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Bezalel takes top prizes at Asif

Bezalel Academy of Art and Design graduates, Natalie Bettelheim and Sharon Michaeli, won Best Student Film for their animated short film, *Howl*, at Tuesday's Asif 2011 Awards held by the Israeli branch of Asifa (Association Internationale du Film d'Animation / International Animated Film Association). The award ceremony took place at the Tel Aviv Cinematheque during Animix 2011, the International Animation, Comics and Caricature Festival, which runs until August 20, 2011.

"We worked on this film for a year and a half," says Bettelheim, "and it's great to see all the hard work starting to pay off, especially so soon after finishing it. We feel encouraged by winning this award, and we hope that it will lead to many more opportunities to make films."

Dudi Rubin and Daniel Sasson, also recent graduates, received an honorable mention in this category for their film, *Loof*, an animated horror film about Sgt. Buchris, who out of boredom, defiles the sanctity of Yom Kippur at the Cave of the Patriarchs and causes a dark resurrection of the nation's forefathers.   • Jerusalem Post Staff