



"Nightly Fiestas"

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Plight of Ethiopian Jews theme of Sheldon documentary

By Tom Mockler
Staff Reporter

"Falasha: Exile of the Black Jews" is an excellent documentary showing at 7 and 9 p.m. tonight at the Sheldon Film Theater. This Canadian production, which documents the plight of Ethiopian Jews, is part of the University Program Council's Foreign Film Series.

Movie Review

The oldest Diaspora Jewish community call themselves "Beit Yisrael" ("House of Israel"). Their enemies call them "Falashas," which means "alien" or "stranger" and signifies a person with no legal rights. For over 2,000 years they have prayed three times daily for their return to Zion (Israel). Cut off from and unaware of the rest of the world Jewish community's existence, they have been subjected to centuries of anti-Semitism, but have resisted conversion in order to preserve the Torah.

Scholars offer different explanations of the origins of Ethiopian Jews, including theories that they fled ancient Israel after the destruction of the Temple; that they returned with the Queen of Sheba from her visit to King Solomon; that they belonged to the lost tribe of Dan; and that they migrated from Yemen.

Throughout the centuries, Ethiopian Jews

preserved their Judaism and maintained their own Jewish army. Then, in 1616 their Kingdom was overthrown, their King Gideon was slain, many were forcibly converted and all were robbed of their land. For three centuries, their children were denied education and, until 1975, they were the only minority in Ethiopia denied the right to own land.

Now, 37 years after the Holocaust, this group, thought to number about 28,000 (although it once reached 500,000) is facing grave government persecution within Ethiopia, in addition to the deadly famine that has ravaged the country. Denied their religious and civil rights as Ethiopian citizens, thousands have escaped to refugee camps across the Sudanese border where they are battling starvation and illness while praying for the opportunity to emigrate to Israel.

Thousands more still remain trapped in Ethiopia.

Much of the film deals with the reasons why insufficient action is being taken. Americans do not help more, the Israelis claim, because it will hamper their covert efforts.

The Israelis do not take a stronger stand for fear that it will alienate the Ethiopian government, the only non-Arab government in the Red Sea area. After this film was shown in Israel, however, the Israeli government sponsored sizable airlifts to Ethiopia.

In any case, the Ethiopian Jew seems doomed to lose a rich cultural heritage.

The film is in English, color, and runs 80 minutes. Admission is \$3.



LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Chesterfield, Bottomsley and Potts, 234 N. 13th St. — The Tugboats today. No cover charge. Charlie Burton and the Hiccups, Friday and Saturday. Cover charge is \$2.

Drumstick, 547 N. 48th St. — For Against, today. Cover charge is \$2. The Finnsters, Friday and Saturday. Cover charge is \$3.

Green Frog, 1010 P St. — Wrex, today through Saturday. No cover charge.

Pla-Mor Ballroom, 6600 W. O St. — The Rumbles, today 8:30 p.m. to midnight. Admission

is \$5. Tommy Bishop, Saturday 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Jim Bohmcek vs. The Czechlanders Battle Dance, Sunday 6 to 10 p.m.

Royal Grove, 340 W. Cornhusker Hwy. — The Doctors, today through Saturday. No cover charge.

Sweep Left, 815 O St. — Teez, today through Saturday. No cover charge today. Cover charge is \$1, Friday and Saturday.

Zoo Bar, 136 N. 14th St. — Bel Airs, today through Saturday. Cover charge is \$3.

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