

# Third Annual MSU Israeli Film Festival

Hosted by the MSU Jewish Studies Program

March 30, 31, and April 1, 2008  
147 Communication Arts and Sciences Building



## Sunday March 30 — Documentary Films

### 1:00 pm *Sisai* (2005) סיסאי

Filmed in Israel and Ethiopia. We follow a young man named Sisai, who immigrated to Israel as a child and lives with his adoptive family. His adoptive brother, David Gavro, filmed Sisai's emotional journey in search of identity, heritage and love. 2005 Jerusalem Film Festival: *Best Documentary*; 2006 Festival Biarritz, France: *FIPA D'or Prize, Best Documentary*; 2006 Milan African Film Festival: *Lombardia Prize for Best Film*; 2006 Israel Documentary Awards: *Best First Film*.

Director: David Gavro  
56 minutes. Hebrew and Amharic with English subtitles.

### 3:00 pm *Israel—Our Home?* (2006) ישראל—בתנו?

Reveals opinions, experiences, and lifestyles of Israelis from the former Soviet Union.

Director: Ido Bahat  
50 minutes. Hebrew and Russian with English subtitles.

### 4:15 pm *I'm a 2007 Haredi* (2006) אני חרדי 2007

Reveals opinions, experiences, and lifestyles of a variety of members of Israel's ultra-orthodox Haredi community.

Director: Ido Bahat  
50 minutes. Hebrew with English subtitles.

*Israel—Our Home?* and *I'm a 2007 Haredi* are part of the acclaimed series *Did Herzl Really Say That?*, in which two Israelis, Oren Harman and Yanay Ofran, explore the hopes and dreams, the paradoxes and problems, facing Israeli society. The presenters chart religious, national, personal and cultural identities, with occasional references to Theodore Herzl, who foresaw an old-new state, and planned every detail of it.

5:30 pm Dinner available for purchase onsite.

Catered by *Woody's Oasis Mediterranean Deli*



### 7:00 pm *Praying in Her Own Voice* (2007)

קול באשה תפילה

Yael Katzir's powerful film documents the struggle of a religious women's group, Women of the Wall, and their movement for the right to pray at the Wailing Wall, Judaism's holiest site. The film raises many questions about gender equality within Israeli public life. Premiered at Doc Aviv International Film Festival, Tel Aviv. Shown at Valladolid International Film Festival, Spain; Belgrade International Film Festival.

Director: Yael Katzir  
60 minutes. Hebrew and English with English subtitles.



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**7:00 pm *Aviva, My Beloved* (2006) אביבה אהובתי**

One of the most successful Israeli films of the year, *Aviva My Love* is the touching story of a hard-working mother with a secret writing talent. A sensitive, humorous and beautifully shot film. 2006 Jerusalem Film Festival Wolgin Awards: *Best Screenplay* and *Best Actress*; 2006 Israeli Academy Awards (Ophir): *Best Film, Best Director, Best Screenplay*; 2006 Shanghai Film Festival: *Golden Goblet for Best Screenplay*.

Director: Shemi Zarhin  
107 minutes. Hebrew with English subtitles.

Tickets at the door: \$5.00; \$3.00 for students.

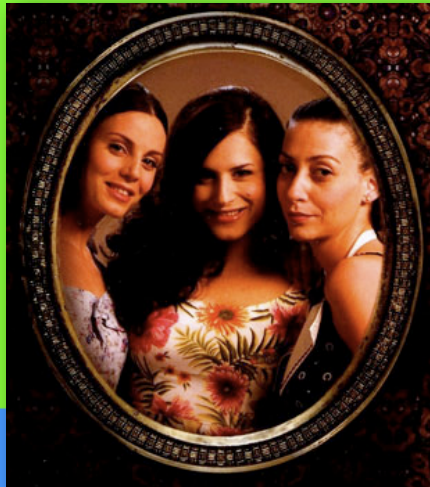
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**7:00 pm *Three Mothers* (2007) שלוש אמהות**

Sixty years ago, triplets Rose, Flora and Yasmine were born into a wealthy Egyptian-Jewish family and blessed in person by King Farouk. Today they live together in Israel. Their lives are clouded by the past. This film is a stunningly beautiful, evocative tale of family relationships at their best and worst. Based on a story by Dina Zvi-Riklis, whose mother was one of the real-life triplets. Starring Gila Almagor and leading Israeli singer Miri Masika. 2006 Jerusalem Film Festival: *Best Cinematography Award*.

Director: Dina Zvi-Riklis  
106 minutes. Hebrew, Arabic and French with English subtitles.

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