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### **Paintings of Robert Seyffert displayed at Hebrew Home**

As an Ambassador of New York State's Hudson River Quadricentennial celebration this year, The Hebrew Home at Riverdale presents 'Water Works: Paintings of the Hudson River and Other Views' featuring the work of Bronx artist Robert Seyffert.

The paintings, on view through Oct. 11, 2009, reflect Seyffert's ongoing interest in the shorelines and rivers of New York, Maine, Nova Scotia and California and the fragile ecosystems they contain.

Seyffert, whose studio is located in the Hunts Point area of the Bronx, is a painter of multiple subjects. He finds in the objectives that inspire him 'equal statements of how light brings forth an emotional sensation,' he has stated. The paintings are intended to represent a period of time. In addition to the wondrous play of light and color, the works refer to the water as a place of rest and solace. Seyffert has described them as 'travel paintings.' Taken all together, they form a varied body of work inspired by the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans and the many watercourses in between, such as the vast and majestic Hudson.

Robert Seyffert was born in Bryn Mawr,

Pennsylvania to a family of prominent artists. He earned his BFA in Maryland Institute and an MFA from Parsons School of Design. He has taught drawing and painting at the Art Students League in New York as well as in other institutions along the East Coast such as the Washington Studio School, Baltimore School for the Arts and Johns Hopkins University. His work has been exhibited nationally in both solo and group shows. Seyffert is known for both his landscapes and cityscapes. In a profile in 'American Artist' magazine, he explained the appeal of both natural and urban scenes. 'Whether it's a big tree or a 1965 Pontiac,' Seyffert said, 'there's something about the light hitting the subject that excites me, and that's what I paint... I'm trying to get the sensation created by the thing I'm looking at, and not just copying it.'

As a member of the American Association of Museums, The Hebrew Home at Riverdale is committed to publicly exhibiting its art collection and sculpture garden throughout its 19-acre campus, including a sculpture garden overlooking the Hudson River and Palisades, and to providing educational and cultural programming that benefits both its residents and visitors from New York City and its surrounding suburbs. It also houses the Derfner Judaica Museum. The Home is a

nonprofit, non-sectarian geriatric center serving more than 3,000 elderly persons through its resources and community service programs.