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## WELCOME Dear Festival Supporters,

I'm delighted to welcome you to the 20th Hong Kong Jewish Film Festival – a milestone for the entire Hong Kong community!

For the past twenty years, we have endeavoured to bring the latest and best Jewish-themed features, documentaries and shorts from around the globe to Asia's World City. Our goal is to share Jewish culture, history and art with Hong Kong's dynamic and multi-faceted community. This year's films embody that ethos, with thought-provoking, engaging and entertaining stories.

We would not be able to accomplish this goal without the help of many, many people: Our generous donors, who make the Film Festival possible, we thank you again for your support; our dedicated Board which provides critical oversight and ideas on every aspect of the Festival; and our hard-working volunteers who put in countless hours on the viewing committee, the brochure, the opening event, and numerous details. I'd particularly like to thank Nicole Izsak, our past Festival Producer, as well as our new producer Shani Brownstein. We also appreciate the Asia Society Hong Kong Center for its wonderful venue and support.

I look forward to seeing many of you during the Festival. Enjoy!

Best,

## Eli Bitan

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Dear friends,

Heartiest congratulations on the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Hong Kong Jewish Festival.

Since its inception the Festival has grown in popularity and reputation. It has become one of Hong Kong's highlight events of the year, and definitely serves as a means of cultural exchange with the Hong Kong society.

The Festival week is a celebration of the richness of Jewish life, culture and heritage. It brings thoughtful and engaging films from Israel and all over the world to the people of Hong Kong.

The Consulate General of Israel in Hong Kong has been a supporter of the Festival and is pleased and proud to have been a part of this annual special cultural event. Special commend to Mr. Eli Bitan, Chair to the HKJFF, Festival Producer Shani Brownstein and to all supporters who contributed to this meaningful event.

We look forward to welcome and enjoy the variety of inspiring films the Festival has prepared for us this year, and our best wishes for the Festival's further success in the years to come.

Sincerely,

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My heartiest congratulations on the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Hong Kong Jewish Film Festival!

We are dedicated to promoting trade and development between Hong Kong SAR and Israel for our mutual benefit.

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The Jewish Community and the Chamber members have enjoyed the spectacular movies we have seen almost two decades, especially thanks for the leadership of Eli Bitan and his colleagues.

Movies are wonderful entertainment. You can express happiness, love, sorrow and harmony. I see this event as a significant culture exchange between the Jewish nation and the people of Hong Kong, Macau and China.

## We couldn't have come this far without you.

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Dr. Rafael Aharoni, BBS Chairman

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A very big thank you and farewell to Nicole Izsak, Festival Producer.

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# **TEL AVIV ON FIRE**

Luxembourg / Belgium / Israel France | 2018 | Dramatic Comedy Arabic / Hebrew with English subtitles | 100 mins Director: Sameh Zoabi



Taking a job way beyond his pay grade, Salam becomes a writer on the Israeli Arab hit TV show, "Tel Aviv on Fire". His career advances until he has creative differences with the show's financial backers as to how the series will end. Told with humor and understanding of the difficulties Arabs and Israelis face living together in a small country, this film addresses the similarities and differences between the two cultures. Caught in the middle between two sets of ideas, how will Salam resolve his conflicts?

Winner of multiple film festival awards, including from Seattle, Venice, Haifa, and Tokyo, this is not to be missed. Using humor to tackle serious issues, this award winning film is a great opener for this year's 20th anniversary Hong Kong Jewish Film Festival.

## **OPENING NIGHT**

NOV. 2 SATURDAY @ 7:30 PM Followed By Rooftop Cocktail Party

### Awards

- 2018 Haifa International Film Festival
- 2019 Minneapolis St. Paul International Film Festival
- 2019 Sarasota Film Festival
- 2019 Seattle International Film Festival
- 2018 Venice Film Festival

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NOV. 3

SUNDAY @ 12:30 PM

# **HIDDEN FACE**



Israel | 2018 | Documentary Hebrew with English subtitles 54 mins Director: Eyal Datz

Through the heroic story of a rabbi known as "The Admor of Sanz-Klausenburg," this documentary presents the complex relationship between ultra-Orthodox Jews and the memory of the Holocaust. Through rare archival footage and interviews it reveals the ways we experience the revival and spiritual victory over the Nazis and pass it on to the ensuing generations, while dealing with the biggest question of all: where was God during the Holocaust? Supported by



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# THE LIGHT OF FIRE

A touching film that tells the story of Yoram Raanan, an American-Israeli artist, as he rebuilds following a sudden fire that destroyed forty years of work. It's a story about resolve in the face of loss, but also about faith, family and searching for a sense of place.

## Special Guest - Q & A with Director Bentzi Avtzon

Director Bentzi Avtzon was born and raised in Hong Kong, and now lives in Philadelphia.





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USA | 2018 Drama/Narrative English | 34 mins Director: Bentzi Avtzon

SHORTS 1

# MIRIAM



Israel | 2018 | Short, Comedy Hebrew with English subtitles 6 mins Director: Shulamit Lifshitz

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NOV. 3

SUNDAY @ 2:45 PM



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One man's attempt to marry off his daughter—the Jerusalem way.

# REFUGE



A Jewish American woman and an Ethiopian refugee reconcile Austria's past with its present.

Austria | 2019 | Short, Drama English/German with English subtitles | 19 mins Director: Sara Logan Hofstein

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# SAD SACHS



The Sachs are running late to their cousin's wedding when their driver lets loose a bizarre, anti-Semitic rant.

Australia | 2019 | Short, Drama English | 10 mins Director: Joel Pearlgut

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SHORTS 1

# THE RABBI

NOV. 3 SUNDAY @ 2:45 PM



Israel | 2016 | Short, Drama Hebrew with English subtitles 20 mins Director: Uriya Hertz

Michael is a charismatic and much-admired Rabbi at a Jerusalem yeshiva. A revealing confession by Gadi, his favorite student, will shake the Rabbi's familiar and secure world.

# **ALMOST LIAM**

Israel | 2018 | Short, Documentary Hebrew with English subtitles 28 mins Director: Sapir Rokach



*ESEASON* 

Before leaving for Germany where he will undergo irreversible surgery, Liam reflects on his previous female identity.

# SUSHI, MEATBALLS AND EVERYTHING



Israel | 2018 | Short, Drama Hebrew with English subtitles 15 mins Director: Baruch Rosenstein

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# **93QUEEN**

USA | 2018 | Documentary English | 90 mins Director: Paula Eiselt



Set in the Hasidic enclave of Borough Park, Brooklyn, "93Queen" follows a group of tenacious Hasidic women who create the first all-female volunteer ambulance corps in New York City. With unprecedented insider access, "93Queen" offers a unique portrayal of a group of women who are taking matters into their own hands to change their community from within. NOV. 3 SUNDAY @ 4:30 PM

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# **AVENGING EVIL**

UK / USA | 2018 Historical Documentary English, Hebrew with English subtitles | 79 mins Director: Nick Green



A documentary featuring a seldom-told, thought-provoking story of revenge. 6 million Jews are dead, but by 1946, just a handful of Nazis face trial. Most of the guilty will never face justice. For many of Hitler's victims, this is not enough. Based on previously unheard recordings and exclusive interviews with those involved—all of whom are over 90—this film tells the story of a secret organization of Holocaust survivors who decide to take matters into their own hands. Assembled by the warriorpoet Abba Kovner, their aim is "an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, a life for a life."

**NOV. 3** SUNDAY @ 6:15 PM

2018 Jocumentary

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# KING BIBI

Israel | 2018 Documentary Hebrew with English subtitles 87 mins Director: Dan Shadur



"King Bibi" explores Benjamin Netanyahu's rise to power, relying solely on archival footage of his media performances over the years: from his days as a popular guest expert on American TV, through his public confession of adultery, and his mastery of the art of social media. From one studio to another, "Bibi" evolved from Israel's great political hope, to a controversial figure whom some perceive as Israel's savior, and others – as a cynical politician who will stop at nothing to retain his power. **NOV. 3** SUNDAY @ 8:00 PM

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The HKHTC is delighted to support the 20<sup>th</sup> Hong Kong Jewish Film Festival, and will be screening selected Holocaust-themed films at schools across Hong Kong.



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#### **FILM & SYNOPSIS**

# WHO WILL WRITE OUR HISTORY

In November 1940, days after the Nazis sealed 450,000 Jews in the Warsaw Ghetto, a secret band of journalists, scholars and community leaders decided to fight back. Led by historian Emanuel Ringelblum and known by the code name Oyneg Shabes, this clandestine group vowed to defeat Nazi lies and propaganda not with guns or fists but with pen and paper. Now, for the first time, their story is told as a feature documentary. "Who Will Write Our History" mixes the writings of the Oyneg Shabes archive with new interviews, rarely seen footage and stunning dramatizations to transport us inside the Ghetto and the lives of these courageous resistance fighters.

NOV. 4 Monday @ 7:00 PM

USA | 2018 | Documentary English | 95 mins

Director: Roberta Grossman

### Awards

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## 2 NOVEMBER SATURDAY **OPENING NIGHT AND ROOFTOP PARTY** 7:30 PM Tel Aviv on Fire ..... **3 NOVEMBER SUNDAY** 12:30 PM Hidden Face The Light of Fire ..... 2:45 PM Miriam + Refuge + Sad Sachs + The Rabbi + Almost Liam + Sushi, Meatballs and Everything 4:30 PM 93Oueen 6:15 PM Avenging Evil ..... 8:00 PM King Bibi **4 NOVEMBER MONDAY** 7:00 PM Who Will Write Our History 8:45 PM Esau **5 NOVEMBER TUESDAY** 7:00 PM The Unorthodox ..... 8:45 PM Redemption

## 6 NOVEMBER WEDNESDAY

Cairo to the Cloud
Fig Tree
DAY 93Queen
Bye Bye Germany
Laces
<b>DAY</b> The Rabbi from Hezbollah
Fiddler: A Miracle of Miracles
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# ESAU

Russia / Israel / UK | 2019 Drama | English | 100 mins Director: Pavel Lungin



Adapted from the novel of the same name by Israeli author Meir Shalev, "Esau" follows a 40-year-old writer who returns to his family home after half a lifetime to face the brother who stole both his love and livelihood. The story is a modern twist on the biblical story of Jacob and Esau in the book of Genesis. Featuring acclaimed actor Harvey Keitel. **NOV. 4** MONDAY @ 8:45 PM

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# THE UNORTHODOX

Israel | 2018 | Comedy / History Hebrew with English subtitles 92 mins Director: Eliran Malka



When Yakov Cohen's daughter is expelled from school due to ethnic discrimination, he decides to fight back. It's 1983 and Yakov, a printer in Jerusalem, is just a regular guy. He has no knowledge, no money, no connections and no political experience. But he does have the will and the passion to take action, and a belief that he and and other Sephardic Jews should be able to hold their heads up high. Yakov and his friends start the first ethnic political group in Jerusalem. An Israeli dark comedy inspired by real-life events.

NOV. 5 TUESDAY @ 7:00 PM

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# REDEMPTION

Israel | 2018 | Drama Hebrew with English subtitles 104 mins Directors: Yossi Madmoni Boaz Yehonatan Yaacov



Menachem, a former frontman for a rock band, is now religious, and a father to a six-year-old. When his daughter is diagnosed with cancer, he must find a creative solution to fund the expensive treatments. He reunites his band for one last tour. The journey to save his daughter exposes old wounds and allows him to reconnect with his secular past, paving the road to his own redemption. This Israeli drama is a poignant and probing story of religion and rock and roll.

NOV. 5 TUESDAY @ 8:45 PM

#### Awards

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# **CAIRO TO THE CLOUD:** The World of the Cairo Geniza

Canada | 2018 | Documentary English | 92 mins Director: Michelle Paymar



"From Cairo to the Cloud" tells the gripping story of the discovery and significance of the Cairo Geniza, a vast treasure trove of manuscripts hidden for centuries in the "geniza," or sacred storeroom, of an ancient synagogue in Old Cairo. The Cairo Geniza is the largest cache of Jewish history ever found, illuminating over a thousand years of Jewish, Christian and Moslem life in the heart of the Islamic world.

### Special Guest - Q&A with Director Michelle Paymar

Michelle Paymar is an award-winning filmmaker currently based in Vancouver, British Columbia. Her independent work has screened at festivals around the world and she has extensive credits as a director and writer of documentary and non-fiction television programs for NBC, ABC, CBS, PBS, CBC, MTV, CTV, Travel, Discovery, History, and other major broadcasters. NOV. 6 WEDNESDAY @ 7:00 PM

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# **FIG TREE**

Israel / France / Ethiopia Germany | 2018 | Drama Amharic / Hebrew with English subtitles | 93 mins Director: Aalam-Warge Davidian



16 year old Jewish Mina, is trying to navigate between a surreal routine dictated by the civil war in Ethiopia and her last days of youth with her Christian boyfriend Eli. When she discovers that her family is planning to immigrate to Israel and escape the war, she weaves an alternate plan in order to save Eli. But in times of war, plans tend to go wrong. This is Director Davidian's debut film based on her childhood memories of a civil war-torn Ethiopia.

NOV. 6 WEDNESDAY @ 9:15 PM

### Awards

2019 Atlanta Jewish Film Festival 2018 Awards of the Israeli Film Academy 2018 Toronto International Film Festival

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### USA | 2018 | Documentary English | 90 mins Director: Paula Eiselt



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**93QUEEN** 

#### **FILM & SYNOPSIS**

# **BYE BYE GERMANY**

Germany / Luxembourg Belgium / France | 2018 Comedy / Drama / War | German English with English subtitles 102 mins Director: Sam Garbarski



Frankfurt, 1946. David Bermann and his friends have survived the Holocaust, escaped the Nazi regime and are now dreaming of leaving for America. But how will they get the money in these tough post-war times? The smooth-talking businessman focuses on what the Germans now need most: fine bed linens nicely wrapped in amusing stories! The six talented entertainers go from home to home, praising German housewives with chutzpah. Business flourishes and a bright new future can be seen in the horizon. But questions about Bermann's past catch up with him. Why does he have two passports? What about his visit to Hitler's mountain retreat? Could he have collaborated with the Nazis? NOV. 7 THURSDAY @ 7:00 PM

#### Awards

2019 Magritte Awards, Belgium 2018 RiverRun International Film Festival

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# LACES

Israel | 2018 | Drama Hebrew with English subtitles 98 mins Director: Jacob Goldwasser



"Laces" tells the story of a complicated relationship between an aging father and his special-needs son, whom he abandoned while he was still a young boy. Reuben's kidneys are failing and his son Gadi wants to donate one of his own kidneys to help save his father's life. However, the transplant committee objects to the procedure claiming that Reuben, acting as Gadi's sole legal guardian, does not have the right to authorize such an invasive procedure. Gadi, who recently lost his mother, is afraid of losing his father as well. He feels he finally has the chance to do something meaningful; to become a man and stand on his own. NOV. 7 THURSDAY @ 9:00 PM

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# THE RABBI FROM HEZBOLLAH

Israel | 2019 | Documentary Hebrew with English subtitles 64 mins Director: Itamar Chen



Who would believe that Avraham Sinai, an ultra-Orthodox Jew living in Israel, is also Ibrahim Yassin – one of Israel's top international spies with a turbulent association to Hezbollah? What sounds like the plot of an action movie is in fact the subject of this documentary by award-winning Director Itamar Chen.

NOV. 9 SATURDAY @ 8:00 PM

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USA | 2019 | Documentary

English | 92 mins Director: Max Lewkowitz

# FIDDLER: A MIRACLE OF MIRACLES

For the first time, intimate interviews with the show's creators reveal how the tremendous success and worldwide impact of "Fiddler on the Roof" is most appropriately viewed through the lens of social upheaval and change in mid-20th century America. As the film shows, the true wonder of wonders and miracle of Fiddler is that audiences around the world have, for the last half century, claimed the story as their own. This remarkable documentary explores a variety of international productions of the show, detailing how individuals of many cultures see themselves represented as residents of Anatevka. NOV. 9 SATURDAY @ 9:30 PM

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# GOLDA'S BALCONY, The Film

USA | 2019 | Biography / Theater English | 86 mins Director: Scott Schwartz



### Asian Premiere

Tovah Feldshuh recreates her Tony Award-nominated performance as Golda Meir in this masterpiece—which has won the "Audience Award" in all ten of the competitive film festivals in which it has been screened. The rise of Golda Meir from Russian schoolgirl to Prime Minister of Israel is one of the most thrilling and amazing stories of the 20th Century.

## NOV. 10 SUNDAY @ 1:30 PM

#### Awards

Winner of the 2019 Audience Choice Awards for: Los Angeles Jewish Film Festival Pittsburgh Jewish Film Festival Charlotte Jewish Film Festival Honolulu Jewish Film Festival New Hampshire Jewish Film Festival Palm Beach Jewish Film Festival New Jersey Jewish Film Festival Winnipeg Jewish Film Festival Dayton Jewish Film Festival

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NOV. 10

SUNDAY @ 3:15 PM

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## **TRAVELOGUE TEL AVIV**

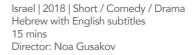
Switzerland | 2017 Short / Documentary / Animation Silent | 6 mins Director: Samuel Patthey

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A young art student from Switzerland arrives for six months in Tel Aviv. Through drawing he will learn to analyze, understand and free himself to this contrasted environment.

## HOW TO SWIM



Israel | 2018 | Short, Drama Hebrew with English subtitles

Director: Aleeza Chanowitz

17 mins

In the last few days of her pregnancy, a terrified mother-to-be kidnaps a maternal stranger for an afternoon of high jinks.

## SHABBOS KALLAH



Elka tries to prove that her best friend Daniela will still need her once she's married, especially for her great knowledge about sex.

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SHORTS 2

## THE YOUNGEST



Israel | 2018 Short / Drama / Romance Hebrew with English subtitles 19 mins Director: Rachel Elitzur

Leah, an ultra-Orthodox woman who works in her widowed mother's store, is ready for love, but her mother seems unwilling to let her go.

## SHMIL



Israel | 2018 | Short / Drama Hebrew with English subtitles 15 mins Director: Baruch Rosenstein

When Shmil is expelled from a prestigious ultra-Orthodox Yeshiva, he will do anything in his power to be allowed to return.

## TERROR



Israel | 2018 | Short / Action / Drama Hebrew with English subtitles 17 mins Director: Yonatan Shehoah

Dan, who suffers from PTSD after bring wounded in a terrorist attack, finds himself thrown together with his Arab co-workers when multiple terror attacks hit Jerusalem.

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# NOV. 10

SUNDAY @ 3:15 PM

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In 1932, when the Jews were not welcome to join the International Olympics, we, the Jews decided to open our own games.

In 2017, we had celebrated the 20<sup>th</sup> Maccabiah games in Israel with 10,000 athletes worldwide, approximately 30,000 participants in the opening ceremony in Jerusalem including a terrific delegation from Hong Kong, Macau, China, and we even brought some lovely medals.

There is no doubt that the  $20^{th}$  Maccabiah was not only symbolic of being 85 years old and the  $20^{th}$  Games, but it was also being 50 years since Jerusalem united, 100 years since the Balfour Declaration and 120 years since the establishment of the Zionist Movement.

I am proud to say Maccabi is very active in Hong Kong. We are looking forward the 21<sup>st</sup> Maccabiah Games in 2021 with the bigger, stronger and higher delegation from Hong Kong, Macau and China.

I wish you another successful film festival, especially thanks for the leadership of Eli Bitan and his colleagues.

### CHAZAK CHAZAK V'NITCHAZEK!

Dr. Rafael Aharoni, BBS Chairman

Thank you. We couldn't have come this far without you.

#### **FILM & SYNOPSIS**

# **A MIRROR FOR THE SUN**

Israel | 2018 | Documentary Hebrew with English Subtitles 60 mins Director: Neta Ariel

**NOV. 10** 

SUNDAY @ 5:00 PM



"A Mirror for the Sun" documents a harrowing adventure of the IDF's first-ever Orthodox combat navigator, Tamar Ariel. After her military service, Ariel wishes to broaden her experiences and understanding of the world. She joins a multinational group of hikers who have decided to brave the mountain ranges of Nepal. After reaching the summit, the group is hit with an unexpected snowstorm and is forced into a struggle for survival in one of the world's harshest climates. This documentary is a captivating story of exceptional achievement and a testament to the power of humanity.

#### Special Guest - Q & A with Director Neta Ariel

Neta Ariel is the writer and director of the film "A Mirror for the Sun". She is also the director of the Ma'ale School for Film and Television in Jerusalem. She was named Woman of the Year in 2015 by Emunah, the social welfare organization in Israel.

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# **BACK TO MARACANA**

Israel | 2018 | Comedy / Drama Hebrew / Portugese / English with English Subtitles 90 mins Director: Jorge Gurcvich



A heartfelt and funny intergenerational road trip drama from a veteran Israeli-Argentinean filmmaker. When divorced Israeli dad Roberto finds himself on a spontaneous family trip from Israel to Brazil for the World Cup, with his Brazilian father, a soccer fanatic possibly, and his disinterested 12-year old son, what could possibly go wrong? **NOV. 10** SUNDAY @ 6:45 PM

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# **NOBLE SAVAGE**

Israel | 2018 Drama / Narrative Hebrew with English subtitles 94 mins Director: Marco Carme



A troubled teen's desperate efforts to unite his broken family spin out of control in this modern Greek tragedy nominated for ten Israeli Academy Awards including Best Film. Almost everything in 15-year-old Eli's life is on the brink of disaster. Overweight and dealing with an eating disorder, he lives in a seedy Tel Aviv neighborhood with his mother and her possessive husband, two ex-junkies preoccupied with living a normative life, while his alcoholic father is an unemployed artist and street philosopher. Eli tries to escape his parents' fate and be a responsible adult. A beautifully acted examination of anguished characters fighting to overcome their circumstances.

#### Parent Advisory: Disturbing content and nudity

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### TICKET INFORMATION

#### HOW TO GET YOUR TICKETS

All films will be screened at Asia Society Hong Kong Center.

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Students and seniors (over 60): HK\$80

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