

ZERO DEGREES OF SEPARATION ★★★☆

Dir Elle Flanders. 87 min. Apr 28, 9:30pm.

Bloor Cinema. Canadian Spectrum.

How's this for lovers in dangerous times: Israelis and Palestinians living in inter-ethnic relationships — and they're gay. Elle Flanders frames their struggles with a mournful eloquence, integrating her own family's home movies — which depict her grandparents' happy arrival in Israel in 1950 — to strong effect. There is a political bias here — and it's not pro-Israel — but it's a basic humanism that resonates the strongest. **AN**
