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**Exclusive: "Brooklyn DA to discuss 'Alternative Sentencing and Rehabilitation" at Institute for American and Talmudic Law Seminar**

*On Thursday May 8th, The Institute of American and Talmudic Law (IAT Law) will be hosting a program about Alternative Sentencing and Rehabilitation with Brooklyn District Attorney Charles J. Hynes, which will include the Bible's perspective on this high-profile issue.*

**/24-7PressRelease/** - NEW YORK, NY, May 07, 2008 - Brooklyn (Kings County) District Attorney Charles J. Hynes will explore Alternative Sentencing and Rehabilitation Programs for non-violent offenders, in an Institute of American and Talmudic Law (IAT Law) seminar at Chabad-Lubavitch of Midtown Manhattan. Mr. Hynes will discuss the Success of the Drug Treatment Alternative-to-Prison Program (DTAP) as a model for fundamental change. The program has demonstrated impressive retention rates statistically significant reductions in recidivism rates in non-violent offenders. Unique, to IAT Law, the Talmudic scholar Rabbi Shlomo Yaffe will also explore whether there are there similar methods in Judaic law, as well as, how the Judaic legal code views alternative sentencing?

IAT Law primarily provides entertaining CLE seminars for attorneys; however, this program can be useful for all those interested in issues related to law, and in particular drug enforcement.

Charles J. Hynes is serving his fifth term as the District Attorney of Kings County (Brooklyn), New York. A graduate of St. John's University School of Law, his public service is extensive: as a public defender and as a Brooklyn Assistant District Attorney; in 1975 as Special State Prosecutor to investigate nursing home fraud, creating a Medicaid Fraud Control Unit that became a national model; in 1980 as Commissioner of the New York City Fire Department; and from 1983 to 1985 as a Commissioner for the New York State Commission of Investigation. In 1985 District Attorney Hynes was appointed as Special State Prosecutor for the New York City Criminal Justice System, later prosecuting the murder of Michael Griffith in Howard Beach, Queens. Since 1983, District Attorney Hynes continues to serve as a member of the Board of Trustees for the New York State Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection; the American Bar Association; the ABA Commission on Effective Criminal Sanctions; First Vice Chair of the ABA Criminal Justice Section and recipient of their 2005 "Minister of Justice Award;" and a Vice President of the National District Attorneys Association. He co-authored "Incident at Howard Beach" and contributed to "The Regulation of Nursing Homes: A Case Study." His first novel, "Triple Homicide," was published in 2007. District Attorney Hynes is also an Adjunct Professor of Trial Advocacy at St. John's University, Fordham University and Brooklyn Law School.

The seminar will be followed by a complimentary buffet dinner. Special group rates and rates for non-attorneys are available.

For more Information please go to [www.IATLAW.org](http://www.IATLAW.org), or call: (212)-302-2444 or (888) 937-5060.

The Institute of American and Talmudic Law (IAT LAW) seeks to analyze contemporary legal issues from the perspective of American jurisprudence and Talmudic law.

The Talmudic legal system has a 3,300 year old history which remains vibrant and is still applicable to the latest cultural, economic, and technological trends. There are many areas of potential cross pollination that have heretofore been unavailable or inaccessible to the contemporary legal community.

The goal of the Institute is to make these resources available through live continuing legal education seminars, an interactive website and an extensive audio and CD library. The Institute will cover a wide range of legal topics and issues from both the American and Talmudic legal perspectives.

The Talmud is a composite of in depth legal analyses of practical law, logical argumentation and moral teachings. Its laws and ethics have served as a cornerstone of humanity's civil and moral infrastructure while shaping its legal-judicial systems. These courses will compare and contrast legal reasoning and adaptation between Talmudic and American law.

IAT Law is sponsored by Chabad Lubavitch of Midtown Manhattan and NYLAG.