

BIRTH RIGHT



Winner of the Oscar-Qualifying Best Live Action Over 15 Minutes Award at Palm Springs ShortFest

Trailer: <https://vimeo.com/357166278>

Writer & Director: **Inbar Horesh**

Producer: **Leah Tonic** | Director of Photography: **Ilya Marcus** | Editor: **Shaked Goren**

Acting:

**Nataliya Olshanskaya, Kristina Sim, Liza Staroselsky,
Roman Gudovich, Anton Makalenko, Michael Lerner**

Set Designer: **Yael Igra** | Sound Designer: **Neal Gibs** | Original Score: **Ilya Laskin**

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International Student Film Festival**

Fic. 24:37 min | Dialogue: Russian, Hebrew | Subtitles: English | Original Format: 4K | Screening
Format: 2K 2.39 | Sound: Surround | Color
Israel, 2019



Director Inbar Horesh's female led short film was inspired by the Israeli organization Birthright, who encourage young Jewish people to immigrate there. The film was inspired by Nataliya Olshanskaya's story of immigrating to Israel, Nataliya stars as the lead role Natasha in Birth Right. This topical film has been selected for twenty high profile international film festivals including Carmel International Short Film Festival where it received a special mention, Seret Berlin Film Festival, Jerusalem Film Festival and more. Birth Right won the 2020 Moulin d'Ande Award at Cinemed: Montpellier International Festival of Mediterranean Cinema.

Synopsis:

Natasha is excited to travel to Israel to participate in a trip encouraging young diaspora Jews to immigrate there. When she manages to catch the attention of Shlomi, a handsome combat soldier, things turn ugly.

Inbar Horesh's Biography:

Born in Jerusalem in 1988, Inbar Horesh graduated with honors from the cinema department of Minshar School of Art in Tel Aviv, where she is presently teaching directing courses. Her graduation film **The Visit** was selected for the 67th Cannes Film Festival - Cinéfondation, won multiple international awards and was nominated for the Israeli Academy Award. Her documentary film **Crossing**, selected for DocAviv in 2015, was equally successful. **Birth Right**, her recent short film, won the Oscar qualifying award at the 2020 Palm Springs Film Festival among other awards and selections. Inbar is currently developing her first feature film project under the same name, which won the support of the main Israeli film funds, has been selected for the 42nd session of the Cinefondation residency of Cannes Film Festival, and has won the Moulin d'Ande residency award at the Cinemed Film Festival. Inbar is also creating a television series for the Israeli Public Broadcasting Corporation.

Interviews with Inbar Horesh:

Times of Israel - <https://www.timesofisrael.com/young-russians-play-out-their-birth-right-in-israeli-short-film/>

JTA - <https://www.jta.org/2020/12/03/culture/a-short-film-offers-new-perspective-on-birthright-through-the-eyes-of-russian-jews>