
Black-Jewish Dialogues come to Hartford

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Coming in hot off the heels of the *Israeli-Palestinian Comedy Tour*, more comedy is coming to the Hartford Area. *The Black Jewish Dialogues* will be performed Saturday, Nov. 6 at 8 p.m. at Temple Beth Torah in Wetherfield in conjunction with Beyond the Pale Jewish theatre experiment.

Written and performed by Larry Jay Tish and Ron Jones, the show premiered at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival in Scotland in August of 2006 and in September of 2007, it was the only American play invited to perform at the Leeds Jewish Performing Arts Festival in England. Since its lauded debut, *The Black Jew Dialogues* has been touring universities, high schools, synagogues, and theatres throughout the US with great success.

Over the course of the show, Tish and Jones take the audience on a hysterical and poignant ride through three days they spent together in a cheap hotel room discussing their own experiences, the history of their people, and why there has been a growing rift between the two groups since the early 70's. Through their dialogue the audience gains insight to the true nature of prejudice and how our inability to face our own biases separate us in ways that we may not even think about. The comic journey begins in the Egypt of the Pharaohs and travels through Africa, colonial times, to present-day America.

For teachers, there are corresponding lesson materials available on the website, along with booking information. Tickets for the November 6th performance are \$20/general admission; \$15/senior, student, and unemployed, and are available by calling (860) 918-0213.

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