



## Israel is Sex

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New York International Fringe Festival Comedy *Sex and the Holy Land*



One cannot ignore the correlation between sex and Israel that exists in the hearts and loins of the tens of thousands of parentally unsupervised diaspora youth that visit Israel every year. Many will explore the hills, valleys and bodies of water that dot the country while engaging in a similar exploration of each others bodies. Many will note the sheer sexiness of the terrain and the sun kissed people that inhabit it. A good number of diaspora women will have, uh... physical interactions with refreshingly forward Israelis, though a much smaller number of diaspora men

will be so fortunate (Israeli women don't tend to be very attracted to boyish, soft in the middle Jewish guys). Thus it is no surprise that [Sex and the Holy Land](#), a play opening at the New York International Fringe Festival this week is focused on the adventures of Lili, a female protagonist. A similar play focusing on a guy's adventures would read as follows: "Tried to get with soldier chick. Fail. Tried to get with girl medic. Fail. Tried to get with bartender girl. Fail. Finally got with that slut from Fresno who wanted to cheat on her boyfriend. Bitchin!" Yeah. Boring right? But from a woman's perspective? Hotness. And funny too apparently.

From their press release:

SEX AND THE HOLY LAND is the tale of Lili's plunge into a stereotype-shattering exploration of Israel. Her two best friends and a string of Middle Eastern men lead Lili out of enslavement by the Greek Chorus of Jewish Mothers ruling in her mind. It is a coming of age comedy about liberation, religion, and love... Marking 23-year-old playwright Melanie Zoey Weinstein's New York debut, SEX AND THE HOLY LAND was inspired by Weinstein's study abroad experience in Tel Aviv in Spring 2007, following the Second Lebanon War. "It was a time of disillusionment and questioning for myself and many of my friends," said Weinstein. "We were experiencing Israel for the first time as adults outside of the Jewish institutions in which we were raised."

[Sex and the Holy Land](#) will be performed 5 times at the [New York International Fringe Festival](#) starting August 18.