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Camryn and Milo Manheim to Lead off Premiere of *Generations,* Jewish Life Television's Jewish-Themed Genealogy TV Series, Created in Partnership with Museum of Jewish Heritage and JewishGen. *Generations* will debut this fall.



Pictured: **Milo Manheim** *(Credit: Kal Yee),* **Camryn Manheim** *(Credit: Cathryn Farnsworth),* ***Generations*** **Host Brad Pomerance** *(Credit: Joanna DeGeneres)*

New York, NY— ***Generations,*** the first Jewish-themed genealogy television series produced by the **Museum of Jewish Heritage — A Living Memorial to the Holocaust, JewishGen,** and **JLTV**, will launch in Fall 2023. The premiere episode has begun filming, and will feature actors **Camryn Manheim** (*Law and Order, The Practice*) and her son, **Milo Manheim** (*School Spirits, Zombies*), exploring their DNA and family roots and revealing artifacts, objects, documents, and photographs to paint a full family portrait.

"Learning about my ancestors and my Jewish heritage holds immense significance for me," says Camryn Manheim. "It allows me to connect with my roots, understand the rich tapestry of my family's history, and appreciate the unimaginable struggles and triumphs that have shaped my life today. By learning about my ancestors, I am not only honoring their legacy but also gaining a deeper understanding of myself, my identity, and the world around me."

"I am very excited to explore my Jewish roots and the lives of my ancestors," says **Milo Manheim**. "Heritage is extremely important to my family, and tracing our roots will allow us to better understand the intangible attributes that have been passed down from generation to generation. This journey will provide a deeper understanding of who I am and will further instill a profound sense of pride in my heritage. By delving into the past, I will gain insights into the challenges my ancestors faced and the resilience they displayed, inspiring me to embrace my own journey with renewed strength and determination."

The groundbreaking series ***Generations*** is the first Jewish-themed genealogy television series that will use the vast digital resources of **JewishGen**, under the guidance of JewishGen Executive Director **Avraham Groll** and Board of Governors Co-chair **Karen Franklin**; the historical resources of the **Museum of Jewish Heritage;** and the production resources of **JLTV,** to unravel centuries-old family mysteries and histories before and after landing on Ellis Island.

"Understanding the lives of Jewish people through history, not just here in New York but globally, is core to the mission of the Museum of Jewish Heritage," says **Jack Kliger, President and CEO of the Museum of Jewish Heritage.** "*Generations* will offer valuable and inspiring insight into family histories and the research it takes to illuminate them, exploring the struggles and accomplishments of those who came before us. We are grateful to be part of such a groundbreaking series."

Brad Pomerance, the host of several award-winning television programs, is anchoring *Generations*, and says, "Discovering one's family history is a gift and an opportunity to learn more about oneself. It's not only where we came from but how the lives of our ancestors shaped who we are today, and how that knowledge could, potentially, change our outlook on life. This is one of the most important projects of my career. We look forward to introducing viewers to *Generations* this fall, and are deeply grateful to Camryn, Milo, and their family for opening up their hearts to share their stories."

The episode, which also will feature discussions with Camryn's brother, Law Professor **Karl Manheim**, and their 97-year-old mother, **Sylvia Manheim,** will reveal fascinating details about Camryn's and Karl's maternal and paternal lines from centuries past.

This announcement comes as the Museum of Jewish Heritage cements plans to establish the **Peter and Mary Kalikow Jewish Genealogy Research Center** as a new part of the Museum's space, where visitors will access the Jewish genealogy resources within JewishGen and the Museum's respective collections to discover more about their Jewish history. The space will contain computer stations where visitors can access JewishGen's genealogy resources and vast collection of records and data, with printers on hand to bring research home. Visitors can also access hundreds of Yizkor (Memorial) Books and print materials. On-site volunteers and content experts will be on hand to assist in the research as well.

About Brad Pomerance

Brad Pomerance is the host of award-winning television programs such as *Air Land & Sea* on JLTV, *Uncovered in the Archives* on KVCR in Southern California, and formerly *Local Edition* on HLN and the California Channel. Brad has received several awards for his work from the American Psychological Association's Society of Media Psychology, Los Angeles Area Emmy Awards, Los Angeles Press Club, Religion Communicators Council, Religion News Association, Society of American Archivists, the Telly Awards and the World Media Festival.

About Camryn Manheim

Camryn Manheim received an Emmy and Golden Globe Award for her feisty portrayal of defense attorney, Ellenor Frutt, on the hit television show, *The Practice*. In her long career that spans over 40 years, she has appeared in over 60 television shows, 40 movies, and countless plays. Currently, you can see her on location in the streets of Manhattan playing Lieutenant Kate Dixon on *Law & Order*. Other notable credits include*: Stumptown, Utopia, The Magicians, Waco, Ghost Whisperer, Person of Interest, Two and a Half Men, Will & Grace, How I Met Your Mother, The L Word, Ally McBeal, Criminal Minds, Cop Car, Elvis, An Unfinished Life, Romy and Michelle's High School Reunion, Happiness, The Laramie Project, Dark Water,* and *The Road to Wellville*. Camryn made her Broadway debut in Deaf West's Tony-nominated production of *Spring Awakening*. She received her B.F.A from UC Santa Cruz and her M.F.A from New York University. In 1999, Manheim fulfilled a lifelong dream and became a *New York Times* best-selling author with her book, *Wake Up, I'm Fat!* When she's not filming, she teaches and lectures all over the United States and abroad.

About Milo Manheim

A second-generation actor, son of award-winning actress Camryn Manheim, Milo was born and raised in Los Angeles, California. After growing up on the sets of *The Practice* and *Ghost Whisperer*, Milo was bitten by the acting bug and has since become a sought after actor in his own right. Milo has had a big year so far, starring in three very well-received projects in March alone including Paramount+'s YA drama series *School Spirits*, Disney's rom-com *Prom Pact*, and Disney's *Doogie Kamealoha, M.D*. Rounding out 2023, Milo will star in Sony's *Journey To Bethlehem* as Joseph (releasing November 10th) and Eli Roth's horror thriller *Thanksgiving* (releasing November 17th). In 2022, Milo reprised his lead role as charismatic zombie Zed in *Z-O-M-B-I-E-S 3*, the third installment in Disney's hugely successful franchise. In 2018, he wowed audiences and came in second place in the 27th season of ABC's *Dancing With The Stars*.

About JLTV

Jewish Life Television (JLTV) is North America's largest and most robust 24-7, Jewish-themed, English language television network. JLTV provides high-quality, Jewish-inspired programming for audiences of all faiths who share an interest in the Jewish experience in North America, Israel, and around the world. JLTV is available through traditional and non-traditional video providers in the United States and Canada, including Bell Fibe, Charter/Spectrum, Comcast/Xfinity, Cox, DirectTV, and more (www.jltv.tv/channels). Over four million households watch JLTV every month. For more information, visit www.jltv.tv.

About JewishGen

JewishGen was founded in 1987 and serves as the global home for Jewish genealogy. Featuring unparalleled access to more than 30 million records, it offers unique search tools, along with opportunities for researchers to connect with others who share similar interests. There is no charge to access JewishGen's resources. JewishGen is an affiliate of the Museum of Jewish Heritage – A Living Memorial to the Holocaust. For more information, visit www.jewishgen.org.

About the Museum of Jewish Heritage – A Living Memorial to the Holocaust

The Museum of Jewish Heritage – A Living Memorial to the Holocaust is committed to the crucial mission of educating diverse visitors and community members about Jewish life and heritage before, during, and after the Holocaust. The third-largest Holocaust museum in the world, the Museum of Jewish Heritage anchors the southernmost tip of Manhattan, completing the cultural and educational landscape it shares with the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island.

The Museum of Jewish Heritage maintains a collection of almost 40,000 artifacts, photographs, documentary films, and survivor testimonies and contains classrooms, a 375-seat theater (Edmond J. Safra Hall), special exhibition galleries, a resource center for educators, and a memorial art installation, *Garden of Stones*, designed by internationally acclaimed sculptor Andy Goldsworthy.

The Museum's current offerings include *The Holocaust: What Hate Can Do*, a major new exhibition offering a timely and expansive presentation of Holocaust history, now on view in the main galleries. Also on view is *Survivors: Faces of Life After the Holocaust*, featuring photographer Martin Schoeller's portraits of Holocaust survivors. Opening this fall is the Museum's first exhibition for visitors aged 9 and up, *Courage to Act: Rescue in Denmark*, which will bring the lessons of the Holocaust to life through the remarkable story of Danish collective resistance during World War II.

Each year, the Museum presents over 80 public programs, connecting our community in person and virtually through lectures, book talks, concerts, and more. For more info visit: mjhnyc.org/events. Museum receives general operating support from the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs and New York State Council on the Arts. For more information, visit: mjhnyc.org

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