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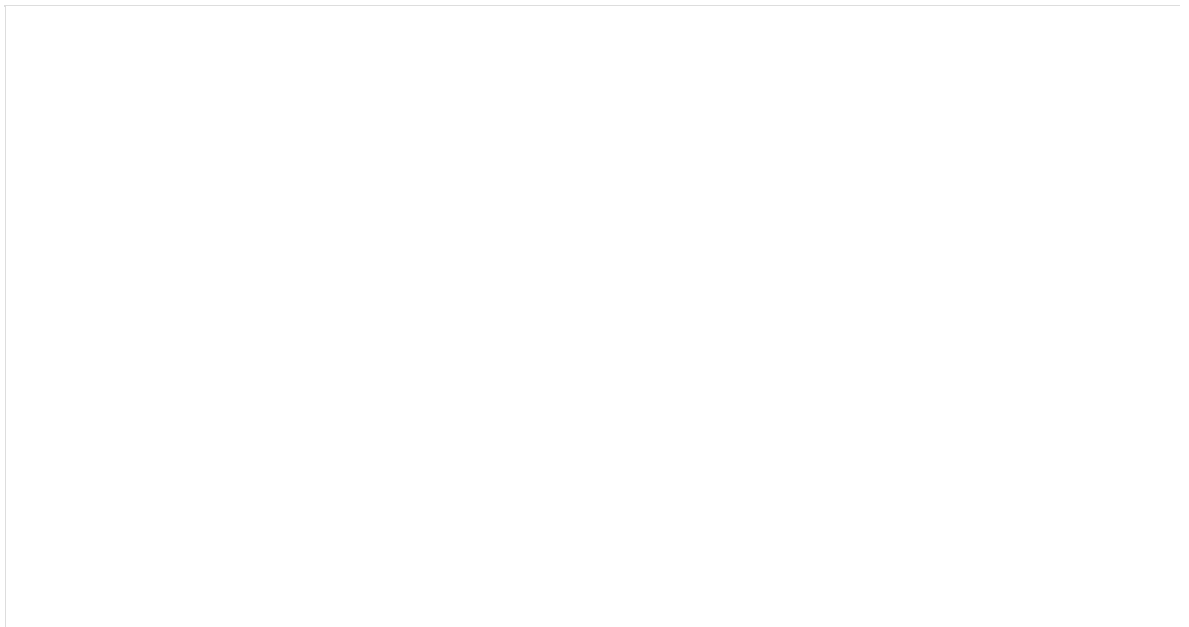
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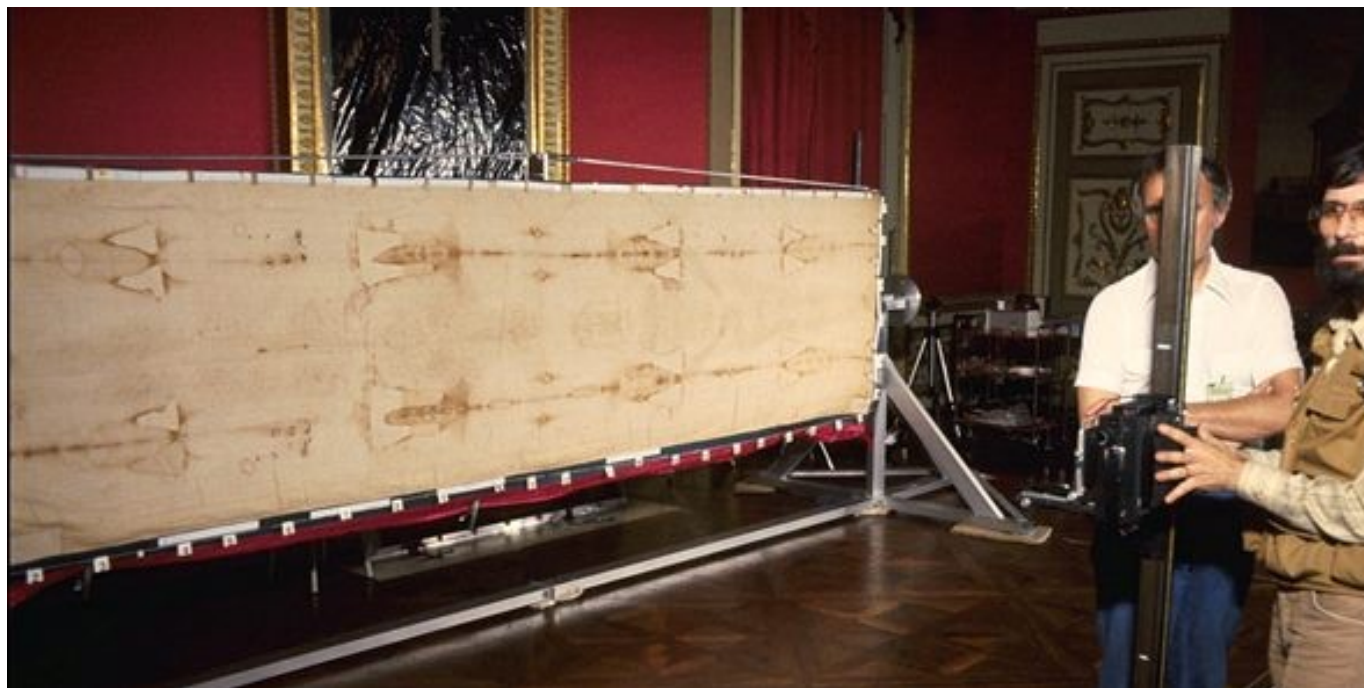
Shroud of Turin: Int World's Leading Exp Happens To Be Jewi



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Source: Barrie Schwartz, STURP Documenting Photographer, makes large-format photographs of the Shroud
1978 scientific examination of the cloth. Image used with permission ©1978 Barrie M. Schwartz Collection, ST

Barrie M. Schwartz is the
[Shroud.com](https://www.shroud.com). Since 1996
Shroud of Turin website
Shroud equivalent of the

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as the foremost expert on
a 14.6 feet long and 3.5
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In 1978, Barrie was the Photographer for the Shroud Project ([STURP](#)), a science conducted the first in-d examination of the Shroud later, the Vatican [has fa](#) [century scientific resear](#)

With Shroud.com well e Schwartz founded the S Education and Research ([STERA](#)), a non-profit 50 STERA, Schwartz donat with his extensive [Shrou](#) [collection](#) and many sig resources. His goal was to preserve and n knowledge and materials to be available study.

Schwartz has appeared on hundreds of S and documentaries on every major broac television network. He has addressed tho

globe, the name Barrie Schwartz continues to be synonymous with the Shroud of Turin.

The following interview was conducted by Myra Adams from Schwartz's Colorado home on March 8, 2020.

Myra Adams: After thousands of presentations about the Shroud of Turin, what is the question you are asked most often?

Barrie Schwartz: Because I was the official documenting photographer for the STURP, I am most often asked, "What do I believe about the image on the Shroud?"

A difficult answer because the whole purpose of STURP was to ask that question, collect the data, and determine how the image was formed.

In the end, STURP could not answer the question. Scientists determined *what it was not* — not a scorch, not made photographically. We know

physical properties, and no one in the past
recreated such an image.

For the record, I will read two excerpts from
[report conclusions:](#)

“Thus, the answer to the question of how
produced or what produced the image re
the past, a mystery.”

And this jaw-dropping statement:

“We can conclude for now that the Shrou
human form of a scourged, crucified man
an artist.”

MA: Your forthcoming autobiography title

Shroud expert and founder of Shroud.com
your idea, whose idea was it?

BS: The answer should be quite obvious, something I was destined to do, the only be God. But to qualify – the book's purpose throughout my life, things happened that to lead me to my work with the Shroud.

MA: How do you explain the Shroud to fel

BS: Interestingly, I rarely, if ever, have the the Shroud to fellow Jews because fellow in the Shroud. The only Jews I have met v strong interest in the Shroud are Messian Myra. These are Jews who have accepted and consider themselves “completed Jew

Typically, my Jewish friends say that I hav building Shroud.com and educating peop to them, the Shroud does not matter, and walk away.

experiencing a renaissance with renewed interest? If so, why?

BS: Since I built Shroud.com in 1996, I've increase in web traffic and interest over the decades and more recently because of new Shroud museums.

First, is the [Museum of the Holy Shroud](#) in featuring the Richard Orareo collection — largest collections of Shroud artifacts. See [Museum](#) in Pigeon Forge, TN.

Then, in California, planning is underway [Center](#) at [Christ Cathedral](#) in Orange County. I need to mention the “groundbreaking” [Shroud of Turin](#), spearheaded by you and team, scheduled to open on February 17, [Museum of the Bible](#) in Washington D.C. Come there!

But most importantly, since the 1988 radiocarbon [infamously dating the Shroud from betw

articles challenging those people are “coming back” they realize that the carb were [not valid](#). It has take to occur, but due to moun widely accepted that the i flawed.



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MA: Given the Shroud’s numerous myster technology (starting in 1898 when the Sh photographed and when developed, reve do you think that there are additional “hi the image of the “Man on the cloth” that future technologies?

BS: All of us who have been involved in S like to see 21st century technology applic Shroud because there are technologies th

raised by our 1978 data. I don't know if we
that we haven't seen before, but you never

MA: Do you believe that the full-bodied, face image of the crucified man as seen on the Shroud of Jesus Christ?

BS: Yes, but it took me 17 years after we created the STURP team to reach that conclusion. At the beginning, I was skeptical. Now I love my Jewish born Jewish mother who said, “Barrie, of course it's authentic — they wouldn't have kept it for so long if it belonged to anyone else — it wouldn't have been. Listen to your Mama!

MA: Since you are Jewish and do not claim to be a Christian, has the Shroud impacted your faith?

BS: After my bar mitzvah at age 13, I walked away from God and for many decades, God was not a part of my life. In the 50s, after starting Shroud.com, people asked me, “Do you believe?” but I did not have an answer. When I found my own faith and beliefs, I realized that God

Jews can say it was the Shroud of Turin or
faith in God?

MA: Barrie, thanks for participating in this

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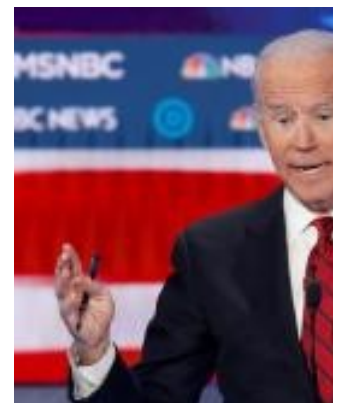
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