

My Sister, My Bride

A film by Bonnie Burt



Documentary, 2004
26 min, Video, Color

CREDITS

Director/Producer/Cinematographer: Bonnie Burt
Editing: Bonnie Burt, Rick Giachino, Ed Rudolph
Cast/Characters: J. Farrell Cafferata and Caren Jenkins



SYNOPSIS

As the issue of gay marriage grips the country, this touching documentary follows the heartwarming and historic journey of two Jewish lesbians as they seek to celebrate their commitment to one another. Partners for five years, Farrell and Caren simply want to officially acknowledge their relationship like any other couple in love. Supported by their temple community in Nevada, the women put their own personal twist on a Jewish affirmation ceremony by creating their own: a B'rit Ahuvah. Two years later, when San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom orders the County Clerk to begin issuing same-sex marriage licenses, Farrell and Caren travel from Nevada—with a new baby in tow—to be married at San Francisco City Hall in a civil ceremony. Together with thousands of other hopeful couples, they participate in what has become a defining moment in the ongoing struggle for equality in this country. A story of love, marriage and the Constitution, MY SISTER, MY BRIDE personalizes the current legal debates and serves as a testament to the sheer determination of couples and families fighting for their right to love.

FESTIVALS

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- Through Women's Eyes Film Festival
- San Francisco Jewish Film Festival
- Boston Jewish Film Festival
- Washington DC Jewish Film Festival
- Maine Jewish Film Festival
- Jerusalem Jewish Film Festival
- Philadelphia Gay & Lesbian Film Festival
- Immaginaria International Women's Film Festival
- Bloomington Pride

DIRECTOR'S BIOGRAPHY

Bonnie Burt has been documenting Jewish life for over 20 years. Previous works include: A HOME ON THE RANGE: THE JEWISH CHICKEN RANCHERS OF PETALUMA, SONG OF A JEWISH COWBOY, ABRAHAM AND EUGENIA: STORIES FROM JEWISH CUBA and TREES CRY FOR RAIN: A SEPHARDIC JOURNEY which have all premiered at the San Francisco Jewish Film Festival. Burt's films have been shown at film festivals world wide as well as in museums and on television. She lives in the Bay area with her husband and teenage son.