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## The First Basket:

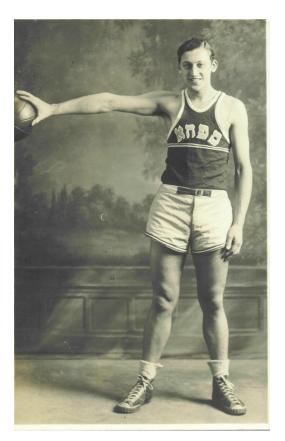
A Documentary Film About the Jewish People and Basketball

Thursday, April 12, 7:00 pm

Special Guest: Producer David Vyorst

## **Sneak Preview**

Did you know that Ossie Schectman, a Jewish kid from Queens, scored the NBA's very first basket?



For Jewish immigrants in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, sports played an essential part in becoming "American," a way of disproving stereotypes of Jews as bookish and weak. Basketball—which doesn't require open fields or expensive equipment—proved a perfect fit for urban Jewish kids, and by the 1920s, nearly every Jewish urban neighborhood, school, and institution had a basketball team. When these teams evolved into professional leagues by the late 1940s, Jewish players and coaches led the way. www.thefirstbasket.com

USA, 2006, 85 min, creator/producer: David Vyorst

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