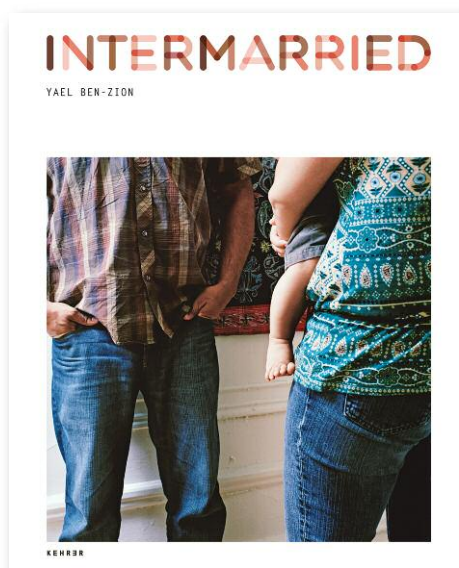




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Yael Ben-Zion uses photography and text to reflect on intermarriage.

Following her award-winning monograph *5683 miles away* (Kehrer 2010), in *Intermarried* Yael Ben-Zion fixes her camera on another personal but politically charged theme: intermarriage. Ben-Zion initiated the project in 2009 by contacting an online parent group in Washington Heights, her Manhattan neighborhood, inviting couples who define themselves as »mixed« to participate. Her own marriage »mixed,« she was interested in the many challenges faced by couples who choose to share their lives regardless of their different origins, ethnicities, races or religions.

Through layered images and revealing texts (including excerpts from a questionnaire she asked her subjects to fill out), *Intermarried* weaves together fragments of reality to compose a subtle narrative that deals with the multifaceted issues posed by intermarriage.

»Richly saturated with color and light, the imagery of Ben-Zion's artful and intimate photographs is, in turn, routine, compelling, and surprising. Sometimes focused on people, other times only on the artifacts they live with and the spaces they live in, these dy-

namic views of everyday life serve as a window onto larger historical, cultural, and social issues.«

Maurice Berger

Yael Ben-Zion was born in Minneapolis and raised in Israel. She is a graduate of the International Center of Photography's General Studies Program.

Ben Zion's work has been exhibited in the United States and in Europe and she is the recipient of various grants and awards, including recent grants from NoMAA and the Puffin Foundation. In 2007, her photograph *Crash* was selected for the cover of *American Photography* 23. Ben-Zion's first monograph *5683 miles away* was selected as one of photo-eye's Best Books of 2010 and for the PDN Photo Annual 2011. It was also a nominee for the German Photo Book Award 2011. She lives and works in New York.

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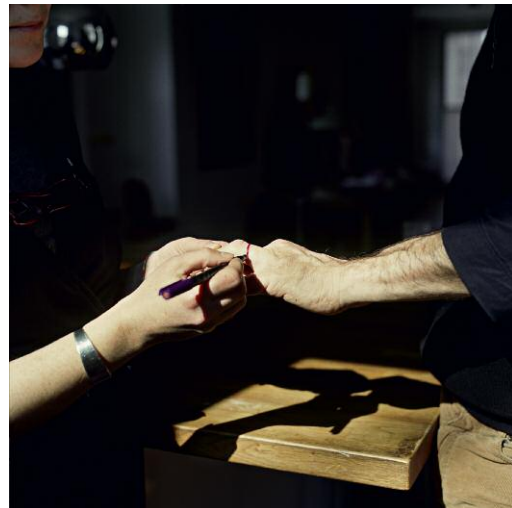
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