

## MY SO-CALLED ENEMY screening at Woodstock, the Hamptons and more...



Director Lisa Gossels with Rawan, featured in the film, at the San Francisco Jewish Film Festival

Dear Friends,

As some of you know, "[My So-Called Enemy](#)" (formerly "Imagining Peace") had its world premiere at the [Silverdocs Documentary Film Festival](#) in Silver Spring, MD this June. The film screened in a special thematic program called "Peacebuilding on Screen," sponsored by the [United States Institute of Peace](#) (U.S.I.P.). After our first screening, I had the privilege of sharing the stage for a conversation with Tara Sonenshine, Manal Omar and Robin Wright of the U.S.I.P. Erin Breeze, the current Executive Director of [Seeking Common Ground](#) (and its flagship Building Bridges for Peace program) joined me for a Q&A at our second showing. Both screenings were completely sold out.

Our next stop was the [San Francisco Jewish Film Festival](#). I was there for our first screening at the historic Castro Theatre. Festival Director Peter Stein led a roundtable conversation with Palestinian Rawan, one of the main characters in the film, who lives in East Jerusalem and Erin Breeze. Hundreds of people were in attendance and the response couldn't have been more positive.

### Upcoming Film Festivals

"My So-Called Enemy" is just starting its life in the world. Please join us at screenings and help us spread the word about our next film festivals.

#### Woodstock Film Festival

In competition for Best Documentary  
Saturday, 10/2 at 4:45pm in Woodstock  
Sunday, 10/3 at 5:45pm in Rhinebeck  
[For tickets, click here](#)

#### Hamptons International Film Festival

In competition for Best Documentary, Conflict & Resolution section  
Friday, October 8th at 3:15pm  
Saturday October 9th at 4:30pm  
[For tickets, click here](#)

*I'm delighted that Palestinian Rezan, one of the main characters in the movie, will be at both of our Hamptons screenings!*

#### Boston Jewish Film Festival

Thursday, November 4th at 7pm  
[For tickets, click here](#)

#### Starz Denver International Film Festival

"My So-Called Enemy" will screen twice at the DIFF between November 11th and November 14th. Because Seeking Common Ground is based in Denver, many special guests will be joining me for the Q&A, including its founder, Melodye Feldman. Please consult [our website](#) and [Facebook page](#) in the next couple of weeks for the schedule and tickets.

If you are interested in a sneak peak of the final film, you can see a 4-minute work sample on [our website](#) and [Facebook page](#). You can also "share" info about our festivals through our Facebook page.

### Brief synopsis

Some have lost friends and family members. All bear the psychological and emotional scars of living in a war zone. In July 2002, 22 Palestinian, Israeli and Palestinian Israeli teenage girls traveled to the United States to participate in a women's leadership program called [Building Bridges for Peace](#). "My So-Called Enemy" is the story of 6 of the girls and how the transformative experience of knowing their "enemies" as human beings meets with the realities of their lives at home in the Middle East over the next 7 years.

Through the stories of Adi, Gal, Hanin, Inas, Rawan and Rezan, we see how creating relationships across emotional, ideological and physical borders is a first step towards resolving conflict. Because "My So-Called Enemy" is an emotional journey, it opens hearts and minds and creates the space for dialogue about not only the Israeli/Palestinian conflict, but issues that divide us in our families, schools and communities. By watching "My So-Called Enemy," viewers will see the complexities of the Israeli/Palestinian conflict through a human lens and the possibility and hope that comes from listening to each other's stories. The girls are the experts in "My So-Called Enemy"--and their voices need to be heard, especially because they are young women.

### Main credits

Last year, Eden Wurmfeld, an established documentary and fiction film producer, joined the "My So-Called Enemy" team. And Justin Schein, became a co-producer of the film. Their contributions have been invaluable.

**"MY SO CALLED ENEMY"** a good egg production  
director/producer **Lisa Gossels** producer **Eden Wurmfeld**  
director of photography **Justin Schein** edited by **Lisa Gossels**  
**David Mehiman Toby Shimin** music by **Nathan Larson**

For a complete list of crew, consult [imdb](#)

### Address change

I moved in September to another apartment in my same building. Please note note my new address:

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### Gratitude

So many of you have been with me on this 8-year journey. Your friendship and support have sustained me in countless ways. Because this is our first newsletter, I want to thank all of the people we filmed in the movie--who opened their hearts, minds, lives and homes to us and spoke to us with such honesty and courage. I want to thank our crew, who worked tirelessly, and with such rigor and commitment, to help make "My So-Called Enemy" the best film it could be. I want to thank our advisors for their wise counsel along the way, which continues. Without the extreme generosity and trust of our funders--foundations and individuals--the film wouldn't exist today. We are so grateful to all of you.

I look forward to seeing you soon: in life, and at screenings of "My So-Called Enemy."

Warmest regards,

Lisa Gossels

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