



## MIRIAM

### Synopsis:

Veteran filmmaker Matt Cimber returned to the director's chair for the first time in twenty-two years with this dark tale set during World War II. Miriam Schafer (Ariana Savalas) was fourteen years old when war broke out in her native Lithuania; while Miriam came from a Jewish family, her blonde hair and soft features made it easy for the young woman to disguise her ethnic identity, and when a pogrom sweeps through the nation, she's taken in by a family who claims her as one of their own. However, Miriam soon found that part of the price of safety was sexual abuse at the hands of her new "father," and while the end of the war meant safety and freedom for most European Jews, Miriam enjoyed little respite. The Soviet Union soon took control of Lithuania, with Moscow's anti-Semitic policies once again putting the nation's Jews in jeopardy, and as she grew to adulthood Miriam was forced to hide her true identity from everyone she knew -- even her husband (Dimitri Diatchencko), who was an agent with the KGB. Inspired by a true story, Miriam marked the big screen debut of Ariana Savalas, the daughter of famed character actor Telly Savalas. ~ Mark Deming, All Movie Guide



Nina Franoszek, as Eleanora a Jewish survivor herself, who helps Miriam to find the love of her life in postwar Lithuania.

**Release Date:** 2006 USA

**Genre:** Drama

**MPAA Rating:** PG13

(Adult Situations, Violence, Sexual Situations)

**Runtime:** 122 minutes

**Director:** Matt Cimber

**Writer:** John F. Goff, Matt Cimber

**Cinematography:** River O'Mahoney Hagg

**Composer:** Peter Bernstein

**Production:** Miriam Productions

**Producer:** Matt Cimber, Max Guefen

### Cast:

Ariana Savalas (Miriam Schafer)

Beata Pozniak (Margritas)

Shelly Kurtz (Feliksas)

Peter J. Lucas (Bijaikis)

Dimitri Diatchencko (Alexi)

**Nina Franoszek (Eleanora)**

Addi Kaplan (Sonja Shafer)

Stephen Mendel (Pieter Shafer)

Olga Vilner (Katy)

