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Arab-Israeli Writer Brings His Satire to Milwaukee on April 9
Sayed Kashua is writer, creator of hit Israeli TV Show

One of the most notable writers working in Hebrew today, Sayed Kashua will make an appearance at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 9 at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

A screening of two episodes of Kashua's acclaimed television series, "Arab Labor," will be followed by a talkback with the writer and moderated by UWM's Tasha Oren.

Arab Labor focuses on a Palestinian journalist — who is also an Israeli citizen — in search of his identity. Poking fun at the cultural divide, Kashua and his characters play on religious, cultural and political differences to daringly depict the mixed society that is Israel.

Kashua is the author of three novels: "Dancing Arabs," "Let it Be Morning" and "Second Person Singular," winner of the Bernstein Prize. He also writes a satirical weekly column in Hebrew for the Israeli newspaper Ha'aretz. In a humorous, tongue-in-cheek style, Kashua addresses the problems faced by Arabs in Israel, caught between two worlds. He is the writer and creator of the hit Israeli TV show "Arab Labor" (*Avoda Aravit*), now in its third season. In 2004 Kashua was awarded the Prime Minister's Prize in Literature, and is the subject of the documentary "Forever Scared."

This event is sponsored by the Israel Center & Jewish Community Relations Council of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation and The Sam and Helen Stahl Center for Jewish Studies at UWM, with generous additional support from UWM's Mitzvah Fund. This event is part of the ongoing Israel@65 series of activities being sponsored by the Israel Center to celebrate 65 years of Israeli independence, and the Stahl Center's 2013-14 series, Art & Conflict: Ashkenaz and Beyond. For further information, contact Ro'ee Peled at the Israel Center: (414) 390-5705 or Roeep@MilwaukeeJewish.org.

Sayed Kashua
Wednesday, April 9 at 7:30 p.m. | Free
UWM Music Recital Hall (located behind Mitchell Hall), 2400 E. Kenwood Blvd.

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