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Words & Images

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The Hebrew Home for the Aged at Riverdale is pleased to announce the exhibition “**Words & Images,**” a show featuring work by 15 artists. Words, slogans, messages, and text have been used by contemporary artists and incorporated into their work for the past several decades. Once considered radical, it is now quite prevalent. Some artists use words to enhance an image, others use words as a means of explication, while others make words the image itself. Included in the show are works by both established and emerging artists: Conrad Atkinson, Paul Chan, Lesley Dill, Jim Dine, Judy Gelles, Jenny Holzer, Robert Indiana, Stephanie Brody Lederman, Glenn Ligon, Ed Ruscha, Jonathan Santlofer, Dread Scott, Amy Sillman & Jef Scharf, and Peter Sis.

The exhibit includes paintings, prints, and collage. The use of text in all of the works draws from a variety of cultural forms: sources include signs, comics and cartoons, diary entries, and political banners. Text is simultaneously and alternately informational and visual, rhetorical and symbolic. The use of text sometimes challenges the viewer to consider the place of the image, in turn, as a source of information. “**Words & Images**” will be on view from December 19 through January 31, 2006, in the Elma & Milton A. Gilbert Pavilion where it is open to the public, daily from 10 am – 4 pm, free of charge.

The Hebrew Home for the Aged 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. Directions are available at www.hebrewhome.org. For further information regarding the exhibition or the Hebrew Home’s art collection, contact the Curator’s Department at (718) 581-1596.