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Director: Danny Verete

2000, 87 min, Hebrew and Arabic with English subtitles

As western culture gradually began to infiltrate the Judean desert, once the sole domain of the Bedouin tribes, the convergence of contemporary mores and ancient traditions was unavoidable. At the edge of modern Israel and the Bedouin way of life, three dramatic encounters between two very different societies set the stage for *Yellow Asphalt*: the tragic death of a Bedouin boy on the asphalt road cutting the desert in two; the impossible marriage between a German woman and her Bedouin husband and the forbidden love affair of a Bedouin maid and her Israeli employer. From the same director of *Metallic Blues* and shot on location in the exotic landscapes of the Judean desert, *Yellow Asphalt* are tales of the human condition - of passion and deceit, carelessness and love, courage and selfishness, in which no one culture has a monopoly on virtue or vice.

BONJOUR MONSIEUR SHLOMI Thursday, July 13 • 7:30 p.m. • JCC

Director: Shemi Zarhin

2004, 96 min, Hebrew with English subtitles

16-year-old Shlomi is the caretaker and mediator of his dysfunctional family. His schoolwork is suffering from his responsibilities at home. He bathes and feeds his ailing grandfather, tolerates his over sexed macho older brother, cooks and cleans for his family and tries to make peace with his estranged father and angry mother. His life changes when a new math teacher and principal discover his genius and he discovers an attractive girl next door. A well-written comedic drama that makes you laugh and cry.

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Director: Radu Mihaileanu

France, Israel, 2004, 143min, French, Hebrew, and Amharic with English subtitles

Winner of the Audience Award at the 2005 Berlin International Film Festival, *Live and Become* is the emotional story of one boy's chance survival amidst the Ethiopian famine of the mid-1980's. A mother conspires to place her seven-year-old non-Jewish son with a group of Falashas (Ethiopian Jews) bound for Israel as part of "Operation Moses." Her parting words to her child are that he should never tell anyone his true identity. And so, the child (Sirak Sabahat) grows up pretending to be both Jewish and an orphan in modern Israel, where he embraces Judaism and Western values but also feels the sting of racism. Though he maintains his secret, the tension between his truth and the reality of his situation builds to an emotional climax.



General admission is \$7. JCC and MFAH Members with membership card receive a \$1 discount. The box office opens 30 minutes prior to show time. For more information on these films visit www.Jcchouston.org or www.mfah.org/films