

A FILM BY PINI TAVGER





## **SYNOPSIS**

Pinhas asks his single mother, Tamara, to join his classmates in preparing for their Bar Mitzvahs. Tamara, an immigrant from Ukraine, who resists religion, refuses. When Shimon, the religious neighbor, volunteers to help the kid, the two form a strong bond. Gradually Tamara falls for him too. Will their romance last?



## — DIRECTOR'S NOTE –

"I was born in Israel to new immigrants from the formerly USSR. Growing up in a small town among a variety of ethnic groups and cultures, I was a native Israeli, but always felt a stranger.

My script is based on events and characters from my poor hometown neighborhood. After my parents' divorce, I sought warmth and I found it around the dining room table of the family next door, who immigrated in the 50's from Morocco.

My film is about the cultural clash, the tension between the religious and the secular, and the search for belonging and identity.

However, more than anything else, my film tells the story of Pinhas, a 13-year-old boy, in search of overcoming loneliness, by rebelling against his heretic mother and choosing to have a Bar-Mitzva against her will.

It's a realistic movie and directors as Andrea Arnold, Ken Loach, Dardenne brothers, are my inspiration." PINI TAVGER

## DIRECTOR'S BIOGRAPHY

Pini Tavger was born in Jerusalem in the year 1978 to a couple of young immigrants from USSR.

In 2008, he graduated from the Film and Television Department at Tel Aviv University. During his studies, he directed two short films -"10 Weitzman Street" and "Pinhas", both shown in many festivals, won prizes, and screened on TV in Israel and Europe.

In 2012, Pini directed "Tipot" that was produced as part of "Water", an Israeli-Palestinian omnibus of short films that opened the Venice Film Festival. "Tipot" also won First Prize for short films at the Jerusalem Film Festival of that year.

Pini also works as an actor. In 2000, he graduated from the "Nisan Nativ Acting Studio" in Tel Aviv. Since then he has been playing on stage, films, and TV. In addition he performs his own original music, and recently recorded his debut album.

"More than I deserve" is based on his graduation film and is his debut feature film. The script won the best script award of 6th edition of the Jerusalem International Script Lab in 2017.





CAST

Micha Prudovsky Anna Dubrovitsky Jacob Zada Daniel

## CREW

Writer and Director Producers

**Executive Producers** 

Supervising Producer Line Producer Director of Photography Casting Director Editor Production Designer Original Music Sound Design First Assistant Director Sound Engineer Costume Designer Makeup Artist & Hair Designer Pini Tavger Estee Yacov-Mecklberg, Haim Mecklberg, Michael Eckelt Moshe Edery, Leon Edery, Ygal Mograbi, Tomer Mecklberg, Renen Schorr Kainan Eldar **Elance Diamant** Shai Peleg Chamutal Zerem Castel Shira Hochman Sharon Eagle Tom Armony and Assa Raviv Aviv Aldema **Daniel Danny Mozes** Michael Goorevich Lital Lilu Goldfine Ingrid Zybert

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