

Special "My So-Called Enemy" message & screenings in CT, the Bay Area (CA), Cleveland - and more!



Gal, Jen Sarche (Deputy Executive Director, Building Bridges) and Rawan at the Tribeca Film Center in NYC



Rawan (Palestinian) and Gal (Israeli) in Union Square NYC



With Erin Breeze (Executive Director, Building Bridges), Rawan, Gal, Jeff Schwartz (a friend of the [Hand in Hand Schools](#)) and Jen in NYC.

Dear Friends,

As we celebrate the start of Spring, the eight days of Passover (a festival of liberation and freedom) and Easter (a holiday about resurrection, rebirth and redemption - and second chances), I pray that people of all religions, races and nationalities find a way to listen to each other and to recognize each other's hopes, dreams and human rights.

...That's where peace begins, not just in the plans of leaders, but in the hearts of people; not just in some carefully designed process, but in the daily connections, that sense of empathy that takes place among those who live together in this land and in this sacred city of Jerusalem. And let me say this as a politician, I can promise you this: Political leaders will never take risks if the people do not push them to take some risks. You must create the change that you want to see. Ordinary people can accomplish extraordinary things. - [President Barack Obama, Jerusalem, March 21, 2013](#)

As I sat in our sold-out Tribeca Film Center screening on March 19th in NYC - and watched Rawan (Palestinian) and Gal (Israeli) take center stage with Jen Sarche, the Deputy Executive Director of [Building Bridges](#), during our Q&A - I couldn't have been more proud! These young women - who have been friends and involved with the program for more than a decade - represent the future and the hope for peacemaking in the region. They are the change President Obama is referring to.

Because of a Building Bridges-sponsored U.S. fundraising and outreach tour, I just had the supreme joy of hosting Rawan for one week and Gal for two weeks in NYC! Rawan, who is still teaching at Al Quds University's School of Social Work, is now working full-time with Building Bridges as their Middle East Program Director. Gal is thriving in Jerusalem, where she is getting a Masters in Public Policy at Hebrew University in Israel's prestigious [Civil Service Cadet Program](#).

Finally, March was also a special month for "[My So-Called Enemy](#)" because I shared our film at Greene High School in Upstate NY. Thanks to the amazing educators at the school who have embraced the BOCES [Arts in Education](#) program, I got to visit eight Global History, U.S. History and Public Speaking classes over the course of two days.

This edition of our newsletter includes information about our April screenings and how you can continue to support our outreach efforts. Many of you have asked when "My So-Called Enemy" will be showing next in the New York area. Our next newsletter will have details about a screening at the U.N. International School in Queens on Friday evening, May 17th. I'm delighted that my dear friend and advisor Joline Makhlof Rukab (Rezan's older sister), featured in our film, will be joining me for a Q&A that night!



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April Screenings

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

Central Connecticut State University (New Britain)

Wednesday, April 3rd from 5:00 - 7:00pm

Davidson Hall - Torp Theatre - 1615 Stanley 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.

Co-sponsored by Hillel, the Muslim Students Association and the Student Government Association.

UC Berkeley (Berkeley, CA)

At The Magnes Collection of Jewish Art and Life

Monday, April 8th at 7:00pm

2121 Allston Way

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.

Co-Sponsored by UC Berkeley's Jewish Studies Program, Peace and Conflict Studies Program, School of Journalism, Center for Middle Eastern Studies and the Olive Tree Initiative.

If you live in the Bay Area, UC Berkeley is also screening "[The Children of Chabannes](#)," which I made with Dean Wetherell, at the Magnes Collection of Jewish Life and Arts on Sunday, April 7th at 3pm. I will be doing a Q&A with my father, Peter Gossels, one of the "children" of Chabannes. Here's the [event information](#) and a [link to our theatrical trailer](#).

Osher Marin JCC (San Rafael, CA)

Salaam, Shalom: Speaking of Peace Series

Wednesday, April 10th from 7:00 - 9:00pm

200 N. San Pedro Road

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 - and a long list of co-sponsors.

Lakewood Public Library (Lakewood, OH)

Sunday, April 28th from 6:00 - 8:00pm

Main Library - 15425 Detroit Avenue

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.

Co-sponsored by Beth Israel - The West Temple and the Lakewood Public Library

How you can support our outreach efforts:

Spread the word:

- 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.

Share the love:

- 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.
- Make a tax-deductible contribution to support our continuing outreach efforts.

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?

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.

With appreciation, as always, for your generosity of spirit on our journey with "My So-Called Enemy." It's in large part thanks to your recommendations and outreach efforts that our film is helping to educate, inspire, build bridges and bring down metaphorical walls in communities throughout the country.

With heartfelt 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=5kKOL14t2XE>

"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**

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