

# Jeff L. Lieberman

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Jeff L. Lieberman is an award-winning Filmmaker, Journalist and the founder of Re-Emerging Films. "*Bella!*" is Lieberman's third feature documentary as Writer, Director and Producer. His previous films, "*The Amazing Nina Simone*" and "*Re-Emerging: The Jews of Nigeria*" have been seen in more than 100 theatres in 21 countries. Lieberman's work has also appeared on CBS, HBO, CNN, FOX, and currently streams on Amazon and iTunes.

"*Bella!*" details the life and political accomplishments of the groundbreaking feminist, activist and pioneering congresswoman, Bella Abzug. Bella's inspiring story and crusading work on behalf of women, the working class, and the LGBTQ community is told through brand new interviews with Barbra Streisand, Shirley MaLaîne, Hillary Clinton, Lily Tomlin, Nancy Pelosi, Gloria Steinem, Maxine Waters, Marlo Thomas, Phil Donahue and many more. The film is slated to premiere in 2020 to coincide with the upcoming historic 100-year anniversary of the women's right to vote.

"*The Amazing Nina Simone*" (2015) has been called the best of the three Nina Simone films by *The New Yorker Magazine*, and "*The Nina Simone film we should all be watching*" by *Blavity*. It was nominated for Outstanding Documentary by *The Black Reel Awards* and heralded by *The New York Times*, *BBC News* and *The Hollywood Reporter* for its in-depth research into the often misunderstood singer and civil rights activist. The film features interviews with the people who knew Nina best: her friends, family, musicians and fellow activists, including Eric Burdon, Nikki Giovanni & Sam Waymon.



Lieberman's Academy Award-Qualifying documentary film, "*Re-Emerging: The Jews of Nigeria*" was proclaimed as "one of the must-see documentaries of 2013" by New York's *Amsterdam News*. The indie favorite premiered in festivals around the world and opened theatrically in New York and Los Angeles. Lieberman ventured into the far corners of Nigeria to document several Igbo communities practicing Judaism, and introduces audiences to the many individuals who insightfully tell of their journeys to discovering Judaism in the fervently Christian/Muslim nation.

Lieberman has also directed numerous short films including "*In the Mix: 25 Days and Not a Minute More*" starring Usher, and the viral election video, "*Call Your Zeyde*". Previous to forming Re-Emerging Films, Lieberman was a Writer/Producer with CBS National News and a Video Reporter with *The New York Post*, covering events all over New York and Washington, DC.

Lieberman's next project is a feature narrative film delving into gentrification, entitled "*My Harlem*".

