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Founded in 1964 by Martha Graham and Baroness Batsheva De Rothschild, Batsheva Dance Company has become one of the world's most inspirational dance companies with more than 200 performances in Israel and around the globe each year. Batsheva Dance Company entered a new era in 1990 with the appointment of internationally acclaimed choreographer Ohad Naharin as artistic director. "His art is becoming addictive...packed with entrancing, poetic texture, no matter the music, it rides on a pulse of its own" (*The New York Times*).

Now Batsheva makes its Houston debut with Naharin's *Deca Dance*, a reconstruction of existing works exposing the most provocative, bombastic elements of his choreographic genius. "In *Deca Dance* I took sections from different works," state Naharin. "It was like I was telling only either the beginning, middle or ending of many stories, but when I organized it, the result became as coherent as the original, if not more." *Adult content.*

Presented in partnership with the Jewish Community Center Dance Month at the Kaplan Theatre in celebration of the 60th Anniversary of Israel.

## H-E-B Performance Prelude

by Houston Met Too Youth Company  
7:30 pm | Lobby Piano Level

Arts Talk! sponsored by Invesco Aim  
Q&A following the performance

## BEYOND THE STAGE SCREENING OF OUT OF FOCUS

Ohad Naharin is Israel's "rock star" choreographer and artistic director of Batsheva Dance Company. He specializes in getting world-class dancers to move from their guts—not the mirror—by teaching them what he playfully calls "Gaga," his unique language of movement. In this dynamic close-up documentary, Israeli filmmaker Tomer Heymann renders a candid portrait through an in-depth look at Naharin's rehearsal process with New York's Cedar Lake Contemporary Ballet. 52 minutes. English, Hebrew, English subtitles.

Admission: \$6 for Jewish Community Center members, \$8 for non-members.

For tickets call the box office 713.551.7255.

7:30 pm | Monday, January 19, 2009

Kaplan Theatre, I W Marks Theatre Center, 5601 S. Braeswood

## I W MARKS DANCE MASTER CLASS

7:30 pm | Tuesday, January 27

Jewish Community Center, 5601 S. Braeswood

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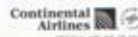
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