

Press Release

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[Antisocial Distance](#) now available to binge, free!

Set over Passover of 2020, *Antisocial Distance* stars: Steven Weber (*Wings*, *13 Reasons Why*), Rose McIver (*iZombie*, *Woke*), Utkarsh Ambudkar (*Pitch Perfect*, *Mulan*), Amir Blumenfeld (*Jake & Amir*), Christina Kartchner (*Netflix's Never Have I Ever*), Joe Cobden (*The United States vs. Billie Holiday*), and Avital Ash (FX's *Cake*).

Creator/Star Avital Ash has a history of creating viral content on a micro-budget. Her acclaimed series *7p/10e*, set entirely on Skype, went on to inspire two CBS pilots, produced by the creators of *How I Met Your Mother*.

Antisocial Distance was created, directed, edited, and written by Avital Ash and co-produced by Livia Treviño. The two-woman production team, along with the impressive cast, brought the series to life virtually, using video chat and smartphones to capture audio and video. The semi-scripted episodes necessitated collaboration from California, New Zealand, England, Canada, and Texas, with Avital directing over Zoom.

Logline: When Covid-19 forces a Passover at the start of lockdown, a people-pleasing therapist must face who she is and what she wants to find freedom. With her hunt for a dog to adopt, a secret dating profile, family issues, and a spiritual crisis, this quarantine is a lot more than she bargained for -- and it's only April.

Per Avital: "Rather than develop a show *about* COVID-19, I was, and am, interested in how induced isolation facilitates a reckoning with ourselves, and how funny and painful that face-off can be."

Per Livia: "The story in *Antisocial Distance* is one that a lot of people will relate to. It's unflinchingly honest about the realities of living through a pandemic and still manages to be hilarious. Being a first-time producer during a time like this was challenging, but I knew the story was too important not to tell."

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Series Information

Title

Antisocial Distance

Logline

When Covid-19 forces a Passover in lockdown, a people-pleasing therapist must face who she is and what she wants in order to find freedom.

Synopsis

When a charming but overly-accommodating therapist is confined to her home during the spread of Covid-19, it becomes increasingly difficult to avoid herself, her partner, and her many desires that don't align with her Orthodox Jewish upbringing.

Will burying herself in her job, Zoom dates with strangers, and the hunt for a new dog be enough to tide her over, or are these inclinations leading to an inevitable need for change? Watch as she finds new and creative ways to evade herself.

Set during Passover of 2020, our unassured heroine (Avital Ash) clashes with dog fosters (Steven Weber, Utkarsh Ambudkar, Galen Swords, Andrew Gurland, Kenny Hillman), love interests (Rose Mclver, Amir Blumenfeld, Christina Kartchner, Ellington Wells, Joe Cobden, Asha Wilson) and her family (Gabriel Sunday and Jessie Kahnweiler).

Mirroring the 8 days of Passover, with multiple episodes taking place on each "day," this romantic-dramedy is hyper-bingeable at antisocialdistance.com or Passover2020.com



Director's Statement

This is definitely a story borne out of the desire to be creative during a shutdown.

Rather than develop a show *about* COVID-19, I'm interested in how induced isolation facilitates a reckoning with *ourselves*, and how funny and painful that face-off can be.

I grew up an Orthodox Jew and, in the throes of a quarantined Passover in 2020, "upholding traditions" began to feel more and more like suppressing parts of myself. Passover, it dawned on me, is meant to be about freedom; instead I'd been confined to a lockup of my own making.

Being bisexual is not something I talk about — least of all with family — but in the process of making this series, I came out to my mom. (And, at least in my case, Mom is sort of the disseminator of information to the family.)

My relationship to religion, spirituality, and sexuality are complicated. This project created an opportunity to explore these areas, collaborating with other queer women, trans friends, and even a rabbi with an Orthodox background at a liberal temple.

With *Antisocial Distance*, I hope to ask questions that resonate with others, even if no one has concrete answers.

Thanks for watching.

Love,
Avital

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Links

Homepage - AntisocialDistance.com

YouTube - youtube.com/antisocialdistance

YouTube series playlist - [Playlist](#)

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Credits

Avital Ash	Josephine
Ellington Wells	Amber
Christina Kartchner	Margot
Steven Weber	John
Rose McIver	Mary
Utkarsh Ambudkar	Nate
Amir Blumenfeld	Guy
Joe Cobden	Marty
Asha Michelle Wilson	Jasmine
Jessie Kahnweiler	Rebecca
Gabriel Sunday	Saul
Geoffrey James	Rajiv
Stevie Nelson	Rachel
Rachel Wolfson	Natalia
Andrew and Darcy Gurland	Themselves
Galen Swords	Debbie
Kenny Hillman	Dennis
Lindsey Rose Naves	Izzy
Giselle Gilbert	Helen
CJ Franco	Stella
Jessica Richards	Lucy
Rabbi David Kasher	Himself
Director/Writer/Editor/Producer	Avital Ash
Co-Producer	Livia Treviño

Bios

[Avital Ash](#) - Director/Writer/Editor/Producer

Avital is an actor, writer, director, and stand-up who has amassed over 50 million views for her female-driven content. Her series, “7p/10e” went on to inspire two CBS pilots, executive produced by the creators of “How I Met Your Mother.” She created and starred in a series for Maker (RIP), penned a script for Super Deluxe (RIP again), and plays Marie, a recurring guest star on FX's “Cake.” She lives with her dog, Luke.



[Livia Treviño](#) - Producer

Livia is a multi-hyphenate that uses her combined experience in public relations, social media, and design to create unique ways to help creatives tell their stories. Her experience spans across several industries, including entertainment, small business/entrepreneurs, local government, and education. “Antisocial Distance” is Livia’s first project as a producer. She lives in Austin with her cat, Ari.



Christina Kartchner

Christina Kartchner is an actor and comedian. Most recently you can catch her in Mindy Kaling’s “Never Have I Ever” on Netflix. She studied at Upright Citizens Brigade and her two-woman team “Your Friends” has performed all over LA. You should also know that she’s incredibly smart, but doesn’t have the credentials to prove it.



Asha Michelle Wilson

Asha Michelle Wilson is a writer and actor based in Los Angeles and London. She has written on shows for Netflix and FX, including “American Horror Story” and “Archer”. Recently, her short film “Friends Like These” (which she produced, wrote, catered, and acted in) won Best Live Action Short Film in the London Shorts Film Festival. She also once did such a great five minute stand up set that she vowed to never try it again. Currently, she is writing for a new animated comedy for Amazon, and developing a sitcom in the U.K.

**Steven Weber**

Steven Weber is an actor, voice actor, comedian and singer. Best known for his role on the NBC sitcom “Wings,” he was recently a regular on their show “Indebted.” He’s also had recurring roles on “13 Reasons Why”, “iZombie”, “NCIS: New Orleans”, and Stephen King’s limited series “The Shining”. Outside of his prolific television career, Steven has also acted in films like “The Perfection” and “Handsome: A Netflix Mystery Movie.” You can currently watch him on “Chicago Med”.

**Rose McIver**

Rose McIver is a New Zealand actress, best known for her role as Olivia “Liv” Moore on “iZombie” and the “Christmas Prince” trilogy on Netflix. She can be seen in Hulu’s “Woke,” and the upcoming American reboot of BBC comedy, “Ghosts” with fellow “Antisocial Distance” cast member, Utkarsh Ambudkar.



Utkarsh Ambudkar (a.k.a. UTK the INC)

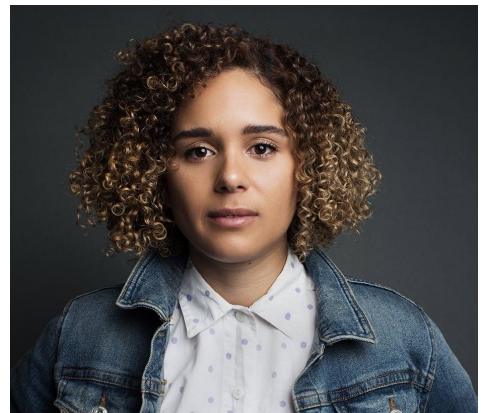
Utkarsh Ambudkar is an actor, rapper, and singer. He's appeared in "Pitch Perfect", "The Mindy Project", "Brittany Runs a Marathon", "Mulan", and "Godmothered." Utkarsh also performed with *Freestyle Love Supreme*, an improv-rap troupe started by Lin-Manuel Miranda, on Broadway. He stars in the upcoming American reboot of BBC comedy "Ghosts."

**Amir Blumenfeld**

Amir Blumenfeld is a comedian, actor, writer, podcaster, and half of the comedy duo *Jake and Amir*. Best known for his roles on the College Humor series, "Jake and Amir" and "Lonely and Horny," he also starred in, "A Very Harold & Kumar 3D Christmas." Currently, he hosts podcasts "If I Were You" and "Buckets" on Headgum, the podcast network he co-founded.

**Ellington Wells**

Ellington Wells is a writer on "Lazor Wulf" (Adult Swim), "New Negroes" (Comedy Central), and a stand up comedian living in Los Angeles. Racially ambiguous and not afraid to use that to her advantage, she pushes the boundaries of (fe)male comedy. Watch out, here she comes!



Stills



Utkarsh Ambudkar and Avital Ash



Jessie Kahnweiler, Gabriel Sunday, and Avital Ash



Steven Weber and Avital Ash



Rose McIver and Avital Ash



Rachel Wolfson and Avital Ash



Geoffrey James and Avital Ash

Behind the Scenes



Ellington Wells with Thomas



Asha Michelle Wilson and Avital Ash



Christina Kartchner and Avital Ash



Giselle Gilbert, Lindsey Naves, Avital Ash, Christina Kartchner, and Ellington Wells



Steven Weber