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***Family Times: Judy Gelles
Photographs and Video
1978-2005***

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The Hebrew Home at Riverdale is pleased to announce the exhibition ***Family Times: Judy Gelles – Photographs and Video 1978-2005***. A photographic retrospective of Ms. Gelles' work, the exhibition highlights her humorous, touching and provocative portraits of her own family as social commentary.

Beginning with her series, "Family Portraits," the photographs document the daily life of the artist as a young mother alongside her two sons and husband. Gelles uses black & white images and words to describe her innermost thoughts. The show also includes a series of "banal" portraits taken over ten consecutive years of the families' visits to Florida that traces the growth of the boys and the simultaneous aging of their parents and grandparents.

Caught in the nexus of feminism, motherhood, finding a career and developing as an artist, Judy Gelles gently but astutely explores these issues in the context of a "normal" middle class, suburban setting. The most recent piece included is her video "The Age Tapes", which was filmed at the Atlantic Center for the Arts in Florida last year and tackles the topic of aging with grace and wit. Always able to see the universal within the specific, Gelles is a great and subtle satirist for our time.

Family Times: Judy Gelles – Photographs and Video 1978 – 2005 opens on March 19, and will be on view through April 30, 2006 in the Elma and Milton A. Gilbert Pavilion. There will be an opening reception for the artist on Sunday, March 19 at 2 p.m. The show is open to the public daily from 10 am - 4 pm, free of charge.

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The Hebrew Home at Riverdale is a nonprofit, non-sectarian geriatric center serving 3,000 elderly persons through its resources and community service programs. Its nineteen-acre campus overlooks the Hudson River at 5901 Palisade Avenue in Riverdale. The Home is a member of the American Association of Museums. It houses an extensive collection of 20th century art and is committed to exhibiting contemporary and modern works of art for its residents, staff and friends in the community. The Home can be reached easily by public transportation or Metro North and is located just fifteen minutes from Manhattan. For further information regarding the exhibition or the Hebrew Home's art collection, contact the Curator's Department at (718) 581-1596 or www.Hebrewhome.org.

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