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**WASHINGTON D.C. INDEPENDENT FILM FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES  
RELIGIOUS FILMS SELECTED FOR 2009 FESTIVAL  
Festival to Celebrate Independent Film Culture**

**Washington, DC (February 10, 2009)** – The eleventh annual Washington DC Independent Film Festival (DCIFF) will run from March 4-15, 2009. This year's festival is about "making a difference," and features films that highlight the value of reaching out to help others and participating in life. Over 100 films will be showcased in twenty-three themed sessions at the Phoenix Theater in Union Station located at 50 Massachusetts Ave., NE, Washington, DC 20002, phone: (202) 842-4455.

For anyone who is interested in exploring the Jewish experience, these films will demonstrate how faith can make a difference. Please visit the DCIFF website (<http://www.dciiff.org/festivalthemes.shtml>) for a complete list of themed sessions.

***NOTE: The schedule is subject to change. Please check the DCIFF website (<http://www.dciiff.org>) for the latest information, dates and times.***

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## Schedule of Jewish Films on Sunday, March 8

### 4:45pm - Jewish

**[David & Fatima](#) by Alain Zaloum**

**Sunday, March 8 at 4:45pm**

*Jewish / Feature / 120 min / Israel / 2007*

David, a young Israeli Jew, and Fatima, a beautiful Palestinian Muslim girl, meet and fall in love - forbidden love. They struggle to beat the odds and in doing so challenge not only their families but fate itself.

**[Jewsus](#) by Benjamin C. Bliss**

**Sunday, March 8 at 4:45pm**

*Jewish / Short / 17 min / U S A / World Premiere / 2008*

A Jewish kid inherits the powers of Jesus on prom night.

**[The Kiddush Man](#) by Yitz Brilliant**

**Sunday, March 8 at 4:45pm**

*Jewish / Short / 10 min / U S A / 2008*

Award winning, touching, coming-of-age drama set in Israel, about 10-year-old Yoni who each Sabbath attempts to sneak past curmudgeonly Mr. Katz into kiddush before the end of services-- but one day Mr. Katz is nowhere to be seen.

*The Washington DC Independent Film Festival (DCIFF) is an award-winning annual event that showcases over 100 films representing diverse perspectives and cutting edge filmmaking. Held for twelve days in March, the DCIFF is a non-profit organization of volunteers serving the Capital area since 1999.*

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