



Ilan Ziv was born in Israel in 1950 and came to the United States after fighting in the Yom Kippur (The October) War in 1973. Ilan Ziv is a graduate of New York University film school, and in 1978 he co-produced New York's first Middle East Film Festival. That same year he founded Icarus Films, an educational film distribution company, which he left in 1980 in order to devote himself to making documentary films, and since then he has directed dozens of documentaries dealing broadly with issues of human rights and investigations of contemporary history.

His most recent film *Six Days, 1967: the War that changed the Middle East*, opened last year theatrically in NY and was broadcast last summer around the world (PBS (US), ARTE (France Germany) , RAI (Italy)

Radio Canada (Canada), Channel 10 (Israel), SBS (Australia) and many other countries . The film has been hailed by critics.

“...helmet Ilan Ziv provides invaluable perspective and fresh insights while offering an enlightening history lesson with the narrative momentum of an engrossing drama” -Variety .

“Six Days gives the Battle of Algiers , a run for its money “ -Time out

His other critically-acclaimed films have included *On the Edge of Peace* (1995); *Tango of Slaves* (1994); and *Human Weapon*(2002) hailed by the New York Times as **“gripping and important”**. and **Junction** (2006) hailed by the **Village Voice** as **“wrenching”**. **“ Ilan Ziv, wrote The Jewish Week is one of the most insightful and inventive documentary directors to emerge from Israel .His films have been broadcast by leading television networks and presented in film festivals around the world. Accolades include the Prix Europa (Europe highest television award), Silver Nymph and International Jury Award in Monte Carlo, Cine Eagle and an Emmy in the United States. The Best Documentary Award at Israel's Haifa International Film Festival.**

Ilan Ziv has been a pioneer in the United States of developing a new kind of television documentaries where ordinary people working in collaboration with professionals are producing personal records of their lives Ilan Ziv produced and co produced “Video Diaries” with the BBC , ARD , Israeli Television, IKON (Dutch TV), PBS (US) and Channel 4 in the UK. Some of these unique documentaries premiered in int’l film festivals including Sundance.