Houda al-Habash, a conservative Muslim preacher, founded a Qur’an school for girls in Damascus 30 years ago. Every summer, her female students immerse themselves in a rigorous study of Islam. A surprising cultural shift is under way—women are claiming space within the mosque. Shot right before the uprising in Syria erupted, *The Light in Her Eyes* offers an extraordinary portrait of a leader who challenges the women of her community to live according to Islam, without giving up their dreams.

The filmmakers will be introduced by Professor Fatimah Tobing Rony of the Film and Media Studies Department at UC Irvine. There will be a post-screening discussion about women’s rights in Islam and in the U.S. with Hector Vilagra, Executive Director the ACLU Los Angeles, Maria Khani, community activist and chair of the Women’s Committee at the Islamic Institute of Orange County and Anaheim, and the directors, Julia Meltzer and Laura Nix.

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