

## Son Of Saul Director Lazlo Nemes Condemns Jonathan Glazer Speech

### Description



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Distinguished Hungarian filmmaker László Nemes, who vigorously shocked the world with the unflinching reality of his poignant Holocaust masterpiece *Son of Saul*, has thrown down the gauntlet, candidly raising his voice against the vehement speech delivered by Jonathan Glazer, the director of *The Zone of Interest*, at the recent Oscar ceremony.

The director's acceptance speech, albeit polarising, earned him recognition and outrage in equal measure.



Emphatically declaring, Glazer stated that he stands alongside James Wilson, his producer, as they vehemently repudiate the appropriation of their Jewish heritage and the Holocaust at the hands of an occupation resulting in devastating conflicts affecting countless innocent individuals, be it the victims of the tragedy that unfolded in Israel on October 7 or the ceaseless onslaught on Gaza.

In a column published by the *The Guardian*, Nemes, a recipient of the foreign language award at the 2015 Oscars for his heart-wrenching depiction of the Holocaust in *Son of Saul*, sharply condemns Glazer's declarations.

"*The Zone of Interest* is unquestionably a remarkable cinematic endeavour. However, its director would better have remained silent, dodging the perpetuation of his lack of historical underpinnings and a stark misunderstanding of the forces that have corroded civilization, both during and post the Holocaust.

"Had Glazer welcomed the inherently demanding responsibility that accompanies a film of such a nature, he would have abstained from resorting to prompts disseminated by propaganda, harbouring, in the final analysis, a sinister intent to wipe out all Jewish presence from the planet.

"In a time when we are teetering uncomfortably close to pre-Holocaust levels of anti-Jewish hate – this time, packaged in a trendy, 'progressive' veneer, it is particularly alarming. In our landscape today, the sole form of discrimination not only condoned but also perversely emboldened, is anti-Semitism."

Peruse the profound entirety of Nemes' statement [here](#).

Interestingly, both *Son of Saul* and *The Zone of Interest*, despite their eight-year difference in debut dates, commandeered the prestigious grand prix, a highly coveted runner-up prize, at the Cannes Festival. Furthermore, their thematic unity is equally noteworthy, unfolding in 1944 at Auschwitz, the harrowing hellscape of the Holocaust.

Danny Cohen, the executive producer of the film, finally weighed in on the contentious debate revolving around Glazer's speech on Friday, expressing his categorical disagreement with the director's comments.

In conclusion, this episode underscores the persisting and progressively convoluted narrative surrounding the representation and discussion of historical events such as the Holocaust. With both sides presenting valid arguments deeply rooted in personal values and beliefs, it provokes thought about the balance between freedom of speech and potentially offensive rhetoric permeating our society.

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## Vocabulary List:

1. **Vehement** // (adjective): Showing strong feeling; forceful passionate or intense.
2. **Repudiate** // (verb): Refuse to accept or be associated with; deny the truth or validity of.
3. **Condemn** // (verb): Express complete disapproval of; censure.
4. **Appropriation** // (noun): The act of taking something for one's own use typically without the owner's permission.
5. **Peruse** // (verb): Read (something) typically in a thorough or careful way.
6. **Categorical** // (adjective): Unambiguously explicit and direct.



## Vocabulary quizzes

### Multiple Choice ( Select the Correct answer for each question. )

1. Which term refers to something of great size or importance?  
Option: a) Colossus  
Option: b) Paradigm  
Option: c) Endowments  
Option: d) Culpability
2. Which word describes the act of combining or uniting multiple things?  
Option: a) Dissent  
Option: b) Riveting  
Option: c) Amalgamation  
Option: d) Nebulous
3. What term is used for the display or demonstration of something?  
Option: a) Embellishing  
Option: b) Manifestations  
Option: c) Impassioned  
Option: d) Vociferously
4. Which term is associated with a prestigious award in the film industry?  
Option: a) Polemical  
Option: b) Embellishing  
Option: c) Oscar  
Option: d) Riveting
5. Which word means following in order without interruption?  
Option: a) Preliminary  
Option: b) Unorthodox  
Option: c) Consecutively  
Option: d) Nebulous
6. Which term is used for being famous and respected?  
Option: a) Accolade  
Option: b) Distinguished  
Option: c) Envisaged  
Option: d) Vehement
7. What is the term for a feeling of dissatisfaction or lack of contentment?



- Option: a) Repudiate  
Option: b) Discontent  
Option: c) Condemn  
Option: d) Appropriation

8. Which term is used to denote responsibility for a fault or wrong?

- Option: a) Clarion  
Option: b) Auxiliary  
Option: c) Culpability  
Option: d) Preliminary

9. What term describes providing additional or supplementary support?

- Option: a) Vehement  
Option: b) Envisaged  
Option: c) Auxiliary  
Option: d) Accolade

10. Which word means expressing something in a loud and forceful manner?

- Option: a) Categorical  
Option: b) Nebulous  
Option: c) Vociferously  
Option: d) Impassioned

**Gap-Fill ( Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

11. An \_\_\_\_\_ approach is not typically followed and can be considered unconventional.
12. The \_\_\_\_\_ findings suggested further research was needed.
13. The act of taking something for one's own use without permission is known as \_\_\_\_\_.
14. To reject or \_\_\_\_\_ an idea means to refuse to accept or support it.
15. The architect \_\_\_\_\_ a new design for the building.
16. Winning the award was a great \_\_\_\_\_ for her hard work.
17. To strongly disapprove of someone or something is to \_\_\_\_\_ it.
18. The president made a \_\_\_\_\_ call for peace in his speech.



19. She was accused of \_\_\_\_\_ her resume with false achievements.

20. The article sparked a \_\_\_\_\_ debate on social media.

**Matching Sentences ( Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

21. The thriller movie kept the audience engaged till the very end with its suspenseful plot.
22. The university received substantial financial resources to support its educational programs.
23. The group of activists expressed their disagreement with the government's policies through peaceful protests.
24. The candidate's promises were vague and lacked clear details on implementation.
25. The speaker delivered a(n) deeply emotional speech that touched the hearts of the audience.
26. Winning the championship was a well-deserved honor for the athlete after years of hard work.
27. The visionary artist a whole new art form that blended traditional and modern techniques.
28. The CEO gave a statement denying any involvement in the scandal.
29. The protestor expressed opposition to the proposed law that would harm the environment.
30. His approach to solving the problem surprised everyone but proved to be effective.

## Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. a) Colossus 2. c) Amalgamation 3. b) Manifestations 4. c) Oscar 5. c) Consecutively 6. b) Distinguished 7. b) Discontent 8. c) Culpability 9. c) Auxiliary 10. c) Vociferously

**Gap-Fill:** 11. Unorthodox 12. Preliminary 13. Appropriation 14. Repudiate 15. Envisaged 16. Accolade 17. Condemn 18. Clarion 19. Embellishing 20. Polemical

**Matching sentence:** 1. Riveting 2. Endowments 3. Dissent 4. Nebulous 5. Impassioned 6. Accolade 7. Envisaged 8. Categorical 9. Vehement 10. Unorthodox

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