

Beit Oleh America Netanya AACI

Operation Wedding

Film Screening With Director

Anat Zalmanson-Kuznetov

8.00pm Sunday 27 August

In Leningrad in 1970 a group of young Jewish dissidents who were denied exit visas plotted to hijack an empty plane and escape to Israel. Under the disguise of a trip to a local family wedding, the hijackers bought every ticket on a 12-seater plane so that they would be the only passengers and no innocent people would be harmed. However, they were caught at the airport just before boarding the plane and were tried for high treason. Sylva Zalmanson received 10 years in Gulag and her new husband, Edward Kuznetsov, received the death sentence. Sylva and Edward's daughter, Anat, had always been told that her parents were heroes. At the age of 29, she decided to relate her parents' story to the world.



Anat travelled with her mother Sylva, to retrace the group's journey from the day of the arrest at the small Soviet airport to KGB prison where 25 year-old Sylva was kept before the trial. Her film reveals the full story of the group of civilians that changed history and cracked the Iron Curtain. The film uses archival footage and rare interviews with KGB Generals. This film is a powerful, emotional and exhilarating experience.

Anat will join us for a Questions and Answer session after the film.

**Program takes place at Netanya AACI, 28 Shmuel Hanaziv, Netanya.
Members pre-paid NIS 50, Members at Door NIS 60, Non-members NIS 70**

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