

# *Courier Life*

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## **Free talk at BHS explores ceremonial rites of Brooklyn's African Diaspora**

Thursday, February 11, 2010 2:14 PM EST

Rites and Ceremonies of the Brooklyn African Diaspora is the subject of a March 17, 6:30-8:30 p.m. free talk at the Brooklyn Historical Society (BHS), 128 Pierrepont Street in Brooklyn Heights.

The discussion panel features founders of annual events, ceremonies and rituals in Brooklyn, including Yolanda Lezama-Clark from the West Indian American Labor Day Parade, Brenda Greene from the National Black Writers Conference, Akeem from Tribute to the Ancestors at Coney Island, Segun Shabaka from International African Arts Festival, Pamela Green from Weeksville Heritage Center, Joy Chatel of 227 Abolitionist Place and others.

If you have a rites and ceremonies story to tell, come early, 4:30-6 p.m., to record your story for the Black Brooklyn Renaissance archive.

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