

## Synopsys

*"You won't get me!"*

Is it appropriate to laugh whilst watching a film about evasion, imprisonment and the holocaust?

It is not only appropriate, you just cannot help but laugh, at least as this film is narrated by Manfred Weil. With his Jewish sense of humor, Manfred reports about his Odyssey during the time of Shoah. Describing these extraordinary and, to some degree just unbelievable tricks he played to outmaneuver all the Nazi bureaucracy and their collaborators.

But when it comes to the cruelties in the camps in France and Switzerland where he was imprisoned, one remains speechless. How could you ever imagine what was going on there? Many people perished. In the end, Manfred Weil's father was killed in Auschwitz. However, this film does not end in tears. Manfred Weil survived every kind of distress until he died of a natural death aged nearly 95. He became a wonderful artist who spent most of the time focused on painting beautiful subjects - mostly women.

"Being lucky was everything in those days!" Manfred Weil summarizes his experiences during the seven years of expulsion, imprisonment in various camps and his adventurous escape. But above all, he survived due to his unfailing sense for danger and his particular "chutzpa", a mixture of courage and charming impertinence.

After more than seventy years, Manfred Weil visits the places of his sometimes dramatic, sometimes hilarious Odyssey during the time of Shoah. The documentary, *"You won't get me!"* accompanies him on his journey and gives insight in the situation of the Jewish refugees and those expelled in Belgium, France and Switzerland during the Nazi regime. The fact that this retrospective means no looking back in anger is due to the distinct sense of humor of Manfred Weil.

A historical road movie of a special kind.