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Circumcise Me
The new off-Broadway comedy starring
Yisrael Campbell

**Celebrates Chanukah with Toy Drives,
Candle-lighting, and More!**

Partners Include:

**The 17th Annual
Bergen County Chanukah Toy Drive '09
and Toys for Tots**

*****Special Friday Matinee, 11/27 at 2pm*****

**Chanukah Candle Lighting through-out the
holiday of Chanukah**

**Toy Drive Participants receive a free ticket
voucher and a photo taken with Yisrael Campbell**

The hit off-Broadway show *Circumcise Me* currently playing at *The Bleecker Street Theatre (45 Bleecker Street)* is celebrating the Holidays with toy drives, Chanukah candle lighting ceremonies, and more. The show is teaming up with *The 17th Annual Bergen County Chanukah Toy Drive* to bring the joy of the holiday season to thousands of Jewish children, in

addition to **Toys for Tots** and other children's charities.

All new and unwrapped gifts can be dropped off at The Bleecker Street Theatre and designated locations in Bergen County. Anyone bringing a toy will get a voucher for 1 free ticket (buy 1, get 1 free) to **Circumcise Me** as well as the opportunity to get their picture taken with star **Yisrael Campbell**. **The Bergen County Toy Drive** ends on December 4th and after that time, all toys can be dropped off at The Bleecker Street Theatre.

Presents are distributed in the Bergen County area at Chanukah parties held by organizations such as: *Tomorrow's Children Institute/Hackensack Hospital, Jewish Family Services, Project Ezra, Tomchei Shabbos of Bergen County, JADD-group homes, Bikur Cholim, Bris Avrohom, Metropolitan Council on Jewish Poverty, Ohel Children's Home, Sharsheret, OTSAR, Chai Lifeline, Shelter Our Sisters, Emunah/Israel, Shaarei Zedek*, and others.

Circumcise Me will also be celebrating Chanukah with a candle lighting ceremony. After the 4pm performance on December 13th and after the 8pm performance on December 17th, the show's star, Yisrael Campbell will light the menorah and lead the crowd in Chanukah songs.

"As we enter the season for giving, I am thrilled that the **Circumcise Me** family can team up with **The Bergen County Toy Drive, and then Toys for Tots** to give back to the community," said the show's star **Yisrael Campbell**. "Having children of my own, and one on the way, I know how important it is to make sure all children have a wonderful Chanukah."

The Bergen County Toy Drive Drop off locations include (only thru Dec. 4th):

Synagogues

Congregation Beth Shalom - Teaneck, NJ
Ahavat Achim, *Eis Family* - Fair Lawn, NJ
Ahavat Shalom, *Romanoff Family* - Teaneck, NJ
Arzei Darom, *Markovits/Shapiro Family* - Teaneck, NJ
Beth Aaron, *Leifer Family* - Teaneck, NJ
Beth Abraham, *Schild Family* - Bergenfield, NJ
Bnai Yeshurun, *Friedman Family* - Teaneck, NJ
Etz Chaim of Teaneck, *Levin Family* - Teaneck, NJ
Keter Torah, *Weinrib Family* - Teaneck, NJ
Netivot Shalom, *Straus Family* - Teaneck, NJ
Rinat Yisrael, *Grosser Family* - Teaneck, NJ
Riverdale Jewish Center - Riverdale, NY
Shaare Orah, *Douek Family* - Teaneck, NJ
Shaare Tefillah, *Gottesman Family* - Teaneck, NJ
Shomrei Torah, *Shaindy Aron Family* - Fair Lawn, NJ
Teaneck Jewish Center - Teaneck, NJ
Temple Emeth - Teaneck, NJ
Tzemach David (Zichron Mordechai), *Senter Family* - Teaneck, NJ
YM-YWHA of North Jersey - Wayne, New Jersey
Young Israel of North Riverdale, *Winter Family* - Riverdale, NY
Young Israel of Teaneck, *Kirshner Family* - Teaneck, NJ

Schools

Alissa M Flatow Yeshiva High School (Bat Torah) - Paramus, NJ
Ben Porat Yosef - Leonia, NJ
Bnai Yeshurun Nursery School - Teaneck, NJ
Forest Hills Jewish Center Nursery and Kindergarten - Forest Hills, NY Phone ext 220
Frisch - Paramus, NJ
JCC of Paramus/Religious School - Paramus, NJ
Jewish Youth Encounter Program - Teaneck, NJ
Leah Sokoloff Nursery School of Shomrei Torah - Fair Lawn, NJ
Ma'ayanot Yeshiva High School For Girls - Teaneck, NJ

Manhattan Day School - New York, NY
Moriah School of Englewood - Englewood, NJ
Rosenbaum Yeshiva of North Jersey - River Edge, NJ
SAR Academy/Early Childhood - Riverdale, NY
Solomon Shechter Day School - New Milford, NJ
Temple Beth Or Religious School - Washington Township, NJ
Temple Emanuel Early Childhood Program - Woodcliffe Lake, NJ
Torah Academy of Bergen County - Teaneck, NJ *Collecting new sports equipment*
Yavneh Academy - Paramus, NJ
Yeshivat Noam - Bergenfield & Paramus, NJ

The lobby at The Bleecker Street Theatre (45 Bleecker Street between Lafayette and Bowery) will be receiving gifts for additional Toy Drives through-out the holiday season.

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Circumcise Me, (www.yisraelcampbell.com) a new comedy written by and starring **Yisrael Campbell** and directed by **Sam Gold** will play off-Broadway at The Bleecker Street Theater (45 Bleecker Street just East of Lafayette Street) beginning **November 1st** with the official opening scheduled for **November 18th**. The show is produced by **Evelyn McGee Colbert** and **Eva Price** of Maximum Entertainment Productions.

Circumcise Me tells the true story of Yisrael Campbell, your average Irish, Italian, Catholic kid from Philly, who became a sober alcoholic, recovering drug addict, husband, father, reform, conservative, unorthodox, orthodox, Jewish comic actor. In his New York theatrical debut, Yisrael (born Christopher) takes the audience on an extraordinary spiritual, creative, and hysterically funny journey including, ouch, three circumcisions along the way.

Circumcise Me is the rare collision of comedy and theatre that will have women howling with laughter and men squirming in their seats. The film "Circumcise Me," a documentary on Yisrael's life, is currently playing in film festivals around the country.

The creative team includes scenic and video design by Aaron Rhyne, Lighting by Perchik Kreiman-Miller, and sound design by Drew Fornarola.

"It is thrilling to bring ***Circumcise Me*** to New York," said **Yisrael Campbell**. "The show will be running a quick subway ride away from where I studied 20 years ago at The Circle in the Square Drama School so I feel like I have come full circle. In the process, though, I changed my name, my religion, my nationality, my martial status and my size."

Tickets for ***Circumcise Me*** range from \$25.00 - \$65.00 with premium seating available. ***Circumcise Me*** plays Wednesday at 3pm, Thursday at 8pm, Saturday at 8pm and Sunday at 4pm and 7pm. Tickets can be purchased by visiting Telecharge at www.telecharge.com or calling (212) 239-6200. For more information, please visit: www.yisraelcampbell.com