The concept of "Documentary" as a product of modernity cannot inherently be ascribed to Judaism. Yet, upon closer examination of the pioneers of documentary filmmaking—the architects who laid the foundation for the language of documentary filmmaking and thought—a compelling Jewish lineage emerges, quietly shaping the evolving landscape of the burgeoning documentary project. This lecture will delve into the ideas and practices of ten profoundly influential Jewish documentarians whose contributions have left an enduring imprint on our collective philosophical and historical narrative. Professor Geva will sign off with an excerpt from his 2004 personal film tribute to Dziga Vertov's 1929 tour de force A Man with a Movie Camera—a Jewish filmmaker and grand master of the documentary form.

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