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## **MOVING DOCUMENTARY CHRONICLES A PALESTINIAN COLLABORATOR AND HIS FAMILY AS THEY STRUGGLE TO ADJUST TO NEW LIFE IN ISRAEL**

***Premiering Sunday, August 5 as Part of Global Voices on the WORLD Channel, Doc Provides an Unflinching Look at Those Who Risk Their Lives to Collaborate With the Enemy***

(San Francisco, CA) — A Palestinian collaborator and his family are branded as traitors and forced to flee to Israel; but what happens when they get there? [\*The Collaborator and His Family\*](#) follows the El-Akel family over a two-and-a-half year period as they try to face their new fate. Ibrahim El-Akel was a collaborator with the Israeli security services for over 20 years and was promised asylum by his Israeli operator. However, tension builds and nerves fray as the family waits for citizenship and struggles to assimilate. Alienated and humiliated, Ibrahim's wife Yusra, and their five children bear the consequences of Ibrahim's decision as, cast out from Palestinian society, they strive to be accepted within Israel. Co-directors Adi Barash and Ruthie Shatz gain an intimate view of the family's toughest moments and witness the threads that bind this family start to unravel under strain. *The Collaborator and His Family* premieres on [Global Voices](#) Sunday, August 5 at 10 PM on the [WORLD Channel](#) ([check local listings](#)).

### **About the Filmmakers**

**Adi Barash (producer, co-director)** and **Ruthie Shatz (co-produce, co-director)** founded Yulari Films in 2001, which is dedicated to producing high quality, individualistic, and daring documentary films. The duo created the award-winning feature documentaries, *Diamonds and Rust*, *Garden*, and *Yuri Foreman the next Jewish Boxer*. They are currently filming and co-directing a six-part documentary series called *The Healers* about five residents at the largest and most prestigious hospital in Israel.

### **ABOUT GLOBAL VOICES**

Produced by ITVS International, *Global Voices* is a 26-week series bringing internationally themed documentaries made by U.S.-based and international filmmakers to a national audience. This season, the series will feature the U.S. premieres of thirteen documentaries funded by ITVS International, as well as encore broadcasts of other acclaimed ITVS programs. In addition to the WORLD broadcast, select episodes will be available online post broadcast — via iTunes, Amazon, Netflix, and on PBS's Video player through <http://video.pbs.org>. For the complete lineup and schedule, visit [www.itvs.org/series/global-voices](http://www.itvs.org/series/global-voices).

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