

Steven D. Reece

From: Rachel McRae <rachel.mcrae@matzevah.org>
Sent: Tuesday, January 8, 2019 19:49
To: Steven Reece
Subject: Re: Nashville Jewish Film Festival
Attachments: Nash Film 2.JPG; Nash Film 1.JPG

See attached for two pictures. I went back and watched the FB live video from the Nashville JFF. I didn't get video of your introduction to the film when you were standing at the podium but I think I remember it well. Based on those segments and reflecting on other times I have seen you publicly speak, here are a few thoughts...

You have a strong ability to tell a story. When you're going more off the cuff and not trying to stick to a script, the passion for the moment or experience you're conveying really comes through. That helps the listener to see your heart for what you're sharing with them but also about the call on your life to do the work. You also had good range in your inflection... in how you emphasized certain points. That helps to keep a listener engaged as well. In a more informal setting, like the Q&A period at the Nashville JFF, you are very engaging with the crowd and encouraging them as they ask questions or make comments.

I do remember from the introduction of the film when you were behind the podium, you were a bit more stiff and not as relaxed. I understand that nerves will contribute to this. I would encourage you to gain practice and experience in bringing the same passion, clear voice, and confidence to your speaking when you might be using notes or when you are in a more formal setting. Become confident in what you want to present. Practice as much as possible. Watch the speed of which you talk. When you need to clear your throat, try to remember to pull the microphone away, if possible. Be sure to bring the same wide range of voice inflection when you're lecturing as you do in a more informal setting, like a Q&A period. All of that will come with practice!

Hope that helps

On Tue, Jan 8, 2019 at 5:57 PM Steven D. Reece <sdreece@matzevah.org> wrote:

Thanks.

From: Rachel McRae <rachel.mcrae@matzevah.org>
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I did a Facebook Live video during part of your speaking. It doesn't save to my phone but you might be able to pull it off of the Facebook page. Maybe...

I'll look through my pictures and send you what I still have. Will also write up a paragraph for you tonight.

On Tue, Jan 8, 2019 at 1:44 PM Steven D. Reece <sdreece@matzevah.org> wrote:

Rachel,

I am gathering some artifacts for my Ph.D. I am looking for video or pictures that you (or anyone else) took of me while speaking at the Nashville Jewish Film Festival. If you have anything, could you send it to me?

Secondly, I need an evaluation of my public speaking. A paragraph is good. if you have time could you share with me any evaluative feedback about how I spoke or what I said?

Thank you,

Steven



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