

The Newsletter of The Hebrew Home at Riverdale



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## Over 40 Centenarian Residents Honored by Hebrew Home at The Barsky Tea & Concert

On January 23, 2011, The Hebrew Home at Riverdale honored over 40 centenarians living at the Home at the Barsky Tea & Concert in the Jacob Reingold Pavilion Winter Garden. The upscale tea party celebrated all current residents who are 100 years or older. Forty-one centenarians attended, joined by hundreds of family members, staff, and residents.

The event was created by Mrs. Corrine Barsky and her daughter, Robyn. After learning about the Home's many centenarians, both women felt that they should mark this milestone in a special way.

"Turning 100 is a significant milestone and achievement, and the fact that we have over 40 centenarians at the Home is certainly a very worthy cause for celebration," said Daniel Reingold, President and CEO of the Home. "The Home appreciates the Barsky's generosity, which allowed us to give our centenarians this deserved tribute. We hope the tea party will become a tradition for our community that will continue from generation to generation."

## HHAR Awarded Association for Jewish Aging Services Program Award

The Hebrew Home at Riverdale received an AJAS 2011 Program Award for the programs of the Derfner Judaica Museum. This award recognizes Jewish programs developed and implemented by AJAS organizations which are innovative, creative and specifically designed to enhance the spiritual well-being of the older adults they serve. The award was presented to Daniel Reingold at the annual AJAS meeting in Dallas in March.



Mark-Making:  
The Presence of Line



Janice Caswell, *Port Mungo* (detail), 2006, ink, paper, pins, beads, enamel on paper, mounted on aluminum-backed archival foam board, 31 x 39 inches. Courtesy the artist and Schroeder Romero & Shredder.



Nancy Storrow, *Garland* (detail), 2007, pastel on paper, 20 x 19 inches. Courtesy the artist.

This work is included in the exhibition *Mark-Making: The Presence of Line*, on view in the lobby gallery of the Elma and Milton A. Gilbert Pavilion through June 19.

Derfner Judaica Museum + The Art Collection Exhibitions  
Bring Residents, Visitors and Artists Together

The opening receptions this past March of two exhibitions, one in the Derfner Judaica Museum and the other in the lobby gallery of the Milton and Elma A. Gilbert Pavilion, brought together residents, families and visitors from the wider community with artists to speak about their work and engage in meaningful dialogue. In the Museum, *Micaela Amato: Exile Traces* opened on March 6 and will be on view through May 22. In the Gilbert Pavilion, eight artists are participating in the group show, *Mark-Making: The Presence of Line*, which opened on March 29 and will be on through June 19.

Amato's exhibition features 16 works from three series – *Ancestral Traces* (2002-2004), *Exiles and Nomads* (1997-2006) and *Ants and Luminous Insects* (2004). These include transparent photograph collages, gouache paintings on wood and drawings on Japanese paper. Many of Amato's works utilize handwritten text, montage, collage and multiple viewpoints. She has exhibited widely since the 1970s, including autobiographical mixed media works that draw on her Sephardi Jewish heritage.



Micaela Amato, *Etruscan Man*, (detail), 2006, digital photographic collage, 21 ½ x 29 inches.

Visitors view the gouache paintings on display during the opening reception of *Micaela Amato: Exile Traces* in the Derfner Judaica Museum on March 6. The exhibition remains on view through May 22.





### Award for Excellence

In early January, The New York State Bar Association Award for Excellence in Public Service was presented to Joy Solomon, Esq., Director and Managing Attorney of The Harry & Jeanette Weinberg Center for Elder Abuse Prevention.

The Weinberg Center for Elder Abuse Prevention at the Hebrew Home, an elder abuse prevention and intervention program for elderly living in the community, opened its doors in 2005. To date, the Center has provided over 20,000 shelter days to victims of abuse.

### A Lecture on Looted Art

On March 9, *The Daily News* covered a talk and published a story on Nazi-era looted art presented at the Derfner Judaica Museum by Karen Franklin, a genealogist and former director of the Judaica Museum.

Mrs. Franklin shared her personal insights into how genealogical research has helped her to solve several cases of Nazi-era looted art in the Netherlands, Germany and Ukraine. Featured in her talk was an 18th-century seder plate from the Museum collection (currently on view) that Mrs. Franklin discovered had actually not been looted, although the original donor of the work feared that it had been stolen from a Jewish family in Germany. She will return to the Museum this summer for a talk on her current project researching rescue activities of the Lehman family in the 1930s and 1940s.



### Living Well Quality of Life 2011 Family & Friends Campaign

We've recently launched the Living Well Quality of Life 2011 Family & Friends Campaign. This campaign provides the essential funds needed to support programs and services such as art, music and pet therapy, yoga, concerts, lectures, educational learning and shelter to elder abuse victims.

We need your help now more than ever. Prior and upcoming budget cuts mean that the Hebrew Home will have less funding available for our quality of life programs. To Donate and Join the Campaign Today **click here**.

To learn more about how you can support the Home and Campaign. Please contact the Development Office at **781-581-1234** or **development@hebrewhome.org**



## The Greenberg Memory Center Mapping Memory Care

The Greenberg Memory Center is the nation's first residential memory support setting, created by joining two traditional neighborhoods into an indoor promenade of interactive living and programming spaces. The Greenberg Memory Center's environment has been transformed into a home-like, hospitality setting, with newly re-designed and named spaces including Greenberg Memory Center Promenade, Family Room and Kitchenette, Art Center replete with Art Studio and Multiplex, Dining Room and Café, and Sanctuary.

We are now full-on into the programmatic development phase, in building upon a holistic and complementary model of care featuring yoga, meditation, massage, fitness, exercise, art and pet therapies. In addition, neighborhood spaces will come alive with wall-mounted interactive boards, making a stroll through our indoor promenade an exercise of brain and physical health to build upon and inspire what is left and not what is lost in those with Alzheimer's and dementia.

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## May is Jewish American Heritage Month

Friends and families are invited to celebrate Jewish American Heritage Month with our residents at the Derfner Judaica Museum this month. Shelomo Alfassá will speak on "Sephardic Jewish History: An Overview – From Spain and Portugal to New York City" on May 18 at 1:30 p.m. Mr. Alfassá is a writer, author, editor, curator and historian, whose focus has been on Iberian and Ottoman Jewish history, culture and *halakha* (Jewish law). He comes from a family of Ladino-speaking Spanish Jews from Ottoman Turkey and the island of Rhodes.

Please RSVP [ecoleary@hebrewhome.org](mailto:ecoleary@hebrewhome.org) or 718 581-1596.