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Meitar Award for Excellence in Photography 2026 Celebrating a Decade

The **Meitar Award for Excellence in Photography**, a distinguished collaboration between PHOTO IS:RAEL and the Zvi and Ofra Meitar Family, marks its tenth anniversary this year. This prestigious prize recognizes a cohesive body of work that exemplifies superior photographic practice and profound artistic vision.

The 2026 edition is a significant milestone for us. Since its inception in 2016, the Meitar Award has evolved into a vibrant global beacon of excellence, annually attracting thousands of creators who challenge and expand the boundaries of the medium. Over the past decade, it has cultivated a vital space for multicultural dialogue, serving as a definitive home for the most compelling and urgent voices in contemporary photography.

At the heart of the award is our esteemed international jury—a panel of world-class photographers, curators, and critics at the forefront of the global field. The jury will select 20 finalists to be featured in a centerpiece group exhibition at the International Photography Festival in Tel Aviv in November 2026.

Evaluations will be based on the originality, conceptual depth, and technical quality of the submissions. Particular emphasis will be placed on portfolios that demonstrate the maturity and potential to evolve into a powerful solo exhibition.

The award winner, to be announced in November during the festival, will receive a \$14,000 grant to present a solo exhibition at the following year's photography festival.

Registration Schedule:

Registration is open from February 23, 2026, to April 12, 2026.

- Early Registration: February 23, 2026 – March 19, 2026, fee: \$35.
- Late Registration: March 20, 2026 – April 12, 2026, fee: \$45.

Photographs must be submitted via the contest website: <https://meitar.photoisrael.org>

For further information, please contact: info@photoisrael.org

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