



INCLUDING SAMUEL

A Documentary Film by Dan Habib

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Newton, MA - **Including Samuel**, the award-winning documentary by photojournalist Dan Habib, will be shown at Hebrew College in Newton, MA on Sunday, February 8, 2009 at 3-6 pm. Tickets are available from Sherry Grossman at the Bureau of Jewish Education, 617.965.7350 x229 for \$10 per person (in advance)/\$15 per person (at door). This screening is sponsored by the Bureau of Jewish Education and Hebrew College.

Since the film debuted in November 2007, *Including Samuel* has been screened at universities, national conferences and independent theatres across the country. The film has also been featured on NPR's *All Things Considered* and *Good Morning American NOW*, as well as in the *Washington Post* and the *Boston Globe*. *Exceptional Parent Magazine* called it a "must see" film.

Before his son Samuel was diagnosed with cerebral palsy, photojournalist Dan Habib rarely thought about the educational inclusion of people with disabilities. Now he thinks about inclusion every day. Shot and produced over four years, Habib's award-winning documentary film, *Including Samuel*, honestly chronicles the Habib family's efforts to include Samuel in every facet of their lives. The film also features four other families with varied inclusion experiences, plus interviews with dozens of teachers, young people, parents and disability rights experts. *Including Samuel* is a highly personal, passionately photographed film that captures the cultural and systemic barriers to inclusion in schools.

Dan Habib, the director, producer, and cinematographer of *Including Samuel*, is the Filmmaker in Residence at the Institute on Disability / UCED at the University of New Hampshire. Until joining UNH in April of 2008, Habib was the photography editor of the *Concord (NH) Monitor*. In 2006 and 2008, he was named the national Photography Editor of the Year for papers with a circulation under 100,000. He oversaw the photo essay by *Monitor* staff photographer Preston Gannaway called "Remember Me," which won the 2008 Pulitzer Prize for Feature Photography. He has been a judge of the Pulitzer Prizes, Pictures of the Year, Best of Photojournalism and White House News Photographer's Association.

For more information on *Including Samuel*, including the film trailer, screening dates, DVD sales, and more, please visit www.includingsamuel.com.