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Hiam Abbass, Natalie Portman and Hanna Laslo in "Free Zone."

A journey more intriguing than the travelers

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Three women — an American, an Israeli and a Palestinian — become temporary traveling companions in a remote area of Jordan in "Free Zone," Amos Gital's most satisfying pic since his drama "Kipur" (2000). Schematic set-up aside, given a human face by fine performances and a physical journey that's often more interesting than the characters' emotional ones, which are weakened by

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Directed by
Amos Gital
Starring
Natalie Portman,
Hanna Laslo and
Hiam Abbass

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