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Press Release -



Redbridge Faith Forum (RFF) organised the screening of **'Besa ~ the Promise'** on **Monday 2nd February 2015** which brought together 30 people to view this moving film. It told the story of the people of Albania, mostly Muslim who protected their Jewish neighbours during the Nazis occupation of Albania when not a single Jew was betrayed by its citizens. The film tracked individuals and families who provided such help, and some of those who were protected and showed clearly the courage needed and the generosity of so many. One particular family had held onto the precious scriptures of an escaping Jewish family with the promise of returning them at some time in the future. The promise took a long time to fulfil given the anti-religious reign of Communism for fifteen years after the war was over. There was much emotion when the sacred books were restored to their rightful owner. People of different faiths viewed the film together and all were in awe of the way goodness can and does shine through evil.

The screening of the film was the third of three RFF events marking the Holocaust. The first two gave information on the Holocaust and also explored why genocides still happen. These events looked at the eight stages on the path to genocides and realised that there are steps that individuals can take to make a difference.

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