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Sentenced to Marriage (Mekudeshet)

A FILM BY ANAT ZURIA

2004 | 65 minutes | Color, VHS/DVD | Israel, Subtitled
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This internationally acclaimed and award-winning documentary exposes the Kafkaesque process of divorce for women in Israel where secular law does not exist, and divorce is dealt with according to the strict interpretation of the 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.

"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*



Keep Not Silent: Ortho-Dykes

A FILM BY ILIL ALEXANDER

2004 | 52 minutes | Color | VHS/DVD | Israel, Subtitled
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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. Judith, a Rabbi's daughter, declares her sexuality openly as she believes "lies are the worst sin on earth."

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

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

Evelyn Torton Beck, Ph.D. Professor Emerita,
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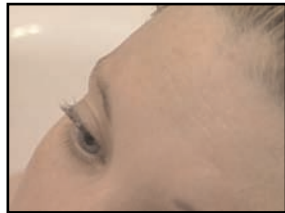
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Anat Zuria
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Israeli filmmaker Anat Zuria examines the *Tharat Hamishpaha* (family purity), the ancient laws and rituals shaping women's lives and sexuality within Jewish Orthodoxy. Winner of the Mayor Award for Best Documentary at the Jerusalem International Film Festival and Best Director, One World Human Rights Film Festival. Broadcast on the Sundance Channel.

Ruthie & Connie: Every Room in the House

Deborah Dickson
Produced by Donald Goldmacher
2002, 56 minutes
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In 1974, Ruthie Berman and Connie Kurtz left their families and moved in with each other. Twenty years later, they made history in a landmark lawsuit winning domestic partner benefits for all New York City employees - turning these two Jewish lesbian grandmothers into national icons. Broadcast on Cinemax.

My Sister, My Bride

Bonnie Burt, 2004, 26 minutes, Color, VHS/DVD **List Price: \$195, Order #J07878**

A story of love, marriage and the Constitution, this touching documentary follows the heartwarming and historic journey of two Jewish lesbians as they seek to celebrate their commitment to one another.



My Land Zion

Yulie Cohen Gerstel, 2004, 57 minutes, Color, VHS/DVD, Israel **List Price: \$295, Order #J07664**

In this provocative personal essay, sixth generation Israeli Yulie Cohen Gerstel grapples with the "official" history of her country and the reality she sees around her.

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In 1978, filmmaker Yulie Cohen Gerstel was wounded in a terrorist attack. Twenty-three years later Gerstel began questioning the causes of violence between Israelis and Palestinians and started to consider helping release the man who almost killed her.



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Martha Lubell & Barbara Attie, 1999, 57 minutes, Color, VHS/DVD **List Price \$295, Order #J07653**

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