

HE QUEEN OF JERUSALEM

A Suspense Politics and Drama Mini Series

Foregrounding the Elections for the Jerusalem Municipality on nov.2018

6-8 episodes of 45 min.

300 thousand Arabs live in unified Jerusalem, the capital city of Israel, the holy city, and the eternal city of the Jewish people. They are around 40% of the population of the city – and they do not have even one representative in the magnificent city hall in Safra Square. Despite the fact that they are permanent residents with the right to vote for the city council and mayor, they have never made use of their electoral power. The day they decide to vote – the land will shake.

20-11-2018- The Election day

The holy city had been battered by raging downpours and hail for two days and in the higher parts of Jerusalem the temperatures had dropped and snowflakes had begun floating down. Jerusalemites were gathered round heaters, burrowing under blankets ignoring the nagging text messages from the different candidate headquarters calling them to vote and the phone calls from activists offering them a ride to the ballot. The real results came in at 2 a.m. and flabbergasted the whole world – the Arabs had won the elections for the municipality of Jerusalem, the eternal capital of the Jewish people, and brought in 15 of the 31 council members. Nur Mansur, the Arab candidate for mayor won with a huge majority. The amazement turned to shock when the Israelis and the world discovered that Nur Mansur is a woman.

The Queen of Jerusalem, is a suspense, drama and political series describing the events in the capital of Israel prior to the Arab victory in the elections for mayor and the municipality council. It focuses on the figure of Attorney Nur Mansur, jurist and social activist from East Jerusalem who decides to run for mayor, against all odds and against the threats and intimidation hurled at her from all sides, both Arab and Jewish. Its a series about the Jerusalem present and at the same time – the expected future of Israel as a whole. Through the prism of Jerusalem, the series explores the option of a bi-national country and tries to understand whether it is an opportunity or a nightmare.