



## **Gruzen Samton \* IBI Grp. designs 145,000 s/f facility - \$79 million project: Project team includes Levien & Co. and F.J. Sciamè**

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Gruzen Samton \* IBI Group has opened a new 145,000 s/f facility for The Abraham Joshua Heschel School on West End Ave. and 61st St. Classes began in September 2012 and the opening celebration took place on Dec. 9, 2012. The project cost was \$79 million. Gruzen Samton \* IBI Group has designed a new nine-story building that allows Heschel's early childhood facility, lower school and middle school to relocate from the Upper West Side and unite with its existing high school to create a single campus. The new building provides a competition sized gym, library/media center, student dining facility, performance space, chapel, and a rooftop play space. Environmental considerations were central to the design of the facility and LEED Gold Certification is anticipated.

The building's façade is composed of transparent, translucent and solid elements whose modulation creates a rhythm that reveals the richness of the school's educational program.

Team members include: owner's representative, Levien & Co.; G.C., F.J. Sciamè Construction Co., Inc.; structural engineer, Robert Silman Associates; mechanical/electrical engineers, Altieri Sebor Wiebor, LLC; landscape design, Scape Landscape Design Consultant; environmental design, Atelier Ten; geo-tech, Langan Engineering & Environmental Services; lighting design, Domingo Gonzalez Associates; acoustic & AV, Cerami & Associates, Inc.; theatrical design, Harvey Marshall Berling Associates; food consultant, Romano Gatland; elevator consultant, Iros Elevator Design Services, LLC; and cost consultant, VJ Associates.

Gruzen Samton \* IBI Group is an architecture, planning and interior design firm based in New York City, with an office in Alexandria, VA. The firm boasts a rich legacy of over 70 years of design and planning projects for prominent Jewish institutions in New York. Previous work has encompassed five projects at Columbia University including the Kraft Center for Jewish Life, eight buildings for the Hebrew Home for the Aged, expansion of the Jewish Theological Seminary, five projects for Touro College, the Magen David Yeshiva, and several synagogues in the New York metropolitan area. In May 2009, Gruzen Samton joined The IBI Group, a multi-disciplinary consulting firm that currently employs over 3,000 people in over 70 offices across North America, Europe, the Middle East and Asia.

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