



# ATARA

For you, who has not yet found the one  
2019

This book is part of the contemporary dance project **ATARA** inspired by female orthodox jewish practice.

**ATARA** revolves around different perspectives of orthodox and secular women towards gender roles, family structures and the female body.

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Its not good to take  
advice from mothers







for boys it is different, boys are  
different



in my age, that's already stressful

we came to this world to give and  
not to take





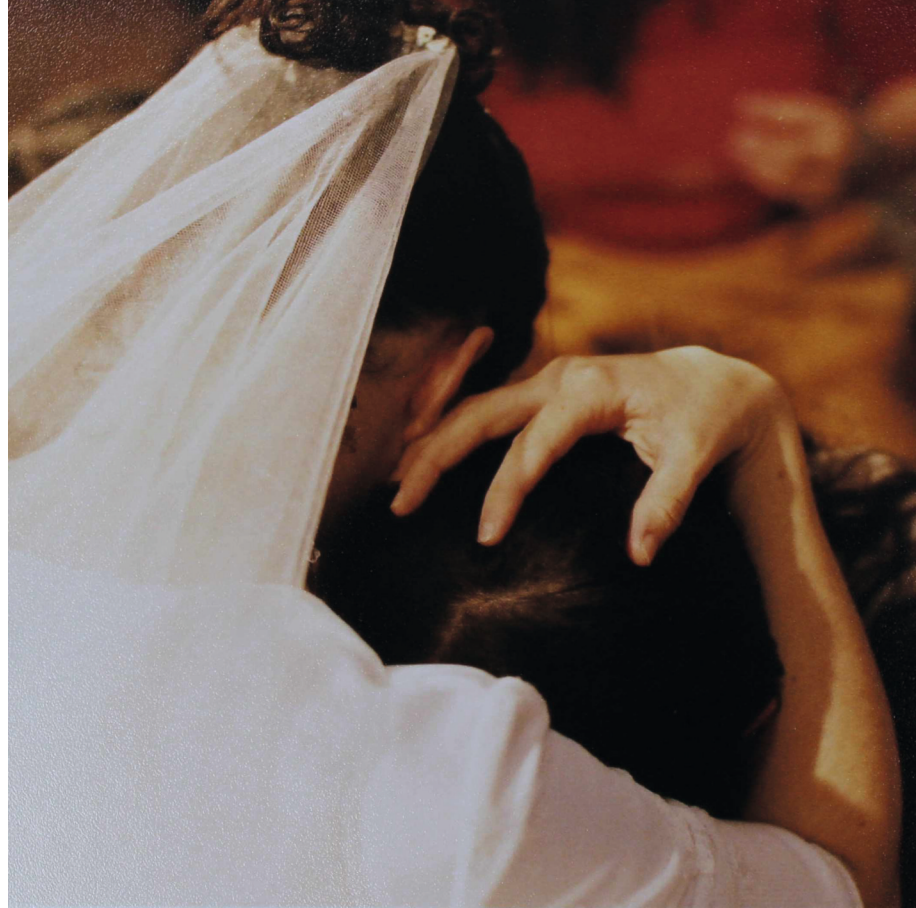
I have single friends

they cry and cry and cry

I am a good girl this is my nature



God created the woman in such a way





I see myself, it's  
we should do something against  
hard and it hurts  
this guilt

We have very clear rules



some women did not protect  
themselves





I changed

How old are you?









I'm never going to be perfect

today, I would have done  
things differently

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During the research of this work, I spend time interviewing and photographing about 10 orthodox, observant and secular women living in Hamburg, Israel and New York City, such as my close family members. I owe great respect to your sharing of experience, knowledge, personal opinions and time. This project is strongly inspired by those conversations, my personal involvement with Jewish orthodox females.

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