

War

By Lars N'oren

Play: 585

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Directed by Ilan Ronen

Designed by Frida Klapholz-Avrahami

Music edited by Yossi Ben-Nun

Lighting by Roni Cohen

Casting by Ruth Tonn-Mendelson

CAST

A, the mother: Osnat Fishman

B, Benina, her eldest: Hila Feldman

C, Semira, her youngest: Ania Bukstein

D, the father: Rami Heuberger

E, Uncle Ivan, his brother: Igal Sade

After being held in a prison camp and turning blind during that time, a man returns to his now ravaged village to find all has changed. Believing he was dead, his wife and teenaged daughters greet him with the news that his brother, like many of the other villager, is missing.

Though wishing to regain his old life, the man feels his wife and daughters aren't happy to see him and treat him like a stranger. In his present blind condition he is unable to take care of himself, let alone provide for them and he thus becomes a burden.

Meanwhile it turns out that the brother wasn't missing. While he was imprisoned the man's brother took his place as the head of the family and the wife fell in love with him. The brother keeps silent, and seemingly doesn't exist – the man is thus unaware of his presence at the family table. Trying to regain his position, he wishes to revive the old life they used to share before the war.

The play 'War' has no exact location or time. It is not clear which war is referred to, and the play begins after this war has already ended. However, nothing seems to be the same as before.