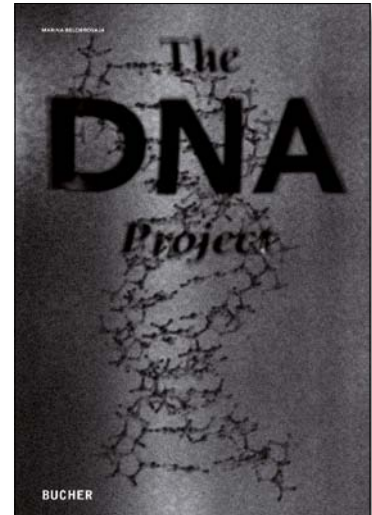


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### Marina Belobrovaja The DNA Project

Jews have been dealing with the question of their own identity from time immemorial—after all, there are no final answers. This is going to change according to geneticists, and they bring a test on the market that promises clarification. Well, while this applied technology might be innovative, the hypothesis of the existence of a “Jewish gene” does not seem to be new at all.

The Zurich artist Marina Belobrovaja took the invitation to the Hohenems exhibition “A Certain Jewish Something” as an opportunity to inquire into this phenomenon.

Her artistic research in the form of 40 personal statements from Switzerland, Germany, Israel and Ukraine resulted in the bilingual (English and German) art publication »The DNA-Project”.

“ I am a Jew, because my mother is. My father ... anyway, that does not matter. My father had to convert because my grandmother was Christian. My grandfather was a Jew. Just like this extremely nice guy here. Very cute. What sad thoughts he has! My dear fellow, if you feel like a Jew, then you are one. As far as I’m concerned: you are most definitely. (Aviv Russ) ”



Marina Belobrovaja was born 1976 in Kiev, USSR. After her emigration to Israel and her later move to Germany she studied art (1998 – 2004) and art education (2004 – 2007) at the University of Arts in Berlin and Zurich. She concentrates on performance. Her actions provokingly and playfully focus on political and social phenomena. She is living in Zurich.

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