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**Jerusalem Foundation Awards Bernstein Prize to
Tel Aviv University Film Student**

40,000 NIS is granted to Helen Yanovsky for production of her documentary "The Jerusalem Boxing Club," which will be screened at the 2013 International Film Festival in Jerusalem

Jerusalem, Israel – July 15, 2012: Helen Yanovsky, a masters level film student at Tel Aviv University, was awarded the 40,000 NIS Bernstein prize, in memory of Lord Alex Bernstein of England, a long time friend of the Jerusalem Foundation and Jerusalem Cinematheque.

Students of film and television schools in Israel were eligible for the prize and more than 25 documentary films were submitted for consideration for this second-time award. An illustrious panel of judges included documentary film producers Irit Gal and Gilad Toktali and Gili Mandel, director of the education department at the Cinematheque/

The Geshar Multicultural Film Fund, a partner in the project, will grant artistic assistance during full film production.

Yanovsky's film, "The Jerusalem Boxing Club" tells the story of a boxing club in the Katamonim neighborhood in Jerusalem and particularly its central figure, Gershon Luxemburg, who dedicated his life to the club. The film traces a wide range of diverse characters who call the club their home.

In awarding the prize, the judges were taken by the intelligence and maturity of the film and Yanovsky's creative eye and deep understanding of the film medium. "There was an extraordinary range of characters and the way they were portrayed showed deep sensitivity, curiosity and involvement, all which make for excellent documentaries," said the judging panel.

"The Bernstein grant is one in a series of efforts to encourage filmmaking in Jerusalem while strengthening a vibrant cultural scene in the city" said Eyal Sher, director of the Jerusalem Foundation's Art and Culture Department. "The film reveals the societal complexities of Jerusalem along side the beautiful coexistence that takes place here every day."

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