



JERICHO'S ECHO : PUNK ROCK IN THE HOLY LAND

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Cast List:

Useless I.D.

Useless I.D. is the band who introduced director Liz Nord to the Israeli punk scene, as they are one of the only Israeli bands who has enjoyed success abroad. On their first U.S. tour about 7 years ago, they survived by "dumpster diving" in California. Now, they are on an American record label, Kung Fu Records, and have toured the US numerous times as well as Europe, Australia and Japan.

Chaos Rabak

In a country where tattoos are still considered a religious taboo, this band is really making a statement with their UK-influenced street punk style. Despite their dramatic appearance, they share some of the most thought-provoking stories in the film, including those of growing up in religious families and life as a punk in a relatively traditional country.

Va'adat Kishut

Va'adat Kishut is the female powerhouse of the Israeli punk scene. The name of the all-girl political hardcore band means "Decoration Committee," poking fun at the roles that females are expected to play in Israeli society.

Nikmat Olalim

Nikmat Olalim is Israel's most outspoken political hardcore band. Its 18-year-old members are all on the verge of entering mandatory military service, or opting out of the service with possible lifelong consequences. They sing songs in both English and Hebrew which protest everything from Israeli governmental policies to the dangers of consumerism.

Punkache

Two members of the pop-punk trio Punkache currently serve their mandatory military service and come home on weekends to play gigs. The third member manages one of Tel Aviv's only independent rock clubs, the Patiphone ("Turntable"). While many of their Israeli peers actually sing in English, Punkache sings their poppy love songs in Hebrew, because, according to the lead singer, "It sounds funny."

Kafa la Panim shel Limor Livnat

Jericho's Echo witnesses the short rise and fall of this young band, doomed by its controversial title which means "Slap Limor Livnat's face." Limor Livnat happens to be Israel's Minister of Education. The band's guitarist, 18-year-old Gutzy (slang for "short, fat man"), is one of our main characters and runs a popular Israeli punk website.

HaPussy shel Lussy

Veteran Israeli punk band HaPussy shel Lussy demonstrates the sensitivity of even the toughest-looking Israeli punks when they discuss the loss of their original singer to a suicide bombing. Their energetic performance makes them one of the most popular bands in the scene, and they tell us, "We have lost a lot, but we still have to go on."

Retribution

One of the only self-proclaimed right wing hardcore bands in the Israeli scene and in the movie, their impassioned interview is almost as electric as their heavy music. Retribution provides a foil to some of the left-wing bands by clearly expressing their devotion and commitment to the state of Israel.

Supporting Cast:

Smash4\$, Beer7, The Astroglides, Soon in Here, Lo Kasher, Man Alive, Lital