

Arts @ Entertainment

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Fool's Gold

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I Am Sound

A band way overdue has finally arrived. **Fool's Gold** is fresh and exciting: Island pop indie rock, and songs are more often sung in Hebrew than in English. Luke Top and Lewis Pesacov (born in Israel) are the front men behind **Fool's Gold**. The self-titled debut from the Los Angeles collaborative is the kosher crunk. **Fool's Gold** plays with band mates from We Are Scientists and the Fall. I will listen to this album for months-years.



IN THE BEGINNING



Penguin Luck

Kay Mupetson
iUniverse

In this fictional drama, she is propelled throughout her life to continue on a family legacy, seeking out family truths. Dorren Lowe, the main character in **Penguin Luck** deals with a family past. Dorren is a third generation product of Holocaust survivors. **Penguin Luck** is a story of family and survival, a moving truth and a valuable lesson in history.



The Fruit of Her Hands: The Story of Shira of Ashkenaz

Michelle Cameron
Pocket Books

A book as rich as the cover illustration, **The Fruit of Her Hands** is based on the life of Cameron's 13th century ancestor, Meir Ben Baruch, a renowned Jewish scholar of medieval Europe. **The Fruit of Her Hands** is a dramatic fictional tale centered on the character of Meir Ben Baruch's wife, Shira. The book paints a picture of the dawning of the renaissance; a society faced with prejudices and one woman's fight for justice and equality.



NOSH-ON SCREEN



The Diary of Anne Frank

Jon Jones
Darlow Smithson Productions

This particular film adaptation of **The Diary of Anne Frank** stars Tasmin Greig, Ellie Kendrick and Ian Glen. An important artifact of history and a universal tale, the extraordinary social document gives a personal account of life in hiding under Nazi occupied Europe in World War II from the perspective of a teenage girl. The film begins on Anne's 13th birthday in Amsterdam and documents two years in hiding. Living with the Franks (Otto, Edith and their two daughters, Margot and Anne) and Otto's work colleague, Hermann Van Daan and his wife and son, and Albert Dussell. **The Diary of Anne Frank** is a film adaptation of great intensity, a symbol of the oppressed in a world of violence and tyranny. **The Diary of Anne Frank** inspires audiences through the ages.



PRE-PRODUCTION NOTES

An Unbroken Chain

A film about survival and hope

Henry Oertelt (89) is a Holocaust survivor and author of **An Unbroken Chain: My Journey Through the Nazi Holocaust**, which tells the various circumstances that led to his survival and his brother's, Kurt Oertelt (95). A group of filmmakers and organizers at Launch Flix, a production company that creates, produces and distributes original content is seeking to make a film adaptation of **An Unbroken Chain: My Journey Through the Nazi Holocaust**. "We are consulting with experts like Facing History and Ourselves and educators to insure that our film will be a lasting tool for Holocaust education in schools. We started a 501(c)(3) education fund, Six Million for Six Million for the film project to provide tax deductions to donors. We estimated the film and marketing budget to be six million dollars. If six million people donate one dollar each we can make this film. We have raised one third of the funds from our partners at MarVista Entertainment who will executive produce and distribute this film. KarBen Publishing, the book's publisher, will carry the film and distribute it to educators all over the world." Visit 6mfor6m.org for more information on the production of **An Unbroken Chain**, *A film about survival and hope*.

Rating Scale:

☆ Oy ☆☆☆ Not bad ☆☆☆☆ Good ☆☆☆☆☆ Mazel-Tov

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