

# ALIYAH

## Discussion Guide

1. Despite Alex's desire for a chance at an honest life, he resorts to drug dealing in order to fund his voyage to Israel. With this in mind, do you believe people are inherently bad or evil for resorting to illegal activity in order to live, or support their families? Discuss in relation to today's global economic situation.
2. Once Alex arrives in Israel, the film takes more of an observational, almost meditative, standpoint. What do you believe the director is trying to say about Alex and his new life?
3. Considering Alex's relationship with his father, as well as his brother, how do you interpret the conflict within his family?
4. Do you believe there was a reason for keeping Alex's relationship with Jeanne at a distance throughout the film? Did you find it refreshing that the film's plot did not hinge on his love interest?
5. Do you believe economic or political issues have played a role in the aliyah of previous generations? Compare to present day.

