

"My So-Called Enemy" in Needham and NY City, at the J Street Conference (DC), Trinity Coll., Santa Rosa Jr. Coll., Sonoma State U and film festivals in Seattle, Evanston, IL--and more!



With students at the Sage Hill School
Photo credit: Leslie Feibleman



Gal on Skype from Israel at the Jacksonville Jewish FF
Photo credit: Barry Ansbacher

Dear Friends,

I hope this note finds you happy and well. This is an exhilarating time for "[My So-Called Enemy](#)," with eleven screenings between now and the end of March. It's heartening to feel the universal embrace "My So-Called Enemy" is receiving from the most diverse audiences imaginable -- and the positive impact it's having with high school and college-age students.

What follows are January/February film highlights, listings for our upcoming screenings and information about bringing "My So-Called Enemy" to your community.

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January/February Highlights

I spent two days at Case Western Reserve, guest lecturing in six classes and enjoying meals with students and faculty. My post-screening pre-Q&A talk connected the film to Martin Luther King Jr's 1957 "Loving Your Enemies" speech. I was invited to lead a morning assembly at the Sage Hill School in CA for 450 students and faculty. My talk, "Don't Make Any Assumptions," was about my experiences making the film, principles of conflict resolution, issues of identity/not making assumptions about "the other," listening skills and the ethics of documentary filmmaking. It was a privilege screening "My So-Called Enemy" for a largely Muslim and Jewish audience at IMAN, an Iranian Islamic Muslim Center in L.A., thanks to NewGround: a Muslim-Jewish Partnership for Change. I had the joy of attending the first Jacksonville Jewish Film Festival and doing a post-screening Q&A with Gal in Israel via Skype. She was magnificent! I just returned from a wonderful visit to Rutgers University/Douglass College, where I had a pre-screening meal with students and faculty and visited three classes the next day.

Upcoming Screenings

Please join us, and tell your friends, about our next "My So-Called Enemy" screenings.

Temple Beth Shalom (Needham, MA)

Sunday, Feb 26th at 2:00pm

670 Highland Avenue.

Director Lisa Gossels will be joined by Rabbi Jay Perlman ([Temple Beth Shalom](#)), Dr. Mohamed Lazzouni ([Islamic Center of Boston](#)) and Rector Skip Windsor ([Christ Episcopal Church](#)) for a post-screening discussion about the film and its implications for building peace, harmony and mutual respect in our local communities.

There will be a dessert reception after the panel discussion.

[Click here](#) for tickets and more information.

Trinity College (Hartford, CT)

"Democracy In Film" Series

Thursday, March 1st at 7:30pm

Cinestudio -- 300 Summit Street

Director Lisa Gossels will do a Q&A after the screening.

This event is free and open to the public.

[Click here](#) for more information.

Program Sponsors: Trinity Dean of Faculty, the Trinity Institute for Interdisciplinary Studies, The Center for Urban and Global Studies, Hillel, International Studies, The Campus Climate and Community Outreach Committee and The Department of Language and Culture Studies.

Brotherhood Synagogue (New York, NY)

Sunday, March 4th at 4:30m

28 Gramercy Park South

Director Lisa Gossels will do a Q&A after the screening.

[Click here](#) for tickets and more information.

International Jewish Film Festival of Eastern CT (New London)

Monday, March 5th at 7:00pm

Connecticut College

Olin Science Center -- 270 Mohegan Ave.

Admission is free for students and the Coast Guard Academy. \$10 for adults.

[Click here](#) for tickets and more information.

Sponsored by The Jewish Federation of Eastern CT with Connecticut College Hillel, Muslim Student Association and Yalla Bina.

2012 Talking Pictures Film Festival (Evanston, IL)

Saturday, March 10th at 1:30pm

Evanston Public Library -- 1703 Orrington Avenue

This event is free and open to the public.

[Click here](#) for tickets and more information.

Santa Rosa Junior College (CA)

Women's History Month

Tuesday, March 13th at 12:00pm

Doyle Library Room 4245

Director Lisa Gossels will be joined by former [Building Bridges for Peace](#) staff member, Anna Simson, for a Q&A after the screening.

This event is free and open to the public.

[Click here](#) for more information.

Sponsored by Associated Students and Women's History Month.

Sonoma State University (Rohnert Park, CA)

Wednesday March 14 at 7:00 p.m.

Ives Hall 101 (Warren Auditorium)

Director Lisa Gossels will do a Q&A after the screening.

This event is free and open to the public.

[Click here](#) for more information.

Sponsored by Associated Students Productions and the Instructionally Related Activities Fund.

2012 Seattle Jewish Film Festival (WA)

Sunday, March 18th at 3:45pm

AMC Pacific Place 11

600 Pine St. (Pacific Place Mall, Seattle, Top Level)

Director Lisa Gossels will do a Q&A after the screening.

[Click here](#) for tickets and more information.

2012 Bermuda International Film Festival (Hamilton)

Special School Screening

Wednesday March 21st at 9:00am

Liberty Theatre -- 49 Union Plaza

Director Lisa Gossels will do a Q&A via Skype after the screening.

[Click here](#) for more information.

For general public seating information, contact info@biff.bm.

New Hampshire Jewish Film Festival (Concord, NH)

Sunday, March 25th at 1:30pm

Red River Theatres -- 11 S. Main Street

[Click here](#) for tickets and more information.

2012 J Street National Conference (Washington, DC)

Monday, March 26th at 4:45pm

Washington Convention Center -- 801 Mount Vernon Place NW

Director Lisa Gossels will do a Q&A after the screening.

[Click here](#) for more information.

[Register today for Making History, J Street's third national conference.](#)

Netflix

While our film won't be available in the mass market for a while, the Acquisitions Director of Netflix has encouraged us to ask you to "save" "My So-Called Enemy" to your queue. To do so, please log into your Netflix account and click [here](#).

Bringing "My So-Called Enemy" to your community

My greatest joy is teaching and being "in community" with "My So-Called Enemy," using it as a tool for dialogue and fostering mutual understanding. Please drop me a line if you are interested in hosting a screening and/or inviting me to present "My So-Called Enemy" at your academic or religious institution, peace/multi-faith organization or youth/after-school program. Because our model is coalition building, we encourage screenings to be co-hosted by diverse groups when possible.

If you have ideas about how our film can have the greatest impact in your community: not only for dialogue around Middle East peace, but for celebrating diversity, building bridges of understanding, and empowering girls/women/our youth to be agents for social change, please get in touch with me.

Thank you, as always, for your friendship and enthusiastic support of "My So-Called Enemy." One reason our film is having the impact we had hoped for is that you are partnering with us to make sure the movie is reaching the audiences it needs to.

With gratitude and love,

Lisa

For the latest news on "My So-Called Enemy"

Join our mailing list: www.mysocalledenemy.com

"Like" our film on Facebook: www.facebook.com/mysocalledenemy

Watch our trailer: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5kKOL4t2XE>

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

2010 Hamptons International Film Festival
Winner, Jury Prize for Best Conflict & Resolution Film

2010 Starz Denver Film Festival
Winner, Special Jury Prize in Filmmaking

2010 Boston Jewish Film Festival
Winner, Audience Award, Best Feature Documentary Film

2011 Newport Beach Film Festival
Winner, Jury Award, Best Feature Documentary Film
Winner, MacGillivray Freeman Films Award for Excellence in Documentary Filmmaking (feature)

2011 CINE Golden Eagle
Winner, CINE Golden Eagle, Documentary Feature

