

Film title

Love It Was Not

Tagline

Short synopsis

The tragic love story of Helena Citron, a young Jewish prisoner in Auschwitz, and Austrian SS officer Franz Wunsch.

Long synopsis

Love, It Was Not is a tragic love story between a prisoner and a Nazi. Beautiful and full of life, Helena Citron, is taken to Auschwitz as a young woman, and soon finds unlikely solace under the protection of Franz Wunsch, a high-ranking SS officer who falls in love with her and her magnetic singing voice. Risking execution if caught, they went on with their forbidden relationship until the war ended and the camp was liberated. Thirty years later, a letter arrives from Wunsch's wife asking Helena to "return the favor" – testify on Wunsch's behalf. Faced with an impossible decision, Helena must choose. Will she help the man who brutalized so many lives, but saved hers?

Technical information and credits

Original title: Ahava Zot Lo Hayta
English title: Love It Was Not
Year: 2020
Country: Israel, Austria
Language: HEB, GER, ENG
Subtitles: CZ
Running time: 86 min
Dostupnost: 15+

Genre: Documentary, Historically, Romantic
Directed by: Maya Sarfaty
Written by: Maya Sarfaty
Edited by: Sharon Yaish
Cinematography: Ziv Berkovich, Itay Gross

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Awards

DocAviv FF - Best Israeli Documentary - 2020
Best Documentary - Moscow Jewish Film Festival -
2021

Actors

Helena Citron, Roza Citron, Frank Wunsch