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**OTHER
ISRAEL
FILM FESTIVAL**

NOV 3-10, 2022

16TH ANNUAL OTHER ISRAEL FILM FESTIVAL

An in-depth look into Israeli and Palestinian societies

Film pictured: *Dead Sea Guardians* Photography: Yoav Kleinman + Ram Gil

In-person and virtual screenings, discussions, and events | Streaming Nov 3-13 | For more info, visit otherisrael.org

Screening venue: **Marlene Meyerson JCC Manhattan**
334 Amsterdam Avenue @ 76th Street



OPENING NIGHT: TANTURA

New York City Premiere | Dir. Alon Schwarz
Documentary | Israel | 2022 | 94 min
Tantura, Sundance's opening night film, documents the war of 1948. To Israelis, this is known as the War of Independence; to Palestinians, it is "Al Nakba" (the Catastrophe). Interviews with former Israeli soldiers as well as Palestinian residents expose how power, silencing, and protected narratives sculpt history.

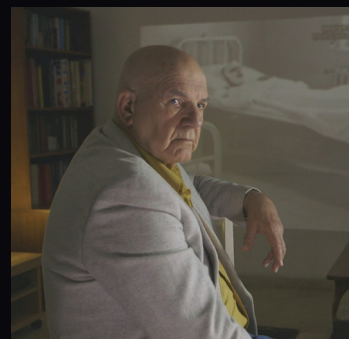
Thu, Nov 3, \$40 | 7 pm Screening
9 pm Opening Night Reception



**1341 FRAMES OF
LOVE AND WAR**

East Coast Premiere | Dir. Ran Tal
Documentary | Israel | 2022 | 90 min
Based on an archive of over half a million negatives taken by Israel's most celebrated war photographer, this film reveals an epic journey and the enormous price that comes along with documenting atrocities and wars. It is a complex love letter to the power, beauty, and horror of photographic imagery.

Fri, Nov 4, 6 pm, Free



A REEL WAR: SHALAL

US Premiere | Dir. Karnit Mandel
Documentary | Israel | 2021 | 55 min
Filmmaker Karnit Mandel stumbles across film reels from a long-lost PLO archive seized by Israel during the 1982 Lebanon War. As the truth of these historical records unravel, she comes into conflict with the bureaucracy of Israel's defense system. Mandel wrestles to expose the buried reels' untold history.

Sat, Nov 5, 2 pm, Free



THE SOLDIER'S OPINION

International Premiere
A Film by Assaf Banitt + Shay Hazkani
Documentary | Israel | 2022 | 57 min
Over the span of 50 years, the Israeli military censorship secretly read and copied soldiers' personal letters, extracting their views on the most contentious issues facing Israeli society. The findings were presented to leaders in a top secret report titled "The Soldier's Opinion."

Sat, Nov 5, 4:30 pm, Free



H2: THE OCCUPATION LAB*

North American Premiere | Dir. Idit Avrahami + Noam Sheizaf | Documentary | Israel/Canada 2022 | 94 min

Segregated, highly surveilled, heavily filmed, and intensely guarded, a single neighborhood in Hebron fuels the entire Israeli-Palestinian conflict. This film tells the story of 54 years of military occupation by looking closely at a one kilometer-long street.

Sat, Nov 5, 7 pm, \$18



RAZZOUK TATTOO

North American Premiere | Dir. Orit Ofir Ronell | Documentary | Israel | 2021 | 68 min

The sole heir of a 500-year lineage of Christian tattoo artists in Jerusalem goes on a quest to find missing ancient stencils that belong to his family dynasty, and instead discovers dark secrets and an unsolved murder.

Sun, Nov 6, 2 pm, \$18



DEAD SEA GUARDIANS

Dir. Ido Glass + Yoav Kleinman | Documentary | Israel | 2022 | 78 min

The Dead Sea, the lowest place on earth and one of the wonders of the world, is dying. Three men—a Jordanian, an Israeli, and a Palestinian—join forces on a heroic journey to stop this catastrophe and prevent the Dead Sea from disappearing.

Sun, Nov 6, 4:30 pm, \$18



ENCORE SCREENING: CINEMA SABAYA*

Dir. Orit Fouks Rotem | Narrative | Israel/Belgium | 2021 | 92 min

Nine women, Arab and Jewish, take part in a video workshop to learn how to document their lives, hosted by a young film director named Rona. *Israel's official submission for the Academy Awards.*

Sun, Nov 6, 7 pm, \$18



BOYCOTT

Dir. Julia Bacha | Documentary | US | 2021 | 73 min

When a news publisher in Arkansas, an attorney in Arizona, and a speech therapist in Texas are told they must choose between their jobs and their political beliefs, they launch legal battles that expose an attack on freedom of speech through anti-BDS laws across 33 states in America.

Mon, Nov 7, 5:30 pm, \$18



THE DEVIL'S DRIVERS

Dir. Daniel Carsenty + Mohammed Abugeth | Documentary | Germany | 2021 | 93 min

Drivers Hamouda and Ismail navigate the Israel-Palestine border and smuggle Palestinian workers who need to provide for their families. An intimate yet harrowing portrait, *The Devil's Drivers* is an immersion into life under occupation, documenting car chases and perilous trips in breathless suspense.

Mon, Nov 7, 7:30 pm, \$18



THE SAMARITANS: A BIBLICAL PEOPLE

World Premiere | Dir. Moshe Alafi | Documentary | Israel | 2022 | 78 min

On Mt. Gerizim, a community of 850 Samaritans and their 3,500-year-old biblical tradition struggle to survive. Endangered by modern life and strict customs on marriage, they try to preserve the community, the Torah, and their Holy Mountain.

Tue, Nov 8, 7 pm, \$18



THE LAST CHAPTER OF A.B. YEHOSHUA

Dir. Yair Qedar | Documentary | Israel 2021 | 55 min

This film is a loving portrait of A.B. Yehoshua as he faces death with unflinching honesty, without giving up his *joie de vivre*. It is a rare and striking look into the life of one of Israel's most beloved writers, who passed away in June 2022.

Wed, Nov 9, 5:30 pm, \$18



THE FORGOTTEN ONES

Dir. Michale Boganim | Documentary | France/Israel | 2022 | 93 min

In the 1950s, immigrating Mizrahi Jews were denied their right to a better life in Israel, being forced to move into development towns in the Negev Desert. Seventy years later, Michale Boganim embarks on a road trip through Israel's history to chronicle the impact on three generations of Mizrahim.

Wed, Nov 9, 7:30 pm, \$18



CLOSING NIGHT: LADY AMAR

International Premiere | Dir. Yigael Sachs + Noam Gil | Narrative | Israel | 2020 | 77 min

An elderly woman is kidnapped in the middle of the night. She identifies as Pauline Weiss, a wealthy philanthropist, and demands her abductors release her back to her husband. The three "kidnappers" claim she is their mother, Jackie Amar, who lost her mind after her husband's and son's deaths.

Thu, Nov 10, \$21 | 6 pm Pre-reception 7 pm Screening

ABOUT THE FESTIVAL

The Other Israel Film Festival, founded in 2007, presents cinema that inspires conversation and takes an in-depth look into Israeli and Palestinian societies and underrepresented populations in Israel. Other Israel presents dramatic and documentary films, as well as panels and events about history, culture, and identity. Learn more at otherisrael.org.

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