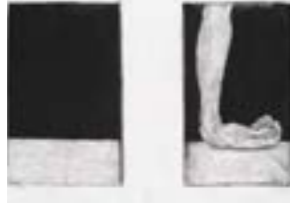


NEW RELEASES

Decryption

Israel 2024 | Short documentary | 12:26'
Written & Directed by: Maya Zack
Produced by: Maya Zack
Original Hebrew version with English subtitles



When memories of her mother begin to fade, artist Maya Zack returns to the morbid poem her mother used to recite to her as a child to lull her to sleep. In the mesmerizing cinematic poem "Decryption," Zack deconstructs, weaves, and reassembles the poem and attempts, through it, to revive the memory of the body of her mother, who died prematurely.



One Last Win



Israel 2024 | Debut documentary | 60'
Written & Directed by: by Roi Alon
Produced by: Pardes Films – Stav Meron
Original Hebrew and English version with English subtitles

The story of the football team "Jerusalem Lions" that embarks on a once in a lifetime journey to represent Israel in the International Homeless World Cup. An event that will turn the lives of eight heroes upside down and force them to face reality through a football tournament.

Bardejov



USA 2024 | Feature film | 85'
Directed by: Danny A. Abeckaser
Written by: Shmuel Lynn
Cast: Robert Davi, Danny A. Abeckaser, Emma Renana Bardea
Produced by: Emil A. Fish – Bardejov Films
Original English version

Based on a true story, Bardejov reveals the daring plan devised by Rafuel Lowy (played by Robert Davi), a successful wine-maker and community leader, to save the young women of Bardejov from being included in the first official Jewish transport to Auschwitz by injecting them with typhus.

The Shoshani Riddle

Israel 2023 | 86' | Feature documentary
Produced by : Michael Grynszpan
Directed by : Michael Grynszpan
Supported by : Kan 11, The Second Israeli Authority for Television & Radio, Geshar Film Foundation - Avi Chai Foundation, The Yehoshua Rabinovich Foundation for the Arts, Matanel Foundation
Hebrew, English, French with English subtitles



No one knows his real name; he is only known as Mr. Shoshani. He was an eternal nomad, a mad genius, who attracted disciples such as Nobel Prize winner Eli Weisel and renowned philosopher Emmanuel Levinas. Mr. Shoshani is one of the unsolved riddles of the 20th century, he is among the 10 most mysterious people of all time.



Hanging Without Walls

Slovakia 2024 | Feature documentary debut | 78'
Written & Directed by: Jana Ďurajová, Lena Kušnieriková
Produced by: PubRes – Zuzana Mistríková, Lubica Orechovská, Arkaiz Basterra Zalbide
Original Slovak version with English subtitles



A Kafkaesque documentary debut over ten years in the making that sheds light on the absurdity of a bureaucratic system, set within the never-ending process of renovation of the Slovak National Gallery.



Still Waters

Israel 2023 | Short feature | 17'
Written & Directed by: by Tsivia Barkai Yacov
Produced by : Laila Films – Itai Tamir
Original Hebrew version with English subtitles



Desperate to flee an abusive relationship, Rona sneaks out during a lockdown and enters a women's Mikvah. Naked and exposed, she faces the truth.



Mischmasch

Sweden 2023 | 30' | Short Documentary
Written and directed by: Uta Arning
Produced by: Uta Arning
Hebrew with English Subtitles
Aired in Sweden (SVT)



A Yiddish Proverb says: "What soap is to the body, laughter is to the soul" "Mischmasch" tells the story of a Yiddish Amateur Theatre Group in Stockholm performing Strindberg's "A Dream Play" in Yiddish.

5th Paragraph – Invalids

Israel 2023 | 52' | Mid-length documentary
Produced by : Zvi Sheffy Productions
Directed by : Boris Maftsir
Supported by : The New Fund for Cinema and TV, Ministry of Culture and Sport, Mifal Pais
Russian and Hebrew with English subtitles



In the Soviet Union all citizens were equal – in theory at least. In reality, Jews were suspected, across the board, of being disloyal towards the USSR. To have "jewrej" entered in field 5 of your ID card meant automatic stigmatisation. Those affected remember.



Only in Theatres

US 2022, 2023 International release | 93' | Feature documentary
Produced by : Raphael Sbarge
Directed by : Raphael Sbarge
With appearances from : Cameron Crowe, Ava DuVernay, James Ivory, Nicole Holofcener, Alison Anders
Original English version
Theatrically released in US



The Laemmle Theaters in US, a beloved Arthouse Cinema chain with a Hollywood legacy, has elevated the art of filmmaking for 85 years, but is facing a series of seismic shifts. ONLY IN THEATERS, filmed over 2 1/2 years, chronicles this family-run business, and their determination to survive in a changing world. This is a story about our love of Cinema, resilience, and family.



Jews of the Wild West

US 2022, 2023 International release | 82' | Feature documentary
Produced by : Amanda Kinsey, Electric Yolk Productions
Directed by : Amanda Kinsey
Supported by : Colorado Forum Fund, Rosalind P Walter Foundation, Rose Community Foundation, Heitler Fund
Original English version



Widening the historical lens, this documentary focuses on an under-explored aspect of Jewish history: the role that Jews played in Western American expansion, both in real life and in the movies.



TRILOGY – RAN TAL



The Museum

Israel 2017 | 72' | Feature Documentary
Written & Directed by: Ran Tal
Produced by: Lama Films - Ayelet Kait, Amir Harel, Ran Tal
Supported by: Yes Docu, The new fund for cinema and TV, Mifal Hapais, The Leir Charitable Foundations
Hebrew, English, Yiddish, Arabic with English subtitles

Housing one of the world's greatest collections of art and antiquities, the Israel Museum poses for its own complex portrait in this elegant observational documentary, revealing its central role in the complicated narrative of the nation.



The Garden of Eden

Israel 2012 | 74 min | Feature Documentary
Written and Directed by: Ran Tal
Produced by: Lama Films - Amir Harel, Ayelet Kait, Ran Tal



Story of Gan HaShlosha, better known as the "Sakhne", one of the largest, most famous and most visited parks in Israel. During the spring, summer, fall and winter seasons of one full year, the film documents the park's transformation with a spectacular expression of cinematic beauty.



Children of the Sun

Israel 2007 | 70' | Feature Documentary
Written and Directed by: Ran Tal
Produced by: Lama Films
Supported by: ITVS International, USA; Yes Docu, The Rich Foundation, Rabinovich Foundation – Cinema Project, Geshar Multicultural Film Fund
Hebrew with English subtitles



Born into the utopian dream of the early kibbutz movement, these "children of the sun" were destined to fulfill the hope for a new way of life. Fragments of found footage and audio create a moving collective memory.



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HIGHLIGHTS

What If? Ehud Barak on War and Peace



Israel 2021, 85 min, Feature Documentary

Produced by: Lama Films - Amir Harel, Ayelet Kait; Ran Tal

Written & Directed by: Ran Tal
Supported by: Rabinovich Film Fund, The Israeli Ministry of Culture and Sports, Other Israel Film Fund, The Israel Film Council, Keshet Broadcasting

Hebrew with English subtitles

Ehud Barak is one of the most controversial figures in Israeli politics. Criticized for the tremendous military and diplomatic risks he took, such as the attempt to assassinate Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein, or the failed effort to put an end to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. In this film, Barak observes with disillusioned clarity his own history and the history of the State Israel.



Moving On

Israel 2022 | 72' | Feature Documentary

Produced by: Maya Mcmanus Ronen

Written & Directed by: Maya Mcmanus Ronen

Supported by: Geshar Multicultural Film Fund - The Arava Film Fund

Hebrew with English subtitles



In a remote desert area of Israel, every couple of years everybody switches houses. Nobody knows in advance to where he will move. A unique community is getting into a personal and shaking journey, where packing the house and renovating is arousing a questioning about existential aspects of life.



Conquering time : Ágnes Keleti

Hungary, Israel 2022 | 78' | Feature Documentary

Written and directed by: Katalin Oláh

Produced by: Makabor Studio

Co-produced by: Noemi Schory

Hungarian, Hebrew with English Subtitles

A touching portrait of the life of Ágnes Keleti, the oldest living Olympic Champion, shown for the first time on screen.

Inspiring sporting legend who defeated both her rivals and the existential threats to a Jew living through the turmoil of the 20th century.



Honey Trap

Israel 2022 | 60' | Mid-length Documentary

Written and directed by: Aalam Warqe & Kobi Davidian

Produced by: Black and White Films - Kobi Davidian

Supported by: HOT8, Makor fund for Cinema and Television, The New Fund for Cinema and Television, She*Docs Accelerator - CoPro Fund.

Hebrew with English Subtitles



Keryat Moshe, home of a large Ethiopian Jewish community, is considered in mainstream media one of the toughest neighborhoods in Israel, socially apart from modern "white" Israeli society.



Tacheles - The Heart of the Matter

Germany 2020 | 104' / 55' | Feature Documentary

Produced by: Gunter Hanfgarn, Jana Matthes & Andrea Schramm

Written & Directed by: Jana Matthes & Andrea Schramm

Supported by: BKM, Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany

German, Hebrew, English with English and German subtitles



Reconciliation with a Computer Game? Yaar is a young Israeli living in Berlin, refusing being a Jew.



In His Image

Netherlands 2020 | 72' / 55' | Feature Documentary

Produced by: Iris Lammertsma, Boudewijn Koole

Written & Directed by: Tami Ravid

Supported by: EOdocs, NPO Fund, Dutch Cultural Media Funds

Language: Hebrew with English subtitles

Can we create life after death? Should we allow it? A first-time documentary approach, raising ethical and philosophical questions about postmortem preproduction.



Underground Ballet

Israel 2019 | 53' | Mid-Length documentary

Directed by: Lina Chaplin

Produced by: Daniela Reiss Razon

Supported by: Hot 8, The Yehoshua Rabinovich Foundation for the Arts

Hebrew and Russian with English subtitles



A decade ago Nadia and her mother, Nina Timofeyeva, a prima ballerina at the Bolshoi Ballet, left Moscow for Jerusalem and set up the studio. It was a professional suicide. Ballet and football make for a surrealistic combination.



Lost Lines, Last Traces

Germany 2022 | 2x52' | 2part documentary

Written and directed by: Martin Gressmann

Produced by: Martin Gressmann

German with English Subtitles, French and Spanish version available (2023)

Theatrically released in Germany

Keep walking to escape with on's life... At the beginning of 1945, wherever the front comes close to the concentration camps, prisoners are evacuated in forced treks westward. More than seven decades later, director Martin Gressmann ("Das Gelände- The Grounds 2014") follows the main routes of the death marches through Brandenburg and Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, where some 200 memorial plaques now stand.



In the Desert -A Documentary Diptych

Israel, Canada 2018 | 220/120' | Docu - Diptych

Produced by: Paul Cedieux, Shlomi Elkabetz, Hagar Saad Shalom, Danae Elon

Director: Avner Faingulernt

Supported by: The Israel Film Council, SODEC, The Canadian Film or Video Production Tax Credit

Hebrew and Arabic with English subtitles



A profound journey trying to defy what is commonly known about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.



Standby Painter

Belgium, Israel 2018 | 52' | Mid-Length Documentary

Written & Directed by: Amir Yatziv, Guy Slabinck

Produced by: Kaat Camerlynck - Czar Film

Polish, English with English and French subtitles



An almost deserted museum, a guard wearing high heels, a cinephile thief and a Monet painting.



CLASSICS / RESTAURATIONS



The Komediant

Israel, USA 1999 | 82' | Feature Documentary

Produced by: Arnon Goldfinger, Amir Harel, Oshra Schwartz-Reim

Directed by: Arnon Goldfinger

Supported by: The New Israeli Fund for Cinema & TV, FilmForderAnstalt, Medienboard Berlin-Brandenburg, Deutscher FilmForderFond With ARTE, ZDF, SWR, Noga Communications/ Channel 8 Israel

Hebrew, German and English with English subtitles

The glory days of the Yiddish stage are brought to life in this funny-sad saga of a legendary theatrical family, The Bursteins.

Ruth Films is now re-releasing a newly restored digital copy of the film classic worldwide.



The Flat

2011 | 97' | Documentary

Directed by: Arnon Goldfinger

Produced by: Arnon Goldfinger & Thomas Kufus, zero one film

Supported by: The New Israeli Fund for Cinema & TV, FilmForderAnstalt, Medienboard Berlin-Brandenburg, Deutscher FilmForderFond, ARTE, ZDF, SWR, Noga Communications/ Channel 8 Israel

Hebrew, German and English with English subtitles

What begins with the emptying out of a flat develops into a riveting adventure, involving unexpected national interests, a friendship that crosses enemy lines, and deeply repressed family emotions. A film classic by Arnon Goldfinger. Since its release in 2011, THE FLAT is regularly listed among the 100 best movies in various film magazines.



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