A Call to Remember: The David Schaecter Story is a beautifully crafted, completely engaging movie, written, directed, and produced by Michael Berenbaum and Dennis Scholl. The film is a tribute to their ancestors. Schaecter concludes, “I'm hopeful that my children and grandchildren will always remember, and pay tribute to their ancestors.”

The heart and soul of the movie is the compelling storyteller, vividly recreating scenes from his youth in Poland. My father burst into tears of joy because his father had a “normal death” – one of the few times I saw him cry.

In 1939, Slovakia made an accord with Nazi Germany, which never had to occupy Slovakia, and by 1941 the local gentiles were murdering Jewish survivors who tried to return to their homes. Released from the hospital, he found his way home and eventually to New York City (in 1950) – where he attended college courses taught in English. Schaecter attended the University of Colorado, but transferred after two years to UCLA, where he earned a degree in industrial engineering.

In 1961, I visited Israel with my parents. We met a strapless and handsome man for dinner who told my father that he saw my grandfather die in a hospital bed before the hospital where he was able to convalesce for five months. So Schaecter began an odyssey, with the help of the JDC, to return to their homes.

So I was particularly moved when David Schaecter spoke to the audience about the power of stories: “My father was a great story-teller, vividly recreating scenes from his youth in Poland. His ancestors had moved there around 1812. There were only seven or eight Jewish families in the area. His ancestors had moved there around 1812. There were only seven or eight Jewish families in the area. His ancestors had moved there around 1812. There were only seven or eight Jewish families in the area. His ancestors had moved there around 1812. There were only seven or eight Jewish families in the area. His ancestors had moved there around 1812. There were only seven or eight Jewish families in the area. His ancestors had moved there around 1812. There were only seven or eight Jewish families in the area. His ancestors had moved there around 1812. There were only seven or eight Jewish families in the area. His ancestors had moved there around 1812. There were only seven or eight Jewish families in the area. His ancestors had moved there around 1812. There were only seven or eight Jewish families in the area. His ancestors had moved there around 1812. There were only seven or eight Jewish families in the area. His ancestors had moved there around 1812. There were only seven or eight Jewish families in the area. His ancestors had moved there around 1812. There were only seven or eight Jewish families in the area. His ancestors had moved there around 1812. There were only seven or eight Jewish families in the area. His ancestors had moved there around 1812. There were only seven or eight Jewish families in the area. His ancestors had moved there around 1812. There were only seven or eight Jewish families in the area. His ancestors had moved there around 1812. There were only seven or eight Jewish families in the area. His ancestors had moved there around 1812. There were only seven or eight Jewish families in the area. His ancestors had moved there around 1812. There were only seven or eight Jewish families in the area. His ancestors had moved there around 1812. There were only seven or eight Jewish families in the area. His ancestors had moved there around 1812. There were only seven or eight Jewish families in the area. His ancestors had moved there around 1812. There were only seven or eight Jewish families in the area. His ancestors had moved there around 1812. There were only seven or eight Jewish families in the area. His ancestors had moved there around 1812. There were only seven or eight Jewish families in the area. His ancestors had moved there around 1812. There were only seven or eight Jewish families in the area. His ancestors had moved there around 1812. There were only seven or eight Jewish families in the area. His ancestors had moved there around 1812. There were only seven or eight Jewish families in the area. His ancestors had moved there around 1812. There were only seven or eight Jewish families in the area. His ancestors had moved there around 1812. There were only seven or eight Jewish families in the area. His ancestors had moved there around 1812. There were only seven or eight Jewish families in the area. His ancestors had moved there around 1812. There were only seven or eight Jewish families in the area. His ancestors had moved there around 1812. There were only seven or eight Jewish families in the area. His ancestors had moved there around 1812. There were only seven or eight Jewish families in the area. His ancestors had moved there around 1812. There were only seven or eight Jewish families in the area. His ancestors had moved there around 1812. There were only seven or eight Jewish families in the area. His ancestors had moved there around 1812. There were only seven or eight Jewish families in the area. His ancestors had moved there around 1812. There were only seven or eight Jewish families in the area. His ancestors had moved there around 1812. There were only seven or eight Jewish families in the area. His ancestors had moved there around 1812. There were only seven or eight Jewish families in the area. His ancestors had moved there around 1812. There were only seven or eight Jewish families in the area. His ancestors had moved there around 1812.