

## **Press Kit: ON THE MAP (2016)**

Here is our press kit (includes synopsis, director's statement, images, bios, head shot, poster, and clips):

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### **Website:**

[www.onthemapfilm.com](http://www.onthemapfilm.com)

### **Trailer:**

<https://youtu.be/HSIqCLmf9ac>

### **Film Specs:**

Running time: 85 minutes

Languages: English, some Hebrew with subtitles

Exhibition Formats: DCP, BluRay, DVD

### **Full Synopsis**

**ON THE MAP** tells the against-all-odds story of Maccabi Tel Aviv's 1977 European Championship, which took place at a time when the Middle East was still reeling from the 1973 Yom Kippur War, the 1972 Olympic massacre at Munich, and the 1976 hijacking of an Air France flight from Tel Aviv. Through the lens of sports, **ON THE MAP** presents a much broader story of how one team captured the heart of a nation amidst domestic turmoil and the global machinations of the Cold War.

The film recounts how an underdog Israeli basketball team prevailed over a series of European basketball powers, including CSKA Moscow (known in the West as "Red Army"), a team that repeatedly refused to compete against Israeli competitors. Moments after this highly charged and historic win, Israeli-American basketball hero **Tal Brody** became an indelible part of a young country's history when he famously said, "Israel is *ON THE MAP*, not just in sport, but in everything."

Told through the eyes of six American basketball players who joined Maccabi and helped the club defeat traditional powers from Spain, Italy and the Soviet Union, the film features interviews with basketball icon **Bill Walton** (who had a unique personal connection to Brody) and former NBA Commissioner **David Stern**. **ON THE MAP** combines the pulse-pounding action of a high-stakes thriller with an incendiary political backdrop to deliver a film that will mesmerize basketball fans and captures the spirit of a nation triumphant against all odds.

**ON THE MAP** also features incisive interviews with, among others, **Michael Oren**, Israel's former Ambassador to the United States, and **Natan Sharansky**, a notable Israeli politician who spent years imprisoned in Soviet jails.

### **Short Synopsis**

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### **Producer/Director/Writer: DANI MENKIN**

**DANI MENKIN** is one of Israel's top filmmakers. His past work includes **39 POUNDS OF LOVE**, a documentary which won Israel's Academy Award, was short-listed for the Oscars, and was sold to HBO. His 2011 film **DOLPHIN BOY** was an official selection of Toronto's acclaimed HotDocs festival, was sold to over 20 countries around the globe, and was recently bought by DISNEY for adaptation. Dani also wrote, produced and directed the award-winning narrative film **JE T'AIME, I LOVE YOU TERMINAL**, as well as 2014's **IS THAT YOU**, which stars Alon Aboutoul, one of Israel's most-acclaimed actors.

Dani is a frequent speaker and juror at international film festivals around the world, as well as a film studies lecturer at universities and colleges in Israel and U.S.

**PRODUCER JON WEINBACH** is Executive Producer & Executive Vice-President of Mandalay Sports Media in Los Angeles. His films include HBO's **Kareem: Minority of One**, HBO: **Sole Man** and **Straight Outta LA**, which were both part of ESPN's Peabody Award-winning "30for30" series, and **The Other Dream Team**, which was purchased by Lionsgate, nominated for "Best Documentary" by the Producers Guild of America and selected for the U.S. documentary competition at the 2012 **Sundance Film Festival**.

**EXECUTIVE PRODUCER ROBERTA GROSSMAN** is Co-founder of Katahdin Productions in Los Angeles. She produced and directed **Blessed Is the Match: The Life and Death of Hannah Senesh** and **Hava Nagila (The Movie)**; and directed the award-winning **Above and Beyond**, which tells the stories of the motley crew of pilots who served in Israel's Air Force during the country's "War for Independence" in 1948.

**EXECUTIVE PRODUCER NANCY SPIELBERG** Producer of the award-winning film *Above and Beyond*. She grew up surrounded by the entertainment industry, working on many of her brother Steven's early films. Spielberg has served as consultant on the Oscar-winning documentary *Chernobyl Heart*, and is executive producer of *Elusive Justice: The Search for Nazi War Criminals*, which aired nationally on PBS.

***On The Map*** Press kit: Links to trailer and clips

Vimeo links (these are downloadable. Click the download button under the playback window):

On The Map - Trailer

<https://vimeo.com/144824907>

On The Map - Clip 1

<https://vimeo.com/153972772>

On The Map - Clip 2

<https://vimeo.com/153972773>

Dropbox links:

On The Map - Trailer

<https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/55602671/ON%20THE%20MAP/ON%20THE%20MAP%20Trailer.mp4>

On The Map - Clip 1

<https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/55602671/ON%20THE%20MAP/ON%20THE%20MAP%20Clip%201.mp4>

On The Map - Clip 2

<https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/55602671/ON%20THE%20MAP/ON%20THE%20MAP%20Clip%202.mp4>

FROM EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS  
**ROBERTA GROSSMAN & NANCY SPIELBERG**  
(ABOVE AND BEYOND)

# ON THE MAP

**A DANI MENKIN FILM**  
(39 POUNDS OF LOVE, DOLPHIN BOY)



**CAPTURING THE HEART OF A NATION**

HEY JUDE PRODUCTIONS IN ASSOCIATION WITH KATAHDIN PRODUCTIONS AND PLAYMOUNT PRODUCTIONS PRESENT A DANI MENKIN FILM  
SCREENPLAY BY PHILIPPE GOZLAN MUSIC BY SHIMSHON YANAI EDITED BY CHRIS CALLISTER DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY DAVID GURFINKEL ITAI RAZIEL EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS ROBERTA GROSSMAN NANCY SPIELBERG  
ASSOCIATE PRODUCER JULY HODARA EXECUTIVE PRODUCER RINAT KLEIN EXECUTIVE PRODUCER ORI EISEN MIRIT EISEN PRODUCED BY DANI MENKIN PRODUCED BY DANI MENKIN JON WEINBACH WRITTEN AND DIRECTED BY DANI MENKIN  
CO-PRODUCERS LATI GROBMAN CHRISTA CAMPBELL

