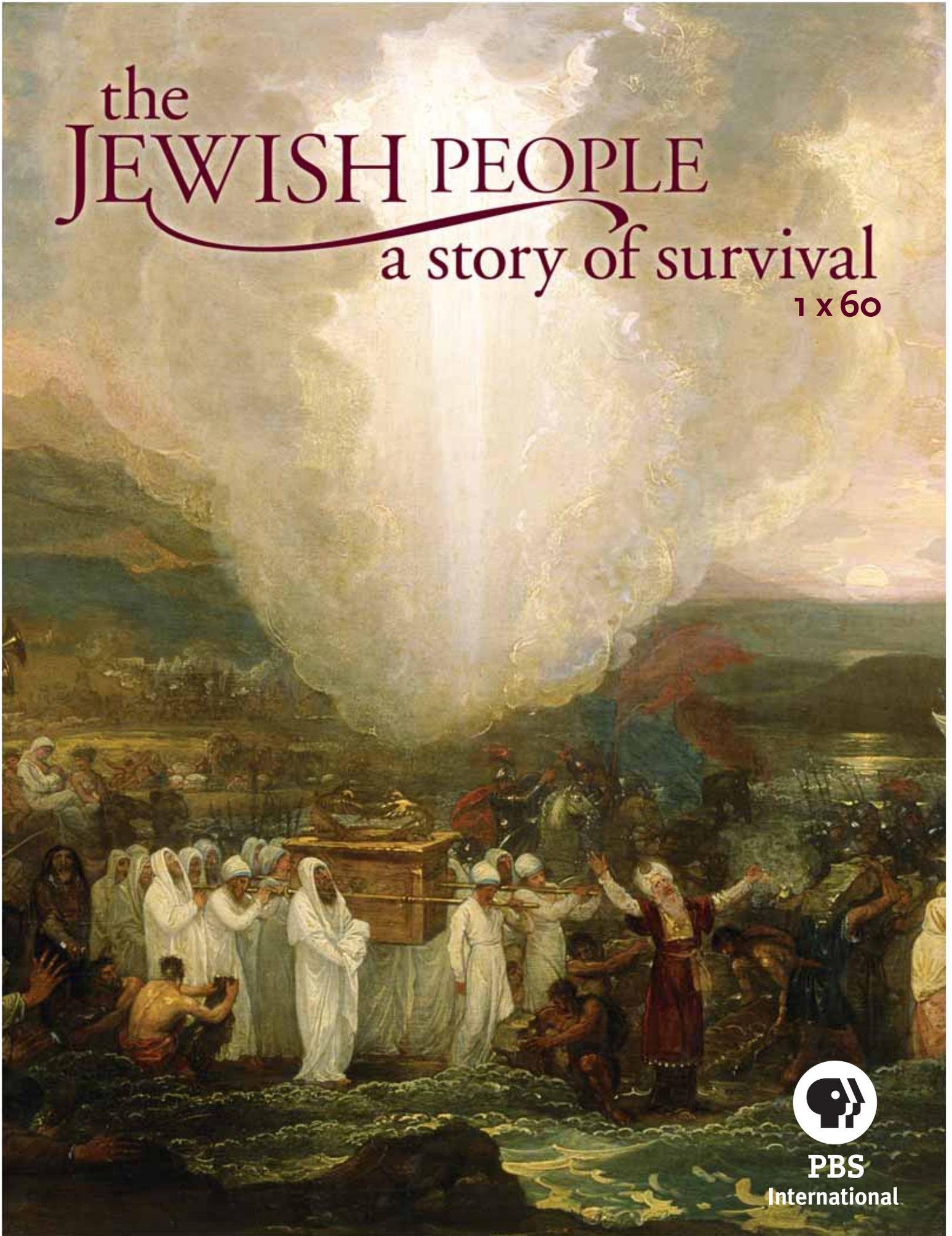


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From slavery to the loss of their homeland; from exile to anti-Semitism; from pogroms to near annihilation in the Holocaust, how did the Jewish people endure when so many other communities have vanished? *The Jewish People: A Story of Survival* is organized around the central themes of survival and the achievements of a people. Spanning millennia, this history of the Jewish people explores how a small group who started as desert nomads overcame countless obstacles to survive to the present day.

The Israelites established one of the world's first major monotheistic religions over 4,000 years ago. This religion would greatly influence the rise of two other major religions —Christianity and Islam. The Ten Commandments, which laid down the foundation of Jewish ethics, and the Torah established countless ethical and practical codes for how to live. Jewish people used these texts to maintain cohesion and unity as they were driven into exile and across the globe. Within the new world of Islam, for example a meeting of the minds took place between the Jewish and Muslim people, where Jews took part in what some call the Golden Age of creativity. Scholars such as Maimonides, who also served as the personal physician to the great Caliph Saladin, emerged as an example of devotion to the study of Jewish law.

The film, which also covers Jewish life in Eastern and Western Europe, unfolds through historical photographs, documents, and interviews about the Jewish culture with notable luminaries, including Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Elie Wiesel; author Fran Lebowitz; Harvard University Professor Alan Dershowitz; and Professor Lawrence H. Schiffman from New York University.

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