

# **The Spy Behind Home Plate, *Directed by Aviva Kempner***

***by Judge Martin P. Moltz***

In the 1930s, Moe Berg was a Jewish catcher for several major league teams, including the Chicago White Sox. He was also a true genius who had a law degree from Columbia Law School in New York. He spoke 12 languages—although Yankees manager Casey Stengel said that he couldn't hit in any of those 12 languages!

More interestingly, he was one of the leading American spies for the OSS during World War II. Moreover, it appears that he was working in that same capacity during the 1930s, using his baseball status as a cover. He was a fascinating Jewish American hero. See this movie wherever it is playing!

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