



Running time..... 60 min  
 Genre ..... Documentary  
 Year..... 2015  
 Production country..... Israel  
 Language ..... Hebrew  
 Subtitle..... English  
 Format..... 1920x1080,25p,16:9,Sound 5.1  
 Screening format..... DCP

## **SYNOPSIS**

**WINDING** presents the untold story of the most infamous river in Israel, the Yarkon, as it meanders through a politicized landscape and flows through the heart of Israeli society.

Exploring the interplay between society, politics and nature  
Winding presents the Israeli narrative through an entirely new and important lens.

We trace the story of the river back from its glory days in pre-state Palestine where Jews and Arabs shared its resources. We watch its deterioration, gaining infamy as the most polluted and dangerous river in. And we follow in its current attempts at healing and recovery. Using a combination of rare archival materials and personal interviews, we reveal the profound connection between society and its land, between nature and man.



**"Best Israeli Documentary Film"**

HAIFA International Film Festival / Israel 2014

Official selection

**Planet in Focus** 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Environmental Film Festival

Toronto Canada / October 2016

## Cast and crew

**Director**..... Avi Belkin  
**Producer**..... Avi Levi  
**Cinematography**... Avi Levi, Avi Belkin  
**Editor**..... Asaf Lapid  
**Music**..... Asher Goldschmidt  
**Sound design**..... Aviv Aldema

### Director // Avi Belkin



I was born on November first 1977 in Tel Aviv, A Street away from the Yarkon River. Graduate of the Film department at Hamidrasha Art Faculty at Beit Berl College in 2005 currently living and working in Israel as Director of cinema and theater.

### Filmography // Directing

- **Winding** / directing debut. Documentary. 2015
- **Matka [Paddleball]** / Winner first prize at Doc Challenge Doc Aviv. 2012
- **Kreutzer sonata** / Theatre play with multimedia. 2011
- **Elephant Graveyard** / Short Fiction. 2008
- **Tunnel** / Short Documentary. 2007
- **Days** / Short Fiction. 2005
- **Sheep** / Short Fiction. Animation. 2004

### Producer // Avi Levi



I was born in 1976 in Tel Aviv, Israel. Where I currently live and work as a cinematographer and film producer. Since graduating from the Film department at Hamidrasha Art Faculty at Beit Berl College in 2005, I have worked on a number of different films. In 2012, **Matka** (paddleball), a film I shot, won the DocoChallenge competition at the DocAviv Festival. In 2013 I co-shot **The Workshop** a video art for the artist Gilad Ratman, which represented Israel in the Venice Arts Biennale. In 2015 I concluded five years of work on the documentary **winding**, in which I produced and shot.

### **From the reviews:**

“A rich, solid work that includes some of the most beautiful moments ever seen in Israeli documentary cinema.”

Ofer Libergal, [Srita](#)

“*Winding* is a beautiful and fascinating film, in which the main character is not a person but nature itself. It’s hard to think of another film that has done this, both in Israel and internationally.”

Ohad Landsman, [doctalk](#)

“A sad, moving, though-provoking work, beautiful and powerful beyond imagination”.

Johnny Dov, [NRG](#)

“This illuminating documentary on the story of the Yarkon River, which turned from a river into a death trap, is a painfully accurate allegory to the story of Zionism”.

Ilan Shaul, [Maariv](#)

“*Winding* is a cinematic achievement in many ways. It feels like the film aims to the river’s ‘truth’, as if the river itself is telling its story”.

Yaniv Itskovich, [Close-up \[Takrivi\]](#)



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