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Days of Mossawa Festival offers space for dialogue on the Arab community in Israel

Mossawa Center presents the second Days of Mossawa Festival on inter-religious dialogue and human rights alongside Nazareth International Film Festival

Haifa, Israel, November 15, 2006 – The Mossawa Center, in cooperation with Nazareth Municipality and the El Sana Cinematheque, has organized the second Days of Mossawa Festival, which will focus this year on inter-religious dialogue and human rights. This event is part of the Center's strategy to increase internal debate within the Arab minority to empower community institutions and protect the social, economic, political and cultural rights of the Arab community in Israel. The festival will begin Saturday, November 25, at El Sana Cinematheque. As part of the Days of Mossawa Festival, the Nazareth International Film Festival will present a wide range of international films, and will award prizes to the best international film, best local film and best fictional film at the end of the festival. The opening of the festival will include a welcome speech from Nazareth Mayor Ramez Jaraysi, a musical event and the screening of *Iqab* ("Punishment"), a film from the United Arab Emirates.

This year the Days of Mossawa Festival will include an NGO conference on the status and development of Arab society and a debate on the division of roles between NGOs and political parties. The Mossawa Center will also host an inter-religious debate featuring prominent local religious leaders. The Committee for Educational Guidance for Arab Students will feature an exhibition on higher education as well as a higher education bazaar, and Al-Tufula Pedagogical Center will present a film about women, *Tarshiha Bride*, followed by a discussion panel. The Mossawa Center and El Sana Cinematheque will also offer a joint seminar about on media in Arab high schools. On December 1, the last day of

the festival, the Mossawa Center will present its third annual Legal Status of the Arab Minority Conference featuring panels on the Israeli constitution and legal system, and compensation and discrimination with Supreme Court Justice Salim Joubran and leading local advocates.

The Mossawa Center and the festival organizers are pleased to invite the public to take part in these interesting seminars and enjoy the films in Nazareth.

Organizers:

Mossawa Center

El-Sana (Nazareth) Cinematheque

Nazareth Municipality

Partners:

The Committee for Educational Guidance for the Arab Student (CEGAS)

Al-Tufula Pedagogical Center

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