



A Documentary by Steven E. Bram

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Synopsis:

Kabbalah Me follows a personal journey into the spiritual phenomenon known as Kabbalah. Rooted in the Torah and Talmud, Kabbalah has been studied by leading Judaic scholars for many centuries, but many Jews are unaware or uninformed about Kabbalah and its significance. The film tells the story of how co-director Steven Bram, feeling a spiritual void in his life, immerses himself into the world of Kabbalah.

Raised in New York as a secular Jew and without much interest in organized religion, Steven grew up to lead a conventional life – marrying a nice Jewish woman from the suburbs, fathering two beautiful daughters, living on the Upper West Side, and working at a sports and entertainment company. But after 9/11, he felt a longing for a deeper and more fulfilling spiritual life. This longing leads Steven on a five year journey that includes reconnecting with his Hasidic family members, studying with Judaic scholars, and taking a pilgrimage to Israel, where he immerses himself in the history and traditions of the Holy Land and meets with charismatic Rabbis, Talmudic scholars and spiritual leaders.

As Steven's spiritual journey progresses, the mystical and complex world of Kabbalah, with its varying interpretations and myriad rituals and lessons, slowly unfolds, leading to profound changes in all aspects of his life.

Director, Steven Bram has been the COO of New York-based Bombo Sports & Entertainment, LLC since its founding in 1999. He has produced over 50 sports films for television, DVD and digital release. Steven also sits on the board of the Aish Center in New York.

Co-Director, Judah Lazarus is a music video director whose work includes videos by AZ, Reakwon of the Wu Tang Clan and Trick Daddy. As an actor Judah played opposite Tim Robbins in *Noise*. Judah also developed the Sundance Grand Jury Prize winner *The Believer*, starring Ryan Gosling. Judah and his partner Moshe Lazarus now run High Line Productions, which is developing a TV series about Brooklyn's Hassidic Hipster subculture.

Credits:

Produced & Directed Steven E. Bram

Directed by Judah Lazarus

Edited by Neco Turkienicz
Adam Zucker

Associate Producers Ilana Ellis Klein
Rina Perkel

Original Music by Jamie Saft

Original Story by Steven E. Bram
Rabbi Adam Jacobs

Story Consultant Jack Youngelson

Written by Steven E. Bram
Judah Lazarus
Adam Zucker

Assistant Editor Ilana Ellis-Klein
Matt Lapiska
Alan Thompson
Yoni Turkienicz

Production Assistant Nayim Saati
Harold Williams
Asaf Toing

Intern Michael Adam Datny
Kris Kato

Music Composition Pain Management /
ASCAP

Musicians Jamie Saft
Vanessa Saft
Shanir Blumenkranz
Mark Feldman
Ben Perowsky
Craig Santiago

SOUND DESIGN Quentin Chiappetta

ADD'L SOUND DESIGN Joe Marquet

MIXED AT mediaNoise, Brooklyn

DI COLORIST Jon Fordham

COLOR CORRECTION Frame:Runner, NYC

Special Thanks Miriam Bram
Zoe Bram
Kacy Bram
Dr. Jane Eisner Bram
William B. Bram
Brucha Kranz
Dr. Pincus Kranz
Elchonon Kranz
Menachem Kranz
Yechiel Ber Kranz
Max and Inge Adler
The Butler family
The Eisner family
Scott Mager

Inspirational Rabbis Raphael Afilalo
Shmuel Braun
Tzadok Cable
Naftali Citron
Beryl Epstein
Gedalia Fogel
Yom Tov Glaser
David Ingber
Adam Jacobs
Simon Jacobson
Rabbi Kenig
Robert Levine
Meir Levinger
Chaim Miller
Zvi Chaim Pincus
Moshe Schlass
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Adam Sinay
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