

# Land of the Little People

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“ Four kids from a village populated by the families of military officers form a small gang. When two deserter soldiers start using their playground of abandoned buildings as a hideout, the children become determined to regain control of their territory. Even if it means war. ”



## Synopsis

Four young kids who live in a village of military officers families, form a small gang. An old abandoned army base, located in the surrounding wild fields, turns into their camp. Another war begins in Israel, and most men are drafted to serve their country. The mothers are sitting worried in front of the televisions and listen to the constant news reports, while the kids, with no one to supervise them, return to their camp in the wild. To their surprise, they discover two soldiers who deserted their units, using their camp as a hideout. The children try to regain control over their stolen territory, but the soldiers hold their grounds. Ruthless struggle develops between the groups, and the soldiers, who sought refuge from the war outside, find themselves in another war, which turns to be as dangerous and bloody.

## Credits

**Director:** Yaniv Berman / **Genre:** Drama / **Original title:** Medinat Hagamadim / **English title:** Land of the Little People / **Country of production:** Israel, Palestine / **Year of production:** 2016 / **Length:** 83 min / **Shooting format:** 4K Raw Red Epic / **Screening format:** DCP / **Original language:** Hebrew / **Subtitles:** English / **Cast:** Maor Schweitzer, Ofer Hayun, Lior Rochman, Mishel Pruzansky, Amit Hechter, Ido Kestler / **Scriptwriter:** Yaniv Berman / **Director of photography:** Rami Katzav / **Editor:** Oz Guttman / **Sound design:** Michael Goorevich / **Music:** Gad Emile Zeitune / **Producers:** Tony Copti / **Production company:** Fresco Films

## Festivals / Awards

Shanghai International Film Festival – Asian New Talent competition – **World Premiere**; Silk Road Film Festival, China; Warsaw Film Festival, Poland; Rome Film Fest, Italy; Haifa International Film Festival, Israel; Tallinn Black Nights Film Festival, Estonia; Tbilisi International Film Festival – **Silver Prometheus (Best Directing)**; Bengaluru International Film Festival, India; Guadalajara IFF, Mexico; Phoenix Film Festival, USA – **World Cinema Best Picture and World Cinema Best Director Awards**; Zlín Film Festival, Czech Republic; Transilvania IFF, Romania; New Horizons IFF, Poland; Fantasy Filmfest, Germany; Boise Film Festival, USA – **Best Feature Film**; Arizona Underground Film Festival, USA; Buffalo Niagara Film Festival, USA; Tacoma Film Festival, USA; Bushwick Film Festival, USA; Santa Cruz Film Festival, USA; Tallgrass Film Festival, USA; Orlando Film Festival, USA; Puerto Rico Fine Arts Film Festival – **First Film Competition Special Mention**; Weyauwega International Film Festival, USA; Dharamshala International Film Festival, India; UK International Jewish Film Festival, UK; International Crime and Punishment Film Festival, Turkey; European Film Forum Scanorama, Lithuania; Jewish Motifs IFF, Poland; Brussels Jewish IFF, Belgium

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