

The Extremists

A dramatic television series

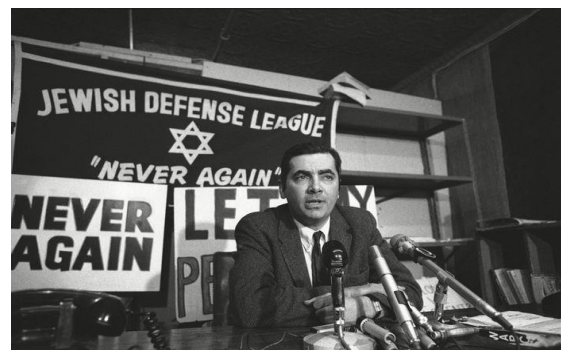
9 x 52 min. Inspired by true events (1964-1995)

Premise: How did a Brooklyn yeshiva student become an extremist leader and a lightning rod long after his death, and how did a kid from the Cairo market become his murderer?

Synopsis: It is our aim to engage head on a phenomenon that so often speaks to the hearts of people, but then generally spells their ruin: Relentless fanatics who peddle in hate. The first season will focus on Muslim and Jewish extremists, tied together by the assassination in New York City of **Rabbi Meir Kahane**, the Jewish people's most controversial advocate, a Brooklyn born, Israeli politician, known for his brass-knuckle tactics and anti-Arab rhetoric. Alleged to be an FBI informant, Kahane is killed by **El Sayyid Nosair**, an Islamist engineering student from Egypt who emigrates for the American dream but instead founds Al Qaeda's first cell in the United States.

Despite overwhelming evidence pointing to his guilt and the existence of a conspiracy, Nosair is prosecuted as a lone gunman and acquitted on the more serious charges. Instead of exposing Al Qaeda in its nascent phase, the trial allows the cell to regroup and strike again two years later — blowing up the World Trade Center for the first time.

The series will move between New York and the Middle East and be accompanied by archive clips. We will follow the personal stories, romantic relationships and hidden lives of the characters as they take on governments, build terror networks and change history. We will delve into their psyches, explore their intoxicating appeal to certain types of people and confront the consequences of their actions. There will be parallels to today.



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