



Simcha Jacobovici is a multi award-winning documentary director and producer, TV host, as well as a New York Times best selling author and lecturer.

He has produced programming for virtually every major broadcaster in the world, including CBC, Vision, NBC, PBS, Discovery Channel, History Channel, National Geographic Channel, HBO, Five, BBC, Arte, TF1, ProSieben, ZDF, NHK, IBA, Discovery Science and many others. Jacobovici has also produced non-broadcast films for various non-profit organizations including the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the Canadian Red Cross and the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto.

Most recently, Jacobovici has applied his journalistic skills to historical and archaeological investigations. He calls this technique “investigative archaeology.” As a result, Jacobovici has become an internationally recognized expert in “decoding” the ancient past and has appeared as an expert on numerous television shows including *Anderson Cooper 360*, *Larry King Live*, *The Oprah Winfrey Show* and *NBC Today*.

Jacobovici has hosted three seasons of the internationally acclaimed series “The Naked Archaeologist” (H2/Vision/History UK/IBA). His most recent feature documentaries, “The Lost Tomb of Jesus” (with James Cameron) and “The Resurrection Tomb Mystery” continue to make headlines around the world. In 2014, he co-produced “Tales From the Organ Trade”, directed by Ric Bienstock. The film has garnered 21 international awards and has been screened in the Danish parliament. In Canada, it was the recipient of the prestigious Donald Brittain Award and the Norman Bethune Award for Excellence in International Health Reporting from the Canadian Medical Association.

An Israeli-Canadian, Mr. Jacobovici has a joint Honours BA in Philosophy and Political Science from McGill University and an MA in International Relations from the University of Toronto. He is fluent in four languages: English, French, Hebrew and Romanian. Jacobovici is married and is the father of five children.

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## **Research**

Jacobovici is a co-director of the Bethsaida Excavation in the Galilee, Israel, Project Director of the Talpiot Tomb Excavation in Jerusalem (under IAA license) and a member of the Hellenic Society for Near Eastern Studies (HSNES).

## **Teaching**

As a lecturer, Jacobovici has been a guest speaker at numerous conferences such as the Society of Biblical Literature (SBL), The Batchelder Biblical Archaeology Conference and the Israel Translators Association (ITA). He has also been a guest lecture on various campuses including Yale, Johns Hopkins, McGill, UCLA and York University. He is presently an Adjunct Professor of Religious Studies at Huntington University.

## **Awards**

Simcha has been nominated for four Emmys in the category of "Outstanding Investigative Journalism" and has won an unprecedented three times. His filmmaking awards also include a certificate of Special Merit from the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, a Gold Medal from the International Documentary Festival of Nyon, three U.S. Cable Ace Awards, a Royal Television Society Award, a Gemini award, an Alfred I. Dupont-Columbia University Award, two Gold Dolphins from the Cannes Corporate Media & TV Awards, a Jack R. Howard Award from the Scripps Howard Awards for In-Depth National and International Coverage, the Norman Bethune Award for Excellence in International Health Reporting from the Canadian Medical Association, two Edward R. Murrow Awards, a Carl Spielvogel Award and two Donald Brittain Awards.

## **Publications**

Jacobovici's articles have appeared internationally in major newspapers. In Canada, he's been published in virtually every leading newspaper including *The Globe and Mail*, *The Toronto Star*, *The Montreal Gazette* and *The Ottawa Citizen*. In the United States, his articles have appeared in *The New York Times*, *The L.A. Times* and *The Boston Globe*. His reports have been carried internationally by Associated Press and his articles have appeared in the *International Herald Tribune*.

Jacobovici's first book, "The Jesus Family Tomb," co-written with Charles Pellegrino, was published in 2007 by Harper Collins. It has been translated into more than 16 languages and is an international and New York Times best seller. "The Jesus Discovery" was published in 2012 by Simon & Schuster. A follow up to the earlier book, it is co-written with Professor James Tabor. His most recent book, "The Lost Gospel: Decoding the Ancient Text that Reveals Jesus' Marriage to Mary the Magdalene" is co-written with Professor Barrie Wilson. Harper Collins is the publisher in Canada, Pegasus is the publisher in the US. When it came out in 2014, it was a best selling book in the US in the category of History and Religion.

The Lost Gospel can be purchased at:

<http://www.harpercollins.ca/9781554686537/the-lost-gospel>