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## Resources Sheet

**Film: Cinema Sabaya (2021)**

**Director: Orit Fouks Rotem**



Image courtesy of IMDb (<https://www.imdb.com/title/tt6443330/>)

**Orit Fouks Rotem:** *“I think that the film offers a rare glimpse to the hidden depths of the lives of Jewish and Palestinian women, where their central point of convergence, the most profound thing they had in common, is simply being a woman.”*

### **Trailer:**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I\\_Z7lpOxh8w](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I_Z7lpOxh8w)



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**Fun facts:**

- Orit Fouks Rotem stated that she altered some of the script after casting, to reflect aspects of the cast.
- Often shootings would begin after the cast began talking to encourage naturalism.
- Orit Fouks Rotem said at some festivals, audiences were confused about the film being fiction or non-fiction.



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**Festival Appearances and awards:**

- **Jerusalem Film Festival**  
**WON:**  
Best Israeli Debut
- **Jerusalem Film Festival**  
**Nominee:**  
Award for Israeli Cinema
- **Warsaw International Film Festival**  
**WON:**  
Special Mention
- **Warsaw International Film Festival**  
**WON:**  
NETPAC Award, Best Asian Film
- **Chicago Film Festival**
- **Wales One World Film festival**
- **America Film Institute Film Festival**



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## **Video material:**

Cinema Sabaya Q&A	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MK-SPsRJdZc">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MK-SPsRJdZc</a>
Excerpt Film	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B6F7uPgKXuk">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B6F7uPgKXuk</a>

## **Further Reading:**

SBS Hebrew	<a href="https://www.sbs.com.au/language/english/audio/cinema-sabaya-when-9-women-jewish-arabs-attend-a-workshop-orit-fouks-rotem-hebrew">https://www.sbs.com.au/language/english/audio/cinema-sabaya-when-9-women-jewish-arabs-attend-a-workshop-orit-fouks-rotem-hebrew</a>
Jewish Film Institute	<a href="https://jfi.org/films-events/jfi-on-demand/cinema-sabaya">https://jfi.org/films-events/jfi-on-demand/cinema-sabaya</a>
Deadline	<a href="https://deadline.com/video/cinema-sabaya-first-english-language-clip-for-jerusalem-film-festival-drama-sold-by-memento/">https://deadline.com/video/cinema-sabaya-first-english-language-clip-for-jerusalem-film-festival-drama-sold-by-memento/</a>

## **Reviews:**

Jewish Film Review	<a href="https://jewishfilmreview.com/p-r/cinema-sabaya">https://jewishfilmreview.com/p-r/cinema-sabaya</a>
Letterboxd	<a href="https://letterboxd.com/film/cinema-sabaya/">https://letterboxd.com/film/cinema-sabaya/</a>
Alliwalk	<a href="https://alliwalk.com/blog/tag/cinema-sabaya/">https://alliwalk.com/blog/tag/cinema-sabaya/</a>