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Ma'abarot (2019)
Documentary
Director: Dina Zvi Riklis
Israel. Language: Hebrew (English subtitles)
Ma'abarot is the first documentary project to tell the story of the Israeli transit camps. The transit camps were a controversial enterprise, housing hundreds of thousands of Jewish refugees from different parts of the world and transitioning them into becoming part of Israeli society - a process with mixed, and sometimes traumatic, results that continue to shape Israeli culture and politics today. The film features rare archival materials and testimonies of former residents. Winner Best Documentary Series, Israel Academy for Television

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The Albanian Code (2019)
Documentary by Yael Katzir
Albania. Languages: Albanian, Hebrew, English (English subtitles)
The Albanian Code is a documentary feature about the little-known saga of the thousands of Jewish refugees saved in Albania during WWII, due to the courage and humanity of the Albanian people— mainly Muslims. Most of the rescuers are no longer living, therefore it is urgent to document for posterity both saviors and saved and to leave a legacy for future generations. Premiered in Albania in the presence of the President. Screened in Paris at the Memorial de la Shoah and in Manhattan at the JCC. Winner Kosice International Film Festival 2020.

Tel Aviv On Fire (2019)
Comedy/Drama/Romance
Director: Sameh Zoabi
Israel. Languages: Arabic, Hebrew (English subtitles)
Salam, a young Palestinian man, becomes a writer for a popular soap opera after a chance meeting with an Israeli check point commander. His creative career is on the rise - until the soldier and the show's financial backers disagree about how the show should end. Salam is caught in the middle. A sharp, insightful story about the power of storytelling itself, in the context of competing narratives of conflict and peace. Venice Film Festival, Best Actor: Kais Nashif; Ophir Award (Israeli Awards) Best Original Screenplay.

In Search of Israeli Cuisine (2016)
Documentary featuring Chef Michael Solomonov
Director: Roger Sherman
Israel. Language: English. In Search of Israeli Cuisine is a portrait of the Israeli people told through food. It puts a literal face on the culture of Israel. The film profiles chefs, home cooks, vintners, and cheese-makers drawn from the more than 100 cultures that make up Israel today— Jewish, Arab, Muslim, Christian, Druze. A rich and human story of the people emerges from their food. Winner Audience Award from the Cherry Hill and Palm Beach Jewish Film Festivals in 2016.

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