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Biography (short)
Independent Filmmaker and Academic Professor.

Education:

- BA and MA in History and English Literature- The Hebrew University, Jerusalem
- Doctoral Studies -UCLA, Los Angeles- California and Hebrew University, Jerusalem
- Doctoral Degree in History - Hebrew University Jerusalem, Israel
- MSC in Broadcasting and Film at Boston University College of Communications.

Occupation:

- Independent Documentary award winning filmmaker (director - producer, writer) **Katzir Productions.** (list attached+ Award List)
- Prof. of film & history at the Art School- Beit Berl Academic College.
- Director of Beit Berl College: Communal Cable Television Center.
- Broadcasting country wide on Israel Cable TV and Satellite, on Channel 98, Produced and aired 120 programs over 10 years.

Award winning Documentary Feature films

- Company Jasmine , 56 Minutes , 2000
- Shivah For My Mother, 57 Minutes, 2004
- Yiddish Theater -A love story, 80 Minutes, 2007
- Praying in Her own Voice, 66 Minutes , 2009
- Violins in Wartime, 50 Minutes, 2012
- Shores Of Light 57 Minutes, 2015
- The Albanian Code 54 Minutes, 2019
- My Grandma had a gun, 50 Minutes 2020(in Production)

Writer

- A published author. **Commando - Mom, (Diary of a mother of an infantry soldier)** Tel Aviv, 1994, Hebrew

List of Awards for Films (Yael Katzir)

1. 1979 Merit Award for Script Research, : "[Christianity & Christians in Jerusalem](#)," Israeli Film Festival, The Israel National Film Center.
2. 1980 Merit Award for the Script "[A Walk in Crusader Jerusalem](#)" International Film Festival, Amsterdam, Netherlands.
3. 2001 [First Prize for Best Documentary](#), for the film: "[Company Jasmine](#)", International Film Festival, River Run, USA
4. 2002 [Jury Award for the film "Company Jasmine"](#), International Women Film Festival, Turin, Italy
5. 2001 [Final list for "Company Jasmine"](#) awarded: "Nomination Golden Sheaf" at the Yorktown Film Festival, Canada
6. 2001 [Final List](#), "[Company Jasmine](#)" reached the " at the MOONDANCE International Film Festival, Colorado, USA
7. 2002 [The film "Company Jasmine" was a finalist at AFEMA](#) International Film Festival in Los Angeles, CA, USA
8. 2004 [Jury award for the film "Shivah For My Mother"](#) in the 44th International Film Festival, Krakow, Poland
9. 2004 [City Major Prize](#) for the film "[Shivah for My Mother](#)" in the International Film Festival, Neuerbranderburg, Germany
10. 2004 [Jury Award for the film "Shivah For My Mother"](#) in the International Film Festival, Belgrade, Serbia
11. 2006 [Jury Award for the film "The Choices of Rama Lindheim"](#) Jewish Film Festival Ohio
12. 2007 [Merit Award for "A Glimpse of Paradise"](#) at the Jaipur (INDIA) International Short films on Culture.
13. 2007 [Merit Award for "A Place for Every One"](#) Jaipur (India) International Short film festival on culture.
14. 2008 [Honor Certificate for "Praying in her Own Voice"](#) Indore (India) International film festival for tribal art and culture
15. 2012 [Runner Up \(2ed Place\) "Violins in Wartime"](#), Los Angeles, California Jewish film Festival
16. 2013 [Best Documentary, "Violins in Wartime"](#) Sole -Luna Palermo International Film Festival, Sicily, Italy
17. 2015 [Best Documentary, "Rinascere in Puglia"](#), Israeli FF, Rome, Italy

18. 2015 [Special Jury Distinction," Shores of Light"](#), Mumbai International Short Film festival, Mumbai, India
- 19.2016 [Letter of Excellence, "Shores of Light"](#) , Noida International film Festival, Delhi, India