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(Sipur Gadol)

Dirs. Sharon Maymon and Erez Tadmor | Israel | 2009 | 90 mins | Hebrew with English subtitles

In this highly original Israeli comedy there is plenty to discover about turning life around and making something out of being socially unacceptable when the unwritten rule is that 'thin is beautiful'. A challenge to celebrate obesity is not one that comes along every day – and certainly not packaged in such a hilarious way

Herzl, an obese man, cannot find work and finally takes a job as a dishwasher at a Japanese restaurant where he becomes exposed to the world of Sumo wrestling.

One by one Herzl, and his equally obese friends, leave their slimming club, and take up the challenge of the Sumo wrestler. Herzl finds romance but also finds it difficult to leave his doting Jewish mother and her endless supply of meals.

A Matter of Size tackles a subject that is rarely elevated to these heights and does so with endearing touches of comedy and empathy.