Morgenthau Makes Its Broadcast Debut on May 23, 2014 on THIRTEEN

The film spotlights one American family whose careers brought them to the forefront of some of the biggest historical events of the last hundred years

Henry Morgenthau Senior was United States Ambassador to the Ottoman Empire during the First World War; Henry Morgenthau Junior was United States Secretary of Treasury under President Franklin Delano Roosevelt; and Robert M. Morgenthau was District Attorney of New York County for over 30 years.

The history of three Morgenthau generations and the stories that epitomize the American dream and continuous fight for justice are revealed in Morgenthau premiering on Friday, May 23, 2014 at 9 p.m. on THIRTEEN.

From bearing witness to and urging international action against the genocide of Armenians on the cusp of World War I, through facilitating the efforts to rescue Jews during the Holocaust despite American political obstruction, and on to fighting to reduce street crime, and pioneering the prosecution of white collar corruption in New York City, Morgenthau is told through archival footage, and a wide variety of voices whose insights and experiences bring the personal traits of these three public servants to life.

The film features more than 60 original interviews including former President Bill Clinton, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court Sonia Sotomayor, author Henry Feingold, author Peter Balakian, journalist Tom Brokaw and Police Commissioner William J. Bratton, among many others. These personal accounts
contextualize the Morgenthau’s career decisions, both acclaimed and controversial, in the larger changing societal and political backdrop of America’s twentieth century.

After the initial broadcast, the full film will be available for online streaming at [http://www.thirteen.org/programs/thirteen-specials/](http://www.thirteen.org/programs/thirteen-specials/).

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Max Lewkowicz is writer, producer and director. Betsy Gotbaum and Ann Oster are executive producers. Sam Roberts and Valerie Thomas are writers. For THIRTEEN Julie Anderson is executive producer and Stephanie Carter is supervising producer.

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