

American Birthright



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AMERICAN BIRTHRIGHT

Running Time:

66 minutes

Directed By:

Becky Tahel

Produced By:

Becky Tahel p.g.a

Executive Producer:

Erin Marie Davis

Associate Producer:

Nathan Ben David

Production Company:

Go Tahel Productions

Edited by:

Erin Marie Davis

Music by:

Daniel Markovich



SYNOPSIS

American Birthright is a feature-length documentary that follows an Israeli-American's grapple with religion, love, and identity after her younger sister marries outside the faith. Becky journeys to carve out her identity as an Israeli immigrant in Los Angeles by consulting a handful of Rabbis, religious experts, mentors, and family around her initial question, "should I marry Jewish?". What she finds changes her initial question to "why be Jewish?" & shifts the very course of her life. *AB* isn't a solely Jewish story — Becky gives an authentic voice to those struggling to fit in, find their purpose and identity, and own their individuality in a world that begs assimilation.

DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

The mere fact that no other film tackles interfaith marriage in such a way makes it all the more clear to me: it's time for bigger and bolder conversations such as these, conversations that embrace tension and difficulty whilst maintaining a love that honor all parts of the whole. It's time to explore the darkest corners of the human condition and conversation: religion, love, the intersection of faith and family, and acceptance. It's time to dig deep and step into truth. It's time for AMERICAN BIRTHRIGHT.

This 6-year-long docu-journey shook me to the core. AB chose me during a time when I was grappling with one of the biggest questions of my life "why be Jewish", a question that initially sounded more like "why marry Jewish" and shapeshifted midway through its answering. The answers I found altered my reality, and the process I underwent changed me to my core.

It is my firm belief that this film holds within it the potent power to globally awaken its audience to take responsibility for their lives, to ask the real questions, and to fight for truth in a post-truth era. Especially now, as antisemitism overwhelmingly rises up in sneaky and terrifying ways, it is my wish that this film not only inspire but educate about the Jewish tradition in a way that is both intellectual and heart-centered. I believe this film has the potential to unite, intrinsically inspire personal growth & education, and encourage healthy relationships whereby people are loved & heard despite any perceived separateness. I believe in AMERICAN BIRTHRIGHT, and am thrilled to see my baby walk in the world, just as I walked with my burning questions throughout its production.



DIRECTOR, Becky Tahel

Becky Tahel is an Israeli born, Los Angeles based creator of conscious content. As an international writer/producer, she created the interfaith marriage & Jewish identity documentary *American Birthright*, which has garnered international acclaim. She was most recently the Senior Writer/Producer at Jay Shetty's Global Media Company, where she produced over 30 million views for a handful of global influencers.

Becky founded **Mannafest Media**, a conscious content studio, with her husband Nathan Ben David. As an advocate for ethically sourced content & the use of content creation as a self-development tool, Becky consults & speaks globally.





PRAISE

“*American Birthright* is a significant film that follows an honest and complex search for truth and religious identity.” — **Judy Gruen, *Aish*** | [SOURCE](#)

“For a woman who was making her first documentary film, this effort is amazing. I had a wonderful time watching this film, self-examining my own life as it related to hers. And thinking of others in my life who live on both sides of this idea/question of interfaith marriages and, at its core, faith as you as a person see and experience it.” — **John Strange, *Selig Film News*** | [SOURCE](#)

“*American Birthright* will make any viewer question what it means to be of any religious background and on a broader level - what it means to be human. Recommended.” — **Mark Sugiyama, *Eclectic Arts*** | [SOURCE](#)

AWARDS

Indie Spirit Award - Best Documentary Director (Idyllwild Intl Festival of Cinema)

Audience Choice Award - Best Documentary Feature Film (Seattle Jewish Film Festival)

Audience Choice Award - Best Virtual Conversation (Seattle Jewish Film Festival)

CREDITS

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LINKS

Official Poster: <https://bit.ly/3EOUAQx>

Trailer: <https://youtu.be/xorImEgTJps>

Film + Production Stills - <https://bit.ly/3vUljpS>

Director's Headshot - <https://bit.ly/3xFYY0m>

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