



Women's Caucus for Art National Conference
"Digging Deeper to Build New Paradigms"
Boston Sheraton, February 20-21, 2006

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(Newton, MA–February 1, 2006) Mayyim Hayyim Gallery Launches Inaugural Exhibiton

"everything begins in the water"

January 8 thru March 26 2006, The Mayyim Hayyim Gallery, of the Mayyim Hayyim Living Waters Community Mikveh and Education Center, Newton

This New England Regional Juried Show will coincide with the National Conference in Boston of the Women's Caucus for Art, "Digging Deeper to Build New Paradigms," February 19-21, 2006. Jurors for the exhibition are Judi Rotenberg of Newton, an accomplished painter and founder of the Judi Rotenberg Gallery on Newbury Street in Boston and co-owner of the Square Circle Gallery in Rockport, MA, and Abigail Ross of Cambridge, Director of the Judi Rotenberg Gallery.

"The 23 artists in the juried exhibition were selected from among 75 regional artists who submitted work," said Ms. Rotenberg. "This is a stunning array of work which spans an exciting and varied spectrum of styles and media, from oils to photography to video—all dealing with different aspects of water, a natural choice for the Mayyim Hayyim mikveh."

"The exhibition at Mayyim Hayyim will be one of the featured juried exhibitions for the conference, with artists and arts professionals from across the U.S. visiting the mikveh," said Ms. Abigail Ross. "We're excited that this outstanding exhibition has been selected for this prestigious conference."

The exhibition will run through March 26th, and will have its final showing, where the art will be auctioned, as part of "Mikveh Monologues II," an all new theatrical presentation with original music, by Anita Diamant and Janet Buchwald, held at Temple Emmanuel in Newton.

This exhibition includes the following New England Area artists:

Elissa Barr	Linda Bond	Joan L. Davidson	Jeff Derosé
Deborah Feldman	Karen Frostig	Robin Fuller	Lynda Goldberg
Nanc Gordon	Suzanne Hodes	Kata Hull	Jesse Kahn
Judy Kramer	Dorothy Krause	Bette Ann Libby	Sally McCarthy
Jennifer Moller	Betsey Morse Mayer	Mary Taylor	Susan Wilson
Antoinette Winters	Barbara Wissoker	Lauren Zuker Siff	

Conference Reception, Monday, February 20st, 8pm

1838 Washington Street, Newton, MA 02466

Open by appointment Between January 8 and March 24 the exhibit will be open for individuals and groups **Monday - Thursday from 2-4 pm**. Sundays and other times during the week are available by appointment. Please be sure to call: 617-244-1836 ext. 200 to schedule your visit at least 24 hours in advance so that we can accommodate you.

About the Conference:

Women's Caucus for Art - Boston Chapter announces that the National Conference for the Women's Caucus for Art, "Digging Deeper to Build New Paradigms" will run from February 20-21, 2006 at the Sheraton Boston in conjunction with the College Art Association National Conference. (Visit www.wcaboston.org for in depth information). The Keynote Speaker is noted artist, writer, and activist Coco Fusco from Columbia University. This conference returns to Boston for the first time in a decade and features over 70 academic panelists including local notables: writer and critic Christine Temin; the editor of *Art New England* Barbara O'Brien; curator and director of the Mills Gallery of the Boston Center for the Arts Laura Donaldson; historian Patricia Hill (BU); and artists Judy Haberl (Mass Art), Ellen Driscoll (RISD) and Mags Harries (SMFA). The conference will conclude with an award ceremony to honor the National Lifetime Achievement Award winners Eleanor Antin, Marisol Escobar, Elinor Gadon (Brandeis), and Yayoi Kusama.

About the Jurors:

Judi Rotenberg is an accomplished painter and the founder of the Judi Rotenberg Gallery on Newbury Street in Boston and a co-owner of the Square Circle Gallery in Rockport, Massachusetts. Since 1971, her gallery has represented some of the areas best painters and sculptors. Rotenberg earned her BFA from Boston University. Among her many volunteer efforts for the arts, Rotenberg sits on the board of the Rockport Art Association in Rockport, Massachusetts where she is also a lifetime Artist Member. She was also a board member for the art floor of the Jewish Community Center in Newton. Rotenberg was the organizer and originator of "Color Me Hope" an art show to benefit the Brain Tumor society. Her personal exhibition history is extensive, including "Le Salon" at the Societ  des Artistes Franais at the Grand Palais des Champs Elysees, Paris and "Song of Songs" at Temple Israel in Boston. She also a "Societarian" of the Societ  des Beaux Arts, Paris.

Abigail Ross is the Director of the Judi Rotenberg Gallery in Boston. A graduate of Brown University with a BA in Art History, Abigail has pursued the arts since she interned at the Addison Gallery of American Art at Philips Academy where she currently serves on the Alumni Council. A native of Boston, Abigail sits on the board of Overseers for the Institute of Contemporary Art and on the visiting committee of MassArt. She also actively supports the School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston

About Mayyim Hayyim:

Mayyim Hayyim Living Waters Community Mikveh and Education Center is an intimate and unique center for Jewish spirituality and learning. A new threshold into Jewish life, Mayyim Hayyim reclaims the ancient tradition of mikveh for the diverse needs of the 21st century Jewish community in greater Boston, New England, and around the world.

Located in a beautiful Victorian home at 1838 Washington Street in Newton, Massachusetts, Mayyim Hayyim provides two sparkling, kosher pools (mikvaot) where Jews of all backgrounds and affiliations can explore the potential of ritual immersion as a source of spiritual renewal and healing. Mayyim Hayyim also houses three gracious multi-purpose rooms for meetings, classes, and celebrations.

Since opening its doors in May, 2004, Mayyim Hayyim has welcomed thousands of visitors from around the world. A place of serene and inspiring beauty, a wellspring for creative ritual practice, a gateway to meaningful Jewish practice, Mayyim Hayyim is an international model of interdenominational cooperation and learning, where new chapters in Jewish history are written every day. The website at www.mayyimhayyim.org also contains useful information about the mikveh and our education programs.