







## Jindal Centre for Israel Studies (JCIS) Jindal School of International Affairs (JSIA)

## Welcomes



Professor Ran Bleier

Head of BA Program

School of Audio & Visual Arts

Sapir College



Sami Shalom Chetrit

Independent Researcher,
Poet, Writer and Film-maker

The event is in association with the Embassy of Israel in India

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Wednesday, 8 August 2018, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm
T3, New Faculty Office Conference Room
O.P. Jindal Global University
Sonipat Narela Road, Sonipat - 131001, Haryana (NCR of Delhi)

Lecture by Sami Chetrit: "Israeli society and the politics of change"

Movie Screening and Q&As

Az'i Ayima (come mother) (2009), (77 minutes, Hebrew and Moroccan with English subtitles)

Director: Sami Shalom Chetrit

The filmmaker embarks on a journey with his mother in search of classmates from her elementary school, the Alliance, which she attended 60 years ago in the little village of Gurama in the Tafilalt region of Morocco. Through their stories of past and present, Morocco is reconstructed and comes to life through vivid memories. It is a story of transition, cultural crisis, social survival and also lots of faith, optimism, joy and dignity, told for the first time by Moroccan women of the first generation to immigrate to Israel.

Short bio: Sami Shalom Chetrit, an Israeli teacher, poet, writer and filmmaker. Chetrit was born in Morocco, raised in Israel and has lived there since. He also lived in New York City for many years, he studied at Columbia University and taught at CUNY. Chetrit's scholarly work includes documentaries/writings on society, education, culture, the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. His known scholarly book in English is entitled – Intra-Jewish Conflict in Israel: White Jews, Black Jews, published by Routledge, London in 2011. He's been writing and publishing poetry for the last thirty years, and published five books of poetry in Hebrew, including: Zeman Morocco (Morocco Time) by Bimat Kedem Tel-Aviv 2015, Yehudim (Jews) by Nahar Books Israel 2007, Shirim Be'ashdodit by Andalus Tel Aviv 2004. Chetrit recently published a book of translated poems in English – Jews, by Cervana Brava, Boston. Chetrit has been a leading social activist in Israel for many years. He was among the founders of the alternative school Kedma in the southern neighborhood HaTikva in Tel Aviv, and among the founders and leaders of the social movement HaKeshet, the Mizrahi Rainbow Democratic Coalition.