

## **18 BY NATAN DVIR**

### **FAMILY ACTIVITY GUIDE**

Natan Dvir is an Israeli-born photojournalist and artist who lives in NYC. He is a documentary photographer who takes pictures of real people and events. He is interested in looking at human, political, cultural and social issues in the world.

In this exhibition, Dvir turned his camera lens on the year young Arab citizens of Israel turn the age of 18. In Israel, like in most places, 18 is the year when students graduate high school, gain the right to vote and are considered legal adults. However, Israeli Arabs who call themselves Palestinians, are not required to go into the military for three years like their Israeli Jewish peers. At the young age of 18, Israeli Arabs must begin to discover their own passions around family, religion, jobs and politics in a country that is both Arab and Jewish.



#### **1.) At 18 You Are A Legal Adult**

#### **Circle things you can do at 18**

Drive a car

Drive a train

Eat shrimp

Vote

Get a cell phone

Buy a computer

Get a boyfriend/girlfriend

Go out to dinner by yourself

**2.) What Do You Want To Be?**  
**Check off the jobs that the young adults want to do**

\_\_\_\_\_ Doctor  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Boxer  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Fireman  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Writer

\_\_\_\_\_ Lawyer  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Engineer  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Fashion designer  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Photographer

\_\_\_\_\_ Veterinarian  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Train conductor  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher



**3.)** Photo 12 called *Ehab, 2009* shows a young man who plays \_\_\_\_\_

He has a poster of the American actor Leonardo DiCaprio in his room.  
 What poster of a famous person or sports player might you hang in your room?

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#### 4.) Looking and Counting

Count how many photos are of girls. \_\_\_\_\_

Count how many photos are of guys. \_\_\_\_\_

How many photos have more than one person in them? \_\_\_\_\_

How many photos show a living room/common space? \_\_\_\_\_

How many photos are taken in a bedroom? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the title of the photo taken outside? \_\_\_\_\_

How many photos have girls sitting? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the name of the photo where the girl wears a traditional Muslim headdress called a hijab? \_\_\_\_\_

Which photo looks the most like a little girl's bedroom? \_\_\_\_\_

Which photo do you like best? \_\_\_\_\_

Why? \_\_\_\_\_

In total, there are \_\_\_\_\_ of photographs.



### 5.) Modern and Traditional

**Put an X next to what seems modern in the photos and a Y next to what seems traditional**

\_\_\_\_\_ A headdress called a hijab

\_\_\_\_\_ Maklube family dinner of rice, meat and vegetables

\_\_\_\_\_ A guitar

\_\_\_\_\_ A plant

\_\_\_\_\_ A mirror

\_\_\_\_\_ A weight machine

\_\_\_\_\_ The red, black, green and white Arab flag

\_\_\_\_\_ Folding laundry

\_\_\_\_\_ Wearing make-up

\_\_\_\_\_ A poster of the Hollywood movie star Leonardo DiCaprio

\_\_\_\_\_ A basketball

\_\_\_\_\_ Books

\_\_\_\_\_ Men dancing together

\_\_\_\_\_ Only men eating dinner

\_\_\_\_\_ A keffiyah—an Arab scarf

\_\_\_\_\_ Watching television

\_\_\_\_\_ A stuffed tiger

\_\_\_\_\_ Hanging out with friends

\_\_\_\_\_ Girls wearing pants

## 6.) Differences

If you are an Israeli Jew you must serve in the army after high school for three years. When Israeli Jews leave the army at 21, they are able to get scholarships for education, better employment and extra funding for housing.

Arab citizens of Israel are not required to serve in the army and are not given financial and educational benefits. These young adults are passionate about their studies and finding jobs, their traditions, their Muslim religion and their future.

Is there someone you know who may be different than you in some ways—but, you share some things in common?

**In the first circle write YOUR:**

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| ✓ Name             | ✓ Favorite game                        |
| ✓ Eye color        | ✓ Favorite food                        |
| ✓ Hair color       | ✓ Your favorite piece of clothing      |
| ✓ Favorite TV show | ✓ What you want to do when you grow up |

**In the third circle write about someone in your class who you are just getting to know.**

**In the middle circle see what you have in common.**

