



Rawan at our San Francisco Jewish Film Festival screening



Hanin in Northern Israel



Gal at our August SCG-sponsored Denver Film Center screening

Dear Friends,

I hope you're having a fulfilling, fun and peaceful summer! This is an exciting time for "My So-Called Enemy" as we gear up for the start of the academic year with fall and winter educational, community and film festival screenings.

This month's newsletter includes the second installment of our main character updates featuring Rawan and Hanin, with special news about Gal, September and October screenings - and information about how you can bring "My So-Called Enemy" to your community and help support our outreach efforts.

If you missed our last newsletter, [click here](#) for our first Rezan and Gal updates.

At the end of August, Seeking Common Ground [changed its name](#) to Building Bridges.



Rawan (Palestinian, Muslim)

After earning a Master's in Social Work, Rawan became a community organizer at Al-Quds University's Women Empowerment Center in Jerusalem. For the past two years, she has been teaching social work at Al-Quds University's School of Social Work and supervising students doing field work. Beyond her work at Al-Quds, Rawan will be opening and running a Jerusalem office for Building Bridges! She will be hiring and supervising the organization's Middle East staff and overseeing year-round programming for participants and alumni. Outside of work, Rawan has also been enjoying her classes at Hebrew University's supplemental Social Work PhD program.

Hanin (Palestinian Israeli, Muslim)

After studying "sha'aria," Islamic Law, at the University of Jordan, Hanin returned home to Israel. Last year, she started teaching 1st through 4th grade students at a Bedouin school in the Negev. She is excited to be returning to the same school this year: teaching seven classes a day of Islamic Studies and Arabic to more than 200 students. Hanin has also been writing about her personal experiences as an independent thinking, feminist, devout Muslim woman - and two publishers are interested in publishing her work. Hanin remains passionate about Islamic studies, world religions, politics, foreign affairs and languages. Her dream is to continue on as an educator and to become a journalist.

Gal (Israeli, Jewish)

This summer I had a joyful visit with Gal in New York City before she headed to Denver to participate in the SCG Stakeholders Meeting. I am told she did a spectacular Q&A at an SCG-sponsored screening of "My So-Called Enemy" at the Denver Film Center. Gal just joined the Israeli government's new [Civil Service Cadet Program](#). She was one of 30 participants (selected from 600 applicants) chosen for this prestigious six-year program, which includes getting a Master's in Public Policy from Hebrew University and doing four years of civil service in different ministries. Gal's goal is to work in the Israeli government to ensure that minorities receive equal rights and just treatment in Israel.

September and October Screenings

Please join us, and tell your friends and colleagues, about our upcoming screenings. We will have more October - and November - screenings to share in the next edition of our newsletter.

DePauw University (Greencastle, IN)

Monday, September 10th at 7:00 p.m.
Union Building Ballroom - Corner of Locust and Hanna Streets
I will do a Q&A after the screening.
This event is free and open to the public.
[Click here](#) for more information.
Co-Sponsored by the Cultural Resource Centers, Conflict Studies, the Prindle Institute for Ethics, the Compton Center for Peace and Justice, the Butler Family Fund, Multicultural Affairs, Religious Studies and the Public Occasions Committee.

International Lions of Judah Conference (New York, NY)

Chutzpah in High Definition: How Women are Making a Difference in the World through Film
Tuesday, September 11th - 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.
Marriott Marquis, Times Square
I have been invited to participate on this [panel](#) (moderated by Harriet J. Dobin, Director of the [Mandell JCC Hartford Jewish Film Festival](#)) with Elise M. Bernhardt, President & CEO, [Foundation for Jewish Culture](#) and Joyce D. Mandell, Producer, "[The Rescuers](#)."

If you're planning to be at the conference (for Jewish women involved in leadership and philanthropy throughout the globe), please come to our session!

Colonial Theatre (Bethlehem, NH)

Thursday, October 4th at 7:30 p.m.
On Main Street
[Click here](#) for more information.
In concert with Bethlehem Hebrew Congregation's Summer Cultural Studies Series

Peace Camp Ottawa Community Screening (Ottawa, Canada)

Thursday, October 4th at 7:00 p.m.
Library and Archives Canada - 395 Wellington Street
I will do a Q&A after the screening.
This event is open to the public
Tickets only available at the door (\$15 adults/\$5 students)
[Click here](#) for more information.

How you can support our outreach efforts: spread the word and share the love!

- Tell educators, clergy, friends and colleagues about "My So-Called Enemy" and recommend it for screenings and conferences. Suggest they "[like](#)" our film on Facebook and [join](#) our mailing list.
- Rate and /or write a review of "My So-Called Enemy" on [IMDB.com](#).
- Add "My So-Called Enemy" to your [Netflix](#) queue. If the demand is great enough, our movie is more likely to be available on Netflix in the future.

We are actively seeking to raise \$75,000 for a number of vital initiatives that will ensure "My So-Called Enemy" has maximum reach and impact in the years ahead. If you are interested in learning more about the projects outlined below, I would be delighted to send you a proposal. Thanks to our fiscal sponsor, the New York Foundation for the Arts/Artspire, all contributions are fully-tax deductible.

- A Screening/Teaching Guide for educators, facilitators, clergy and lay people.
- A more sophisticated and functional website.
- Professionally packaged, designed and authored dvds.
- Foreign language versions of our film.
- A 58-minute cut for international television.

Bring "My So-Called Enemy" to your community

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

My greatest joy is teaching and being "in community" with "My So-Called Enemy." 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.

I can never end these newsletters without expressing my gratitude, because it is thanks to your friendship, support and enthusiasm for "My So-Called Enemy" that our film continues to have a rich life in the world, transforming the hearts and minds of thousands of people in the most diverse communities.

Have a beautiful September!

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=5kKOLl4t2XE>

"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 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