

"My So-Called Enemy" in Bend, OR, at the U.N. Int'l School (Queens, NY) in May - and more!



At the Osher Marin JCC, with some of the engaging teenagers in my identity workshop
Photo credit: Joanne Greene

Dear Friends,

As we mourn the senseless loss of three lives at the Boston Marathon and pray for the 264 individuals who sustained devastating injuries in the aftermath of the bombings, I am reminded of our dear friends in Palestine and Israel for whom tragic events like this are all too familiar. As my thoughts go out to the people in my hometown of Boston, I wanted to recommend Eboo Patel's powerful [personal memoir](#), "Acts of Faith: The Story of an American Muslim, the Struggle for the Soul of a Generation." Eboo Patel is the Founder of the [Interfaith Youth Core](#), a wonderful organization that brings high school and college students together in the United States to do community service and dialogue around shared religious values.

April was a very special month for "My So-Called Enemy." I had the privilege of screening our film at Central CT State University, at UC Berkeley ([The Magnes Collection](#)) and at the Osher Marin JCC (in their "Salaam, Shalom: Speaking of Peace" series), where I also led an identity workshop for teens. I just returned from some wonderful screenings in Cleveland and Lakewood, OH, thanks to the efforts of Rabbi Enid Lader of Beth Israel - The West Temple.

We continue to be heartened by the impact our film is having with people of all ages and backgrounds. Requests are pouring in daily from high schools, universities, religious institutions, peace and dialogue groups, girls/women's/youth groups and cultural exchange programs. I can't tell you how many times people leave our screenings in tears, transformed and empowered, because "My So-Called Enemy" moves them and challenges their personal narratives.

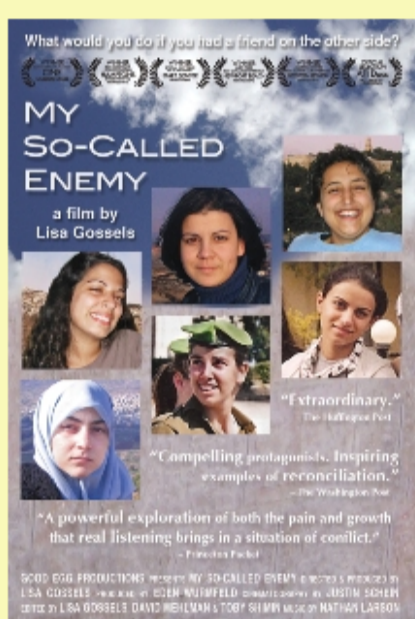
This edition of our newsletter includes information about our May screenings and how you can continue to support our outreach efforts with "My So-Called Enemy." I am particularly looking forward to our [UN International School](#) screening in Queens, NY on Friday, 5/17. If you can join us or want to share this information with your friends, please read on and be sure to RSVP to me by Wednesday, 5/15.



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With Anna Simson (ex-Building Bridges staff), Alla Eflimova (Magnes Collection), Jill Stoner (UC Berkeley), my parents and friends in Berkeley



Our new postcard, with thanks to [Danny Goldfield](#)

May Screenings

Please join us - and tell your friends - about our May screenings!

The First Presbyterian Church (Bend, OR)

Screening and Fundraiser for Marley Forest to attend [Seeds of Peace](#)

Tuesday, May 14th at 7:00pm

230 NE 9th Street

Rotarians and Marley Forest will do a Q&A after the screening. This event is open to the public on a donation basis.

Sponsored by the Peace Committee of the [Mt. Bachelor Rotary Club](#) in Bend.

All proceeds will help defray the costs of Marley Forest, one of 20 high school students selected for the American Youth Delegation, to attend the Seeds of Peace program this summer.

U.N. International School (Queens, NY Campus)

Friday, May 17th - Reception at 6:30pm; Screening at 7:15pm

173-53 Croydon Road - Jamaica Estates, NY

Exact location TBD (follow the signs when you arrive)

I will do a Q&A after the screening.

This event is free and open to the public.

No children please.

Please RSVP not later than Wednesday, 5/15 to LGossels@gmail.com

Sponsored by the UNIS Queens Parents Association

How you can support our outreach efforts:

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.

Our screenings are often co-sponsored on college and university campuses by academic departments including:

- Communications
- Diversity
- Ethics
- Film Studies
- Global Studies
- Human Rights
- Jewish Studies
- Journalism
- Islamic Studies
- Law
- Leadership
- Middle East Studies
- Peace and Conflict Studies
- Philosophy
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Religious Studies
- Social Work
- Sociology
- Women's and Gender Studies

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.

Thank you for welcoming me and the remarkable young women in "My So-Called Enemy" into your hearts, your homes and your communities. The joy in this journey is always meeting like-minded spirits, like you.

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 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