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Israeli "Idol" winner to perform in NYC

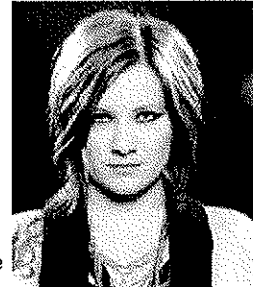
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Diana Golbi, the 19-year-old winner of the 2010 Kokhav Nolad (the Israeli version of "American Idol"), will make her U.S. debut on Wednesday, Sept. 14, at City Winery in Manhattan. The event, "A Light in the Darkness," a benefit for ELEM/Youth in Distress in Israel, begins with cocktails at 6 p.m.

ELEM is an Israeli non-profit organization dedicated to care for adolescents who are at risk and in distress. The organization helped Golbi overcome problems and realize her dream of becoming an artist.

In 2010 Golbi auditioned for the eighth season of Kokhav Nolad. She appeared with 28 other contestants, beating out thousands of singers who auditioned. She won with 53 percent of the votes and received a scholarship and a production contract. She is currently serving in the Israeli Defense Force and received special permission from the IDF to perform in New York to support ELEM. Call (212) 787-3337 or www.elem.org.



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