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The Theater at The 14<sup>th</sup> Street Y presents  
***Hanna and the Moonlit Dress***  
January 20 - February 11, 2018

The Theater at the 14th Street Y presents *Hanna and the Moonlit Dress* at 344 E. 14th Street, NYC from January 20-February 11, 2018. Performances: Saturdays and Sundays at 11am and 1pm. Tickets are \$40 and are available at [www.14streety.org/hanna](http://www.14streety.org/hanna). For more information, visit [www.themoonlिटdress.com](http://www.themoonlिटdress.com).

*Hanna and the Moonlit Dress* is back in NYC to kick off the New Year following the first North American tour, making stops in Houston, Baltimore, Toronto and Detroit.

*Hanna and the Moonlit Dress* is an interactive musical revealing the magic of a good deed, based on the classic Israeli tale "Hanna's Sabbath Dress" by Itzhak Schweiger-Dmi'el, adapted for the stage by Yoav Gal and Ronit Muszkatblit.

Overjoyed with her new dress, Hanna runs to show it to her friends: Zuzi the dog and Edna the cow. Little does she know what a meaningful adventure awaits her...

**"Based on Itzhak Schweiger-Dmi'el's classic tale, this interactive musical tells the story of a young girl who helps a coal miner and ends up with black spots all over her new Shabbat dress (a gift from her mother). Little does she know she'll be rewarded for her kindness."** - *Time Out New York*

*Hanna and the Moonlit Dress* is a delightful musical revealing the mysterious power of good deeds. Developed at the 14th Street Y and LABA: A Laboratory for Jewish Culture, Hanna's story brings new Jewish / Israeli culture to life.

This magical interactive journey with beautiful special effects, live music, and set created by the audience transports children into Hanna's enchanted world. Recommended for ages 2-8. (15 minute workshop and 40 minutes show with no intermission)

**"Hanna and the Moonlit Dress Provides an Alternative Holiday Experience...delightful and inspiring....a good exploration of a religious tradition of the non-Christmas variety."**  
- Miles Harter, ZEALnyc

**"An absolute delight from start to finish!"** - Jill Valentino, [beyourbestmom.com](http://beyourbestmom.com)

**"Beautifully, visually done; the idea of cutouts, and everything being white, and made out of paper, it's really magical."** - Adi Ezroni, Israeli TV star and film producer

**"A winning combination, a simpler day in time; Storytelling that captures the attentions of children with music deeply symbolic of the Sabbath."** - [Squeegi.com](http://Squeegi.com)

The cast features Case Watson, Kate Mullberry, Matt Webster, Hannah Seusy, and Jordan Silver. Directed by Ronit Muszkatblit, with musical direction by Emily Erikson; music by Rafi Ben-Moshe and Yoav Gal; music arrangement by Uri Scharlin; book adaptation, translation and lyrics by Gina Bonati and Ronit Muszkatblit; set and costumes by Yoav Gal; and Lighting Design by Josh Benghiat and Kryssy Wright.

**LABA: A Laboratory for Jewish Culture is a program of the 14th Street Y that uses classic Jewish texts to inspire the creation of art, dialogue and study.**

### **About LABA**

Each year, **The Theater at the 14<sup>th</sup> Street Y** presents the residency program LABA: A Laboratory for Jewish Culture. The goal is to support Jewish art and culture by providing the space, time, and resources needed to create new work. At the core of LABA's mission is the belief that classical Jewish text study can and should be a source of inspiration and creativity for contemporary culture-makers and thinkers. All of the public art created through LABA aims to transcend cultural and social borders by bringing to light the universal themes and questions that our artists encounter through their engagement with Jewish thought.

### **About The Theater at the 14<sup>th</sup> Street Y**

The Theater at the 14<sup>th</sup> Street Y focuses on social awareness and change through big picture narrative. Inspired by works that welcome artists of all backgrounds, we place artists at the heart of our community and seek to create an inclusive and open cultural experience for all. Art is incubated here.

### **About the 14<sup>th</sup> Street Y**

The 14th Street Y's philosophy is grounded in the belief that contemporary Jewish sensibilities can be a source of inspiration, connection and learning. No matter what your background, we aim to inspire you to live your best life. We're committed to the development of the whole person, to strengthening family connections and to building inclusive and sustainable communities. The 14<sup>th</sup> Street Y serves more than 20,000 people annually with a variety of community programs and is proud to be a part of Educational Alliance, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with a 128-year history of serving New Yorkers downtown.

Full Season Tickets and detailed information on shows available at: [www.14streety.org/tickets](http://www.14streety.org/tickets).

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