

FILM: FILL THE VOID



Rama Burshtein: Director Hadras Yaron: Actress: Shira Yiftach Klein: Actor: Yochay

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DISCUSSION SUMMARY: FILL THE VOID

Our film discussion Sun. July 21 was definitely full of opinions about Fill The Void. A deeply emotional and sensitive film that brought us intimately close to the characters who held many secret thoughts that left us wondering. What question did Shira ask the rabbi? When her beloved sister dies in childbirth, how does she really feel about marrying her sister's husband who is much older? How does Yochay feel about marrying Shira? And what was Shira feeling in the very last scene? The characters' deepest thoughts are revealed through tight close ups of facial expressions rather than dialogue. Most frames are almost invasively close as if trying to get inside the characters as they struggled with their emotions, personal desires, and family obligations.

We all had positive comments that applauded the sensitive, tender, and non-judgmental glimpse into the rituals, traditions, and values of a very regimented Hassidic sect. The characters were very interesting and sympathetic. The film earned our highest rating yet.

On a scale of 1 to 5 with 5 being the best, Fill The Void, received a well-deserved 4.25 with 2 voters giving the film an absolute 5.



See you at the movies! Adriane Dedic, adedic@pacbell.net Film Discussion Group (FDG) organizer