper.