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“The Forgotten Transports project of Lukas Přibyl shines a powerful and enlightening spotlight on a virtually unknown chapter of the Holocaust,”  
Efraim Zuroff, director of Simon Wiesenthal Center Jerusalem, Dec. 28, 2010

### FORGOTTEN TRANSPORTS

Film director and historian Lukáš Přibyl will give a lecture on his award-winning documentary series FORGOTTEN TRANSPORTS, four films tracing the history and survival of Czech Jews during the Holocaust, at the Library of Congress on **November 9, from 12 noon-1 pm**. Based on 400 hours of interviews recorded in twenty countries on five continents over the course of ten years, each of the four films describes one destination of Nazi transports and one unique "mode of survival" in extreme conditions—told by Czech and Central European Jews deported to unknown ghettos and camps in Latvia, Belarus, Estonia and Poland.

While in Washington, the filmmaker will also present from the documentary series *Forgotten Transports to Estonia* at the US Holocaust Memorial Museum (USHMM) on **November 10, from 2-4 pm**, and *Forgotten Transports to Poland* at Congregation Beth El on **November 10, at 7:30 pm**. All of the events are free and open to the public. The screening at the USHMM requires an RSVP. For further information, please see the events below. For more information on the films, please visit <http://www.forgotten transports.com/>.



### ABOUT THE DIRECTOR

Lukáš Přibyl (born 1973, Ostrava, Czech Republic) studied Politics and Near Eastern Studies at Brandeis University and the Hebrew University in Jerusalem; Religion and Human Rights at SIPA at Columbia University in New York; History at Central European University in Budapest; and Jewish Religion and Philosophy in Sweden. He has published on various aspects of Jewish history and curated exhibitions at the Jewish Museum in Prague. He also served as the first Director of the European Shoah Legacy Institute. Currently, he is the director of the Czech Center in Tel Aviv. (Photo courtesy of Sarah Shatz)

### EVENTS

Nov. 9, 12 noon - Lecture with director Lukáš Přibyl at the Library of Congress Law Library

Nov. 10, 2-4 pm – Film: *Forgotten Transports to Estonia* w/director at USHMM

Nov. 10. 7:30 pm – Film: *Forgotten Transports to Poland* w/director at Congregation Beth El



**Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2016 at 12 noon**

**Lecture: *Forgotten Transports* by Lukáš Příbyl**

Location: Library of Congress

Law Library Media Center

LM 240 Madison Building

101 Independence Avenue, Washington, DC 20950

RSVP not required, free admission

For questions, please contact Galina Teverovsky [gtev@loc.gov](mailto:gtev@loc.gov) or Gail Shirazi at [gshi@loc.gov](mailto:gshi@loc.gov).

Film director, political scientist and historian Lukáš Příbyl documents every word of witnesses to the Holocaust through painstakingly researched visual materials—pictures exchanged for bottles of vodka in Polish villages, found in albums of former SS men and their lovers, fetched from KGB holdings, and through film fragments selected from over 1600 hours of footage perused in official archives. In a series of four award-winning documentary films, he traces the history of Czech Jews during the period of World War II. The program is free and open to the public.



**Thursday, Nov. 10, 2016, 2-4 pm**

**Film: *Forgotten Transports to Estonia***

US Holocaust Memorial Museum (USHMM)

Helena Rubinstein Auditorium

100 Raoul Wallenberg Place, SW

Washington, DC 20024

RSVP: [lswift@ushmm.org](mailto:lswift@ushmm.org), free admission

*Forgotten Transports to Estonia* tells the story of the extraordinary bonds formed by a group of women and girls deported from Czechoslovakia to a concentration camp in Estonia. Through extensive interviews and archival research, filmmaker Lukáš Příbyl reveals the spirit of community and mutual aid that helped these women to survive. *Forgotten Transports to Estonia* is one of four documentary films about the fate of approximately three hundred Czech Jews who survived their deportation to virtually unknown concentration camps and ghettos in Eastern Europe. Lukáš Příbyl will introduce the film.



**Thursday, Nov. 10, 2016, at 7:30 pm**

**Film: *Forgotten Transports to Poland***

Location: Congregation Beth El

8215 Old Georgetown Road

Bethesda, MD 20814

RSVP not required, free admission

For questions, contact the Beth El office at 301/652-2606.

*Forgotten Transports to Poland* is the final installment of a quartet of documentaries about survival during the Holocaust. The film deals with the difficult choices people escaping Nazi ghettos, labor, and death camps in the Lublin region of Poland had to make in order to adapt and survive in utter extremity, on the run, in hiding—with a great deal of ingenuity, much humor and tremendous optimism. Out of 14,000 Czech Jews deported to forgotten places such as Sawin, Luta, Krychow, or Zamosc in the Lublin district of Poland, fifty survived the war. The handful of witnesses share their past, for the first time. The screening is free and open to the public.