

# NEW YORK JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL

JAN  
11-26  
2012

*Presented by The Jewish Museum & the Film Society of Lincoln Center*

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE WORLD PREMIERE OF**  
**400 MILES**  
**TO FREEDOM**  
**JANUARY 18, 6:00 PM**

**Q & A AND SPECIAL RECEPTION WILL FOLLOW WITH DIRECTORS:  
AVISHAI MEKONEN & SHARI ROTHFARB MEKONEN**

**JOINED BY SPECIAL GUESTS:**

**RABBI ANGELA BUCHDAHL, LACEY SCHWARTZ & RABBI MANNY VINAS**

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## 400 Miles to Freedom

Avishai Yeganyahu Mekonen & Shari Rothfarb Mekonen  
USA/Israel | 2012 | 60m



In 1984, the Beta Israel—a secluded 2,500-year-old community of observant Jews in the northern Ethiopian mountains—began a secret and dangerous journey of escape. Co-director Avishai Mekonen, then 10 years old, was among them. In this film, he breaks his 20-year silence about the kidnapping he endured as a child in Sudan during his community's exodus. This life-defining event launches an inquiry into identity, leading him to other African, Asian and Latino Jews in Israel and the U.S.

**DIRECTORS AVISHAI YEGANYAHU MEKONEN AND SHARI ROTHFARB MEKONEN WILL ATTEND.**

### Screenings:

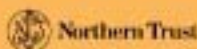
Wednesday, Jan 11: 3:45 pm  
& Jan 18: 6:00 pm

The Walter Reade Theater at Lincoln Center  
165 West 65th Street, NYC

**Info: [TheJewishMuseum.org/NYJFF2012](http://TheJewishMuseum.org/NYJFF2012)**

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