Record Nr. UNISA996552354303316 Autore Lahad Kinneret Titolo A Table for One: A Critical Reading of Singlehood, Gender and Time // Kinneret Lahad Pubbl/distr/stampa Manchester,: Manchester University Press, 2017 Manchester, UK:,: Manchester University Press,, 2017 ©2017 **ISBN** 1-5261-1636-7 1-5261-1635-9 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (viii, 153 pages) : digital, PDF file(s) Disciplina 306.8153 Time - Social aspects Soggetti Single women - Israel - Social conditions Single women - Social conditions Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references (pages 134-150) and index. Nota di contenuto 1. Introduction -- 2. The linear life-course imperative -- 3. Singlehood as an unscheduled status passage -- 4. Facing the horror: becoming an "old maid" -- 5. On commodification: from wasted time to damaged goods -- 6. Taking a break -- 7. Waiting and gueuing -- 8. Time work: keeping up appearances -- 9. Discussion: another time. "What are you waiting for?" "Stop wasting your time!" "You will die Sommario/riassunto alone." These are some of the questions and warnings that single women hear on an everyday basis. Single women are constantly being asked whether they are still single or will married next or soon. "Still", "ever-after", "waste of time"; all these form part of the rich language of time. This book argues that time plays a crucial rule in the discursive formation of female singlehood and that our common understanding of singlehood is dominated by underlying temporal models, premises and concepts. By adopting an interdisciplinary approach and integrating different theoretical realms and perspectives, this book paves way for a

new theorization of singlehood and time.