



**Love under Apartheid: Palestinians and Israel's Discriminatory Marriage Laws**

- Israel Apartheid Week Valentine's Day Event -  
(Bring chocolate and wine to share! Some will be provided.)  
Film and Discussion

At the Brecht Forum, February 14, 7:30 – 9:45 pm.

In 2003, the Israeli Knesset passed an amendment to its Nationality Law that barred Palestinians who marry Israeli citizens from obtaining citizenship or residency. It justified this law by invoking "security measures." Since then, Palestinian citizens of Israel (who are a fifth of Israel's population) married to Palestinians in the Occupied Territories have been forced to leave Israel or live apart from their spouses. In 2006, the Israeli Supreme Court upheld the amendment and affirmed the racist practice of treating Palestinians as a demographic threat.

<http://www.zmag.org/content/showarticle.cfm?ItemID=10321>

Join us for a discussion on Israel's marriage laws and the systematic discrimination against Palestinian citizens of Israel with:

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followed by a screening of:

**Just Married**, directed by Ayelet Bechar (Israel, 2005).

Synopsis: A wedding hall in Israel. Kifah Massarwi, a Palestinian citizen of Israeli, has organized a wedding for herself, minus the groom. With intimacy and affection, the film follows two couples confronting laws that seek to keep them apart. (Still from film above.)

**71 mins. Arabic and Hebrew with English subtitles.**

<http://www.cornerhouse.org/film/info.aspx?ID=2291&page=0>

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The Brecht Forum is on 451 West Street (that's West Side Highway) between Bank and Bethune streets. See <http://www.brechtforum.org/events/n-directions.php> for additional directions.

*Israeli Apartheid Week (IAW) will be a weeklong series of events held across New York City, in coordination with several other cities around the world to promote support for the international boycott, divestment, and sanctions campaign called for by over 170 Palestinian civil society organizations in July 2005. For more information please visit <http://www.bds-palestine.net> .*

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