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"Original and bold... made with great talent and devotion..." *DocAviv Film Festival*

"A brave, groundbreaking film... compelling and poignant... definitely a must see!"

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Keep Not Silent: Ortho-Dykes

A FILM BY ILIL ALEXANDER

2004 | 52 minutes | Color | Video/DVD | Israel, Subtitled

Winner of an Israeli Oscar (Ophir) for Best Documentary, Ilil Alexander's stunning debut film boldly documents the clandestine struggle of three women fighting for their right to love within their beloved Orthodox communities in Jerusalem. All three are pious, religiously committed women. All three are lesbians, and members of a secret support group called the "Ortho-Dykes."

Though their life choices exact a devastating price, these women are committed to confronting their duality, and accept the toll with a profound compassion toward their society. Miriam-Ester fights her aversion to a man's touch for the sake of her family and ten children, while Ruth's husband shockingly permits his wife to see her female lover twice a week. Yudith, a Rabbi's daughter, declares her sexuality openly as she believes "lies are the worst sin on earth."



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"A brave film made with passion and commitment, that cries out against injustice, and which like some of the best documentaries gives a voice to the voiceless." *Jerusalem Film Festival*

Sentenced to Marriage

A FILM BY ANAT ZURIA

2004 | 65 minutes | Color, Video/DVD | Israel, Subtitled

Nominated for a Silver Wolf at IDFA, this shocking documentary exposes the Kafkaesque process of divorce for women in Israel where secular law does not exist, and divorce is dealt with according to archaic and fundamentalist orthodox Jewish law. Filmmaker Anat Zuria, director of the award-winning documentary *Purity*, gained rare access to the rabbinical courts to follow two women caught in the demoralizing legal labyrinth. Though husbands can live with other women and even withhold child support, the wives are forbidden contact with other men. In some cases, these very modern, independent and well-educated women are forced to buy a divorce from their husbands for huge sums. As a result, thousands of Jewish women have lived in limbo indefinitely, both in Israel and in other communities around the world.



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