

Praise for Ilana Trachtman's PRAYING WITH LIOR

“Warm-hearted and mesmerizing, made with equal parts admiration and astonishment. It discards the clichés and condescension of so many mainstream religious films to help us see the power of faith in action.” –*NY Sun*

Critic's Pick! “The extraordinary life of Lior Liebling ...touching!” –*NY Times*

“Poignant and profound, deceptively simple portrait of how a young man's faith illuminates his family and community... intriguing, compelling...Bring tissues.”
–*Carrie Rickey, Philadelphia Inquirer*

Critic's Pick! “Engages us on so many levels it transcends its middle-class Jewish milieu... It depicts a warm and nurturing community that gathers around Lior, both to protect him and to be transformed by his miraculous presence. It's about cruel limitations and sudden, blessed freedoms.”
–*David Edelstein, New York Magazine*

“Fascinating documentary...explores a rather extraordinary instance of real-world faith, sans condescension or proselytizing...refreshing, intimate and involving ...powerfully sympathetic ...a crowd-pleasing delight.” –*Variety*

“Heart wrenching...A gentle, tender-hearted portrait.” – *NY Newsday*

“Intimate, moving documentary ... refreshingly down-to-earth.” –*Onion AV Club*

“There have been a number of very popular documentaries about religion in recent years, but Praying with Lior stands out as one of the most heartfelt and touching.” –*ABC News*

“Funny and touching, brilliantly and lovingly made!” –*Jewish Week*

“If you can watch Praying With Lior without shedding a tear, it's time for an emotional checkup... uplifting ...raises fundamental questions about the meaning of human existence.” –*Box Office Magazine*

“At turns inspiring, heartbreaking.” –*Jewish Daily Forward*

“A moving and dramatic portrayal of a family ...unsentimental, powerful.” –*Tikkun*

“Exceptional ... earns every single bittersweet tear its audience sheds.” –*Film Forward*

Tender, assured ...both hopeful and pragmatic.” –*Indiewire*

“Irresistible...this film about making his bar mitzvah will deepen your understanding both of the “handicapped” and of prayer. –*Kevin Doherty and Joseph Cunneen, National Catholic Reporter*

“Charming, warm and thoroughly engrossing documentary.” –*NYC Movie Guru*