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- RUTH SPENCER, LOCAL 4 NEWS

# JUMP START

**OVERHEARD**

"I have learned to be a better person, to show integrity and I've learned manners."

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**TRIUMPHS**

## Student finds courage in her art

By **CHRISTY DUAN**  
 FREE PRESS SPECIAL WRITER

For Naomi Zaslow, Orthodox Judaism gave her a clear path in life. She'd go to Jewish school and Jewish summer camp. After high school, she'd get married, or maybe go to a Jewish college in New York and then get married.

But since her birth on the Sabbath, a holy day of rest, Zaslow has proven restless.

She followed a different path, graduating from the University of Michigan School of Art and Design. That path also has led her to accept her sexual orientation.

Although the Miami native usually is hidden behind a camera, Zaslow's photographs show that she has nothing to hide.

Through "unOrthodox," her senior thesis, Zaslow deconstructs her identity with eight photographs accompanied by audio of her creative nonfiction writing.

"It's like the idea of intersectionality," said Zaslow, 22, of Ann Arbor. "Which is more important: being queer, a woman or Jewish? None can be. There are so many facets of identity that come into play. It's a sum of all those parts."

Facing the decision of a religious or gay community, Zaslow chose a third option. She chose to become Post Denominational. She's involved within the Orthodox Jewish community but adopts aspects relevant to her life.

"When I make art, I want people to feel when they look at it. It's not a matter of 'Is this a pretty picture or not?'" Zaslow said. "People felt something. People started to cry."

But before she accepted her own identity, she was struggling to find her place



Photo from Naomi Zaslow

Naomi Zaslow, 22, of Ann Arbor has used her senior thesis, "unOrthodox," to deconstruct her identity.

in the community.

"All the other girls were fawning over young men in their pubescent glory. I wasn't attracted to them. They had acne. They were my friends," she recalled of her 12-year-old self.

"I tried to foster that 'I'm straight, I'm straight, I'm straight.' I thought of all the guys in class. I would think, 'Well, he's good at math and he likes 'Star Wars,' so it's not a total lie if I said I like him.'"

In an attempt to closet herself, Zaslow covered the walls of her room with posters of boys.

When she read a Newsweek article about Matthew Shepard, a gay student from the University of Wisconsin who was robbed, tortured and left to die, Zaslow was distraught. She sat on her flowered bedspread and wept as posters of Seth Green, Blink-182 and the Beastie Boys surrounded her.

Even though she convinced herself that she was

straight, Zaslow would secretly retrieve a gay life column from the garbage after her father edited the paper.

Locking herself in the bathroom, she would spread the forbidden pages on the linoleum floor and read.

Before she knew it, she had spent three years poring over the column.

Amid lectures reproaching so-called deviant behavior and a classmate's denial of the existence of gay Jews, Zaslow created an art portfolio centered on a fictional girl about to die.

"I never expressed to my friends or art teacher that the reason why this girl felt she could never go to heaven was because she was gay. But when people saw it, they understood that I was depressed," Zaslow said. "One night, I realized that if I didn't tell someone, it would be very hard for me to keep surviving."

Although no one in the class earned higher than a two — or a D in a college-

level art course — the experience made Zaslow realize that she needed to come out.

Since then, she has come out to her friends, brother and mother, but not her father.

"My mom wasn't surprised. My father probably already knows it, but you just don't see what you don't want to see. Self-editing is a huge problem, but between our parents and us, things are so different," Zaslow said.

For those facing similar challenges, Zaslow urges caution — and hope.

"It feels trite, but you're not alone. Because people do feel alone. It's scary. If you reach out, bad things can happen, do happen," Zaslow said. "But sometimes you do need to take the risk. There are places where you can find support. Things do get better."

"I figured it out in my own way — through art."

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PAUL SANCTA/Associated Press

On an article on the five-year anniversary of a blackout that knocked out power to 6 million Michiganders: "The Power companies should be FORCED to start burying cables where they are in woods or near trees. I know this can't be done overnight, but the sooner they are FORCED to start, the sooner it will be completed." — [lrmw1947](http://lrmw1947)

On an article about a prayer service in Detroit to pray for the city: "Howabout forget the prayer session and sign the real petition and get this guy out of office before there is no 'D' left at all!!!!" — [Doverspike](http://Doverspike)

On an article on Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick allegedly violating his bond by meeting with his sister, a witness in the assault case against him: "Now, with this outlandish act he has completely corrupted the judicial process for this case, yea, like he didn't know what would happen. He needs to be stripped of all protections and placed in general population with the rest of the upstanding citizens from Wayne County." — [myvote](http://myvote)

On a column by driving columnist Matt

Helms on the proper way to perform a Michigan Left: "When I first moved to MI. I was constantly turning around, overshooting my destination, making illegal turns accidentally, getting lost, all as a result of the stupid MI. left... The other 49 states can agree that going left to go left is easier than going straight, then right, then left to go left; why the heck can't MI??!" — [qube808](http://qube808)

On an article on gas prices getting lower: "Have you noticed, it is getting closer to the Labor Day Holiday? It is customary of the American oil companies to give a Holiday gift to us Americans by raising the prices at the pump." — [nemol](http://nemol)

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 Evening .....769 and 2618  
 Fantasy 5 .....6, 13, 18, 19, 36  
 Keno 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 23, 25, 34, 37, 42, 45, 49, 50, 54, 57, 59, 60, 61, 64, 68, 70, 77.  
 Tuesday's Mega Millions jackpot .....\$56 million  
 Wednesday's Classic Lotto 47 jackpot .....\$3.1 million

**Ohio**  
 Monday Pick 3 and 4  
 Midday .....699 and 7459  
 Evening .....359 and 8385  
 Classic Lotto .....2, 6, 10, 28, 42, 49  
 Rolling Cash 5 .....5, 12, 19, 35, 37  
 Ten-Oh Numbers  
 Midday 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 25, 31, 39, 42, 48, 53, 56, 57, 60, 61, 70, 76, 77, 78  
 Evening 2, 3, 13, 16, 23, 29, 31, 36, 37, 41, 47, 50, 51, 53, 55, 57, 59, 64, 71, 75

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