



# ISRAEL @ 60 STUDENT FILM CONTEST

1st Prize: \$250 Israel Bond

May 8, 2008 commemorates 60 years since the founding of the State of Israel. Israel's Independence Day is called Yom Ha'atzmaut.

The Washington Jewish Film Festival is seeking short films (maximum length: 6 minutes) from Washington-area High School students. Teen filmmakers must address one or more of the following questions or statements:

- 1) Should American teenagers celebrate Yom Ha'atzmaut?
- 2) Interpret the line "to be a free people in our country" from the Israeli National Anthem, "Hatikvah."
- 3) What would you get Israel for its birthday?
- 4) How would you achieve peace in the Middle East?
- 5) What aspect of Israeli culture would you import to America?
- 6) Give us your vision for what the world will be like when Israel is 80 years old.
- 7) Imagine Israel—portray the life of a teenager in Israel.

## SUBMISSION RULES (read carefully):

- Films may take any form, as long as they are original (Examples: fiction, documentary, animation, music video. Compilations of non-original materials, newscasts, other movies, are not permitted.)
- Total run time (including titles and credits) may not exceed six minutes. All entries that violate this rule will be disqualified without exception.
- Films must be in English or subtitled in English.
- Films must be produced and directed by high school students, although you do not need to be sponsored by a specific school. You must have been born after December 31, 1989.
- Final format for screening films is DVD.
- Submissions must include a CD containing hi-res (300 dpi) images from the film.
- Submissions must include a cover sheet including:
  - The name, birthdate, school, anticipated year of graduation and contact information of the submitter.
  - Names and birthdays of key production personnel.
  - A short 100-word synopsis of the film.
- The entries will be judged by designated representatives of the Washington Jewish Film Festival, the Washington DCJCC and the Partnership for Jewish Life and Learning. The decisions of the judging committee are final.
- Ten finalists will be invited to a screening of their films at the Washington DCJCC to be held May 12, 2008. The program will be a part of the community wide activities leading up to the DC celebration of Israel's independence on June 1. The contest winner will be announced at the screening.

## SUBMISSION DEADLINE: APRIL 1, 2008.

Send entries to: Israel@60 Student Film Contest  
c/o Washington DCJCC  
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