

PYRAMIDE PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS

TAHAR
RAHIM

MAHMOUD
SHALABY

MICHAEL
LONSDALE

LUBNA
AZABAL

FREE MEN

LES HOMMES LIBRES

A FILM BY

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SYNOPSIS

1942, in German-occupied Paris. Younes, a young unemployed Algerian, earns his living as a black marketeer. Arrested by the French police, Younes agrees to spy on the Paris Mosque. The police suspects indeed the Mosque authorities, among which Si Kaddour Ben Ghabrit, its Rector, of helping Resistance fighters and Jews by giving them false certificates.

At the Mosque, Younes meets the Algerian singer Salim Halali. Younes is moved by Salim's beautiful voice and strong personality and they become friends. Soon after, he discovers that Salim is Jewish. In spite of the risks it entails, Younes stops collaborating with the police. Confronted by this barbarism, Younes gradually develops from being a politically ignorant immigrant worker into a fully-fledged freedom fighter.



CAST

Tahar Rahim *Younes* Michael Lonsdale *Si Kaddour Ben Ghabrit*
Mahmoud Shalaby *Salim* Lubna Azabal *Leila*
Christopher Buchholz *Major Von Ratibor* Farid Larbi *Ali*
Stéphane Rideau *Francis*

CREW

Director Ismaël Ferroukhi *Screenplay* Ismaël Ferroukhi - Alain-Michel Blanc
Music Armand Amar *Producer* Fabienne Vonier *Line Producer* Stéphane Parthenay
Photography Jérôme Alméras A.F.C. *Editing* Annette Dutertre *Sound* Jean-Paul Mugel
Séverin Favriau, Stéphane Thiébaud *Set* Thierry François *Costumes* Virginie Montel
Casting Brigitte Moidon A.R.D.A. *1st Assistant Director* Stéphane Gluck *Location manager* François Pascaud *Production manager* Marc Fontanel

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