

For Immediate Release – Holocaust survivors build first solar house in America

Producers Leslie Streit and Robin McCain are pleased to announce the availability of their feature documentary **Elly and Henry** for screenings at festivals, film series and other exhibition venues.



The viewer is invited to take a trip into this very personal history that spans the entire 20th century and into the 21st – the **Holocaust, World War II**, the beginnings of **solar housing and green design**, and the anatomy of a tumultuous marriage.



1939: Elly Glass, a Viennese woman, traveled to Berlin in an effort to free her Jewish husband from Buchenwald. Elly, only 23 years old, obtained an audience with a high ranking Gestapo officer. By the end of that meeting the officer said, “Your husband will be released in 10 days”. And he was. The couple fled Vienna and came to the United States. With no money, no English and no friends to help them, they overcame extreme obstacles. In less than a year they had worked their way out of the rat and bedbug infested boarding house they were forced to live in. Later in 1948 Chicago, Henry Glass became the architect of one of the first solar houses in America, an early advocate for “living green” and a legendary industrial designer. This is their love story - a portrait of a pioneering designer and the woman who made everything possible throughout their 66 years together.



Told primarily from Elly’s point of view, the story unfolds through interviews, stunning animations of Henry Glass designs, archival films and photographs, and a soundtrack reflecting the times and tastes of Elly and Henry Glass. This is no sad Holocaust story but one full of life, vitality and hope.

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