

**** MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW ****

The members of Hadassah Chicago Chapter
&
ORT America: Metropolitan Chicago Region
invite you to a special Women's History Month program
on Sunday afternoon, March 30, 2008.

Special Guest:

Israeli Director ADI REFAELI



Writer/director Adi Refaeli began her career in Israeli community television & this is her first film. *Empathy* premiered at the 2006 Jerusalem Film Festival. Now screening internationally, *Empathy* won the Judges Award for Best Short from the Red Rock Film Festival in Utah. It has also received positive reviews after film festival screenings in Boston, Indianapolis, Manhattan, and Syracuse, NY, & it played here once during our '07 Chicago Festival of Israeli Cinema.

Empathy has been called an Israeli version of *Crash* (which won the Best Picture Oscar in 2006). Its special achievement is to balance the scenes so that audience members come to see each unique point of view. Even though she has no time to create highly-detailed back stories, Adi makes us understand why all the characters in this complex multi-cultural stew do the things they do, even when specific actions are reprehensible.

On Sunday, March 30, Adi will be here **IN PERSON** to introduce her film, & then take questions from the WITASWAN audience after our *Empathy* screening.

Where: Renaissance Place Theatre @ 1850 Second Street (Highland Park)
When: 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM on Sunday afternoon, March 30, 2008

Note: An additional screening (with Q&A) has been scheduled on Saturday afternoon March 29th at Landmark's Century Center Theatre on Clark & Diversey (Chicago).

For more information on both screenings, visit:

<http://www.films42.com/witaswan/march-08.asp>



WITASWAN ("wit-uh-swan") is an Illinois-based initiative sponsored by AAUW-Illinois. Local collaborators have included AWJ (Association for Women Journalists), CAWHC (Chicago Area Women's History Council), IWA (International Women Associates), IWPA (Illinois Woman's Press Association), WIF/C (Women in Film/Chicago), and WIDC (Women in the Director's Chair).

WITASWAN: Women in the Audience Supporting Women Artists Now!

Reservation Form for EMPATHY Screening

**** 3/30/08 @ 2:00 pm @ Landmark Renaissance Place (Highland Park) ****

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Enter the information requested below.
2. Make out a check payable to **AAUW-Illinois**.
3. Put **WITASWAN** in the comment line.
4. Send your check with this completed page to:

IWA 203 North Wabash Avenue Suite # 708 Chicago, IL 60601 Attn: WITASWAN

Note: All Checks MUST be received by Friday, March 21, 2008.

We will send you an e-mail message validating receipt of your check no later than Monday March 24th.

Late reservations received after 3/21 will be charged at our walk-in rate (\$25) & based on space available.

Name: _____

Snail Mail Address: _____

Phone: _____

e-Address: _____

of Reservations for the **Sunday 3/30/08** Screening @ \$15 per _____

of 65+ Senior &/or Student Reservations (with ID) @ \$10 per _____

Are you a member of a WITASWAN-Sponsoring Organization?

If yes, check all that apply:

_____ Hadassah Chicago Chapter

_____ ORT America: Metro Chicago Region

If no, how did you learn about this program?

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Send us an e-message: witaswan@msn.com. Or call Jan Lisa Huttner: 312.663.5832.