

## 'Zone of Interest' EP rejects Jonathan Glazer Oscars speech

### Description

The executive producer of the critically acclaimed film *The Zone of Interest*, Danny Cohen, has vociferously expressed deep-seated discontent towards the impassioned speech delivered by the film's distinguished director, Jonathan Glazer, at this year's Oscar celebration where the film received the coveted accolade for the Best International Feature.

Cohen's objections stem from Glazer's controversial remarks that sought to draw implausible parallels between the horrors of the Holocaust - the film's principal theme - and the current tumultuous situation in Gaza. On the widely listened to *Unholy* podcast, spearheaded by Yonit Levi and Jonathan Freedland, Cohen shared his unvarnished perspective. He illustrated his fundamental disagreement with Glazer and empathized with the widespread outrage and indignation created by such intricate comparisons.

Moreover, Cohen relayed the unease wrought within the Jewish community; a demographic that initially received the movie as a significant impetus to Holocaust education. However, its latter association with the vexed Gaza issue has understandably engendered deep disenchantment, an unfortunate intertwining irrespective of Glazer's envisaged intent or lack thereof.

Having further addressed the Gaza issue, Cohen unambiguously placed the onus of the continued conflict on Hamas, indicting it as a terrorist organization with genocidal intents, who rather than prioritizing the protection of innocuous civilians, uses its covert tunnels to safeguard its members, consequently perpetuating an appalling humanitarian crisis.

Requests for comment have been extended to A24, the eminent production company behind *The Zone of Interest*, and to Glazer himself, thereby allowing them an opportunity to possibly redress offended sentiments.

In a provocative acceptance speech, Glazer audaciously intertwined the moving narrative of his film with the existing crisis in Gaza. He expressed in no uncertain terms that institutional dehumanization, as depicted starkly in his film, has colored humanity's past and continues to shape the present. He voiced strong opposition to the appropriation of Jewish suffering during the Holocaust to justify a politically charged occupation ensuing in widespread violence against innocent civilians.

However, it is worthy to note that Glazer's audacious speech was not a unanimous decision by the film's producers. Len Blavatnik, one of the film's renowned producers, was apparently left in the dark regarding the controversial content of the speech, according to his representative, Lisa Shields in an interaction with *The Hollywood Reporter*.



Once more dissecting the situation on the popular *Unholy* podcast, Cohen empathized with the sorrow and loss that the continual war in Gaza has caused but remained steadfast in apportioning blame on Hamas for the disturbing scenario. Cohen expressed his lament over the controversy overshadowing the unrivaled success of the film that took a decade to bring to life. In an erudite conclusion, he reiterated his disagreement with Glazer's perspective, while respecting his autonomy of expression.

*The Zone of Interest*, a harrowing yet significant glimpse into the domestic life of Rudolf Höss, the infamous commandant of Auschwitz, also received the prestigious Oscar for best sound, adding another feather to its cap.

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## Vocabulary List:

1. **Impassioned** // (adjective): Filled with great emotion or intensity.
2. **Vociferously** // (adverb): In a loud and forceful manner.
3. **Discontent** // (noun): A feeling of dissatisfaction.
4. **Distinguished** // (adjective): Recognized for excellence or distinction.
5. **Accolade** // (noun): An award or privilege granted as a special honor.
6. **Envisaged** // (adjective): Contemplated or conceived in the mind.

## 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



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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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