Dustin's tears as he discovers heroic great-grandmother

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DUSTIN Hoffman didn’t know the names of his paternal grandparents when he appeared on the American show Finding Your Roots With Henry Louis Gates. After learning of the tragedies in his family’s past and how his great-grandparents had escaped to Argentina and found their way to America, the Oscar-winning actor broke down in tears.

The story began with Hoffman’s grandparents, Frank and Esther Hoffman, who emigrated to the United States from a family where there were no Jewish immigrants, and Lebanese actress Tally Koren, whose new album, Song For You, was released on Valentine’s Day — and was written as a surprise for her grandmother, who survived a Russian pogrom. In the past, Tally hosted a concert — Music for Peace in the Middle East — where Palestinians and Israelis performed on one stage and she received a prestigious award as an Ambassador for Peace at the House of Commons. On Twitter @TallyKoren and Facebook at TallyKorenOfficial.

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