HALAYON (WILD ASPARAGUS)



Portugal, France, 2026, DOC, HD, Colour, 25'
Stereo, 1:1.85

Director: Avi Mograbi
Producer: Annie Ohayon-Dekel, Avi Mograbi, AVI MOGRABI FILMS
Script: Avi Mograbi
Editing: Avi Mograbi
Photography: Philippe Bellaïche
Sound: Avi Mograbi, Dominique Vieillard
Main Actors: Avi Mograbi, Ali Al Azhari
Original Language: Hebrew
Subtitles: French, English, Italian, Portuguese
Synopsis: Filmmaker Avi Mograbi and his Arabic teacher and friend Ali Al Azhari go looking for the remains of Ali's village, Saffuriya, from which he was expelled during the 1948 Palestinian Nakba. Instead of ruins, they find Halayon, wild asparagus.

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Avi Mograbi

Avi Mograbi (born in 1956, Tel Aviv) is a Luso-Israeli filmmaker and video artist, based in Lisbon. Known for his formally experimental approach and sustained engagement with the social and political realities of the Middle East, since the late 1980s, he has developed an extensive body of work spanning film and video installation; his films have screened at major international festivals including Cannes, Venice, Berlinale and New York.

In 2004, together with former soldiers, he co-founded Breaking the Silence, an organisation dedicated to collecting testimonies from Israeli soldiers who served in the occupied Palestinian territories.

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2021 **The first 54 years – an abbreviated manual for military occupation**
108'

2016 **Between Fences**
85’

2012 **Once I entered a garden**
100'

2009 **Details 11 – 13**
11'

2008 **Z32**
82'

2006 **Mrs. Goldstein**
9'

2005 **Avenge but one of my two eyes**
100'

2004 **Detail**
8’

2002 **August**
72’

2000 **At the back**
32’

1999 **Relief**
5'

1999 **Happy Birthday Mr. Mograbi**
77’

1997 **How I learned to overcome my fear and love Arik Sharon**
61’

1994 **The Reconstruction (the Danny Katz murder case)**
50’

1989 **Deportation**
11’

Festival Selections

2026 Rome International Documentary Festival, Italy
2026 IDFA - International Documentary Film Festival Amsterdam, Netherlands
2026 Bogota International Documentary Film Festival, Colombia
2026 Jihlava International Documentary Film Festival, Czech Republic
2026 Viennale Vienna International Film Festival, Austria

2026 DocLisboa - Lisbon International Documentary Film Festival, Portugal
2026 Venice International Film Festival, Italy

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