

Home Constructors

Documentary, 5 minutes.
Languages: Arabic, Hebrew.
Subtitles: English.
Original Film Format: HD.
Screening Format: DCP, 16:9.
Sound: Surround.
Color.
Israel, 2018.



Crew

Scrip Writer & Director: Nitzan Rozen.
Producer: Kobi Mizrahi, KM Productions.
Cinematographer & Editor: Nitzan Rozen.
Sound Design: Neal Gibbs, Rotem Doitcher.
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Synopsis

5 Palestinian workers try to find their place alongside their Jewish-Israeli constructor during Israeli Memorial Day. By distancing themselves from a foreigner fellow-worker that is a refugee from Darfur, the workers are hoping to finally belong to this land that defines its owners by the rules of war.

Director's Statement

It seems that in Israel, a land of endless war, the way to belong is to contribute your love ones to the country. Israeli Memorial Day unites Jewish society over the grief of the loss of our soldiers. We stand still for two minutes when a siren breaks off.

I asked my new neighbors, Palestinian workers, that construct a house for upper class Jews in Tel Aviv, to film them during Memorial Day. When the siren broke off, they, too, stood still in front of my camera. But it was the way in which they treated their fellow worker, a refugee from Darfur, that struck me. They adopted the way of the "Masters" of this place, and finally – could distinguish themselves from being "the strangers". There was a new guy in town.

Director's Biography

Nitzan Rozen, director and script writer, was born in Jerusalem and grew up in Kfar Warburg, a village in the south of Israel. She graduated with honors from The Sam Spiegel Film School in 2017, and directed 2 short fiction films. **Fair Play**, won the directing prize in her film school and was screened in Israel and Germany, **Cracks**, her graduation film premiered in Festival du Nouveau Cinema, Montreal, in October 2018.

Home Constructors is her first documentary film which premiered in Haifa International Film Festival, October 2018.



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