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Israelis, Palestinians and
Canadians meet in British

Columbia to make films—and, if all
goes well, form friendships

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THE YOUNG lovers lean closer across a café table. “Bethlehem,” he says. “No, Tel Aviv,” she replies.

“What’s wrong with my city? I will marry you, and you will live in my city,” he commands.

“I can’t do that to my parents.”

“Forget your parents!” His hand comes down hard on the table, rattling cutlery and cups on saucers. His voice

softens. “I’m sorry. I didn’t mean to upset you.”

The young woman pauses. Her words come in a sudden burst.

“A Jew marrying a Muslim! What kind of marriage are we supposed to have? Okay, I’m done.”

She gets up to leave. The man reaches to grasp her wrist. “Stay, stay,” he pleads.

From elsewhere in the café, a voice catches their attention. “Cut!” yells