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NAZARETH CINEMA LADY

Director: Nurit Jacobs-Yinon / **Israel** 2015

Category: Arts & Culture

Production: Nurit Jacobs-Yinon (Aluma-Films), for the Second Authority for Television and Radio, Israel; Commissioning Editor: Yosi Mulla; The New Fund for Cinema and Television, Israel

Language: Hebrew, Arabic. **Subtitles:** English

Length: 52 minutes.



Synopsis: The story of Safaa Dabour, an observant Muslim woman from Nazareth, struggling to take charge of her own fate and freedom and to establish the first and only Arab cinematheque in Israel. She succeeds in taking charge of her own fate and freedom and established and run the cinematheque. A single woman in a man's world, she travels to bring Arab box-office hits from Arab states, and seeks against all odds, to create an island of culture for the society to which she belongs. This is a cinematic profile of a courageous woman whose path to freedom is interwoven with the battle for her own cinematheque.

[Watch Video Trailer](#)

Festivals & Awards:

- **Winner: Best Film Award:** Israeli Films competition: Epos International Art Film Festival, Tel Aviv - **Israel** 2016
- Other Israel Film Festival, New York - **U.S.A.** 2016
- Mostra de Cinema Documental d'Israel (Israeli Docs), Barcelona - **Spain** 2016
- Haifa International Film Festival - **Israel** 2015

Watch videos:

[Haifa Film Festival 2015 \(video in Hebrew\)](#)

[TV Interview \(in Hebrew\)](#)

EPOS International Art Film Festival 2016 / Best Film Award

Jury Statement: « The film sketches a portrait of an extraordinary character – a courageous and independent Muslim woman, faithful to her dreams. With empathy and sensitivity, the director delicately accompanies the life of Safaa Dabour, a cultural heroine determined to bring her great love for the cinema to the society in which she lives. The film gradually crystallizes into an intense drama that touches not only on the life of one woman but on the lives of us all »

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Movie Reviews:

« A portrait of a charming, yet somewhat stubborn and immensely courageous, woman who sets her sights on fulfilling her vision for the Arab community of Nazareth.» / [Amy Kronish / IsraelFilm.blogspot](#)

« Safaa Dabour... is now the subject of a touching documentary " / Arab Woman's Vision Gets the Cinematic Stage It Deserves.» / [Nurit Anderman / Haaretz English Edition-International Herald Tribune](#)

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Nurit Jacobs-Yinon - Biography

Nurit Jacobs-Yinon is an independent filmmaker, director & editor. She made several documentaries and video arts for different Israeli TV channels. Her films "Nazareth Cinema Lady", "A Tale of a Woman and a Robe", "Covenant-Brith", "Holy Stone" and "I stood in Jerusalem" took part in prestigious International film festivals.

Nurit Jacobs-Yinon - Filmography

2015 - "**Nazareth Cinema Lady**": Directing & Producing, 52 Min', documentary, with the support of the New Fund for Cinema and Television, for the Second Authority for Television and Radio, Israel.

*Winner: Best Film Award: Israeli Films competition at the Epos International Art Film Festival, Tel Aviv -Israel 2016

*Other Israel Film Festival, New York - U.S.A. 2016

*Mostra de Cinema Documental d'Israel (Israeli Docs), Barcelona - Spain 2016

*Haifa International Film Festival - Israel 2015

2015 – "**A Tale of a Woman and a Robe**" Directing & Producing, 30 Min', documentary,

*The video art presented in the film won the Israeli Free-Style Documentary Forum Award 2013

*Jerusalem Jewish Film Festival, Israel 2014

2007 - "**With All Your soul – The Story of Roi Klein**": Directing & Producing, 40 Min', documentary, with the support of the "Gesher" Film Fund & Ree"m Fund, for I.B.A.

Channel 1, screened at April 2007. highest rating for documentary in 2007 in channel 1

*AIPAC Conference, USA, 2007

*Jewish Federation of Greater Washington, USA, 2007

*"Shomrei Emunah" Congregation, Baltimore, USA, 2007

2006 - "**I stood in Jerusalem**": Directing, 6 Min', documentary Video Art, part of a special project about Jerusalem for the International Jerusalem Film Festival, initiated by Micha Shagrir.

2005 "**COVENANT "Brith": Women, God & all between**": Directing, 52 Min', documentary, produced with the support of the "Rabinovitch Film Fund of Tel-Aviv" & "Gesher" Film Fund, for the "The Second Authority for Television & Radio of Israel" screened in channel 10 at 2008.

*Best documentary film of Religion Today International film festival, Trento, Italy, 2006

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- *Religion Film Festival, Brazil, 2007
- *Jersey Shore Jewish Film Festival, USA, 2007
- *Dickinson College, USA, 2007
- *Austin Jewish Film Festival, USA, 2007
- *Delray Beach Film Festival, USA, 2007
- *Nazareth International Human Rights Film Festival, Israel, 2006
- *Holy Land in the Heartland, USA, 2006
- *Sesily International Film Festival, Georgia, 2006
- *Jerusalem International Film Festival, 2005
- "Holy Stone": Directing short video art, an episode of the "Moment Jerusalem" project for the International Jerusalem Film Festival, initiated by the "New Foundation for Cinema and Television" Made for the "Channel 2 Israel".
- *Pacific Jewish Film Festival, USA, 2007
- *UK Jewish Film Festival, UK, 2006
- *Warsaw Jewish Motifs Film Festival, Poland, 2006
- *Nashville International Film Festival, USA, 2006
- *Tiburon International Film Festival, USA, 2006
- *Jacob Burns Film Center , USA, 2006
- *UJA Federation of Northern New Jersey, USA, 2006
- *Buffal*Jewish Film Festival, USA, 2006
- *Seattle Jewish Film Festival, USA, 2006
- *The Israeli Film Festival in Paris, France, 2006
- *Warsaw Jewish Film Festival, Poland, 2005
- *Vienna Jewish Film Festival, Austria 2005
- *One Israel Fund, New York, USA, 2005
- *Jerusalem International Film Festival, 2005

2003 **"(Red) Sea the end"**: Directing, 30', documentary, an episode in a series initiated by the "New Foundation for Cinema and Television". Made for "Yes" the Israeli satellite broadcasting company.

2001 - **"Report from the Trumpet in the Wade"**: Video editing, 24', "the making of" a dramatic feature by the same name.

- "Mystery of the Lost Treasure": Video editing, 28', fictional, children's video.

Nurit Jacobs-Yinon - Director's Note

"I grew up in an orthodox Jewish family and raise my three children in accordance with religious teachings. In order to concentrate my loving efforts both on filmmaking and raising my children, I situated Aluma Films in the attic of my home in Shoham. I was always attracted to poetry and art, beauty and aesthetics. My cinema deals in dramatic issues that explore worlds both near and far, and are always colored with a personal touch and outlook, which are my way of sounding my voice in the world. My protagonists are women whose power is derived from their inner strength, as opposed to

external stereotypes. A Jewish mother attending the ritual circumcision of her son, an Arab woman determined to bring cinema to the Arab Israeli society, a Chassidic poet who writes the secular Kaddish, the mourner's prayer, for Holocaust Remembrance day.

From conception, through research, filming and editing, I regard the strenuous process of filmmaking as no less than a miracle. My films come from love."

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Nurit's films are focusing on women, on the relation between the spiritual and the worldly, the physical and metaphysical. The link between form and content is also explored in terms of style and cinematic language, with an emphasis on aesthetics, not only in her video art but in her documentary films as well.

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