



Above: Sony's Matt Tolmach and helmer Harold Ramis; right: "Year One" stars Michael Cera and Jack Black

SONY'S CHOSEN ONES

By SAM THIELMAN

Everybody treated Harold Ramis like an old friend at Monday night's premiere of the director's new biblically themed movie "Year One."

After-party at Gotham's Empire Hotel was packed with friendly faces, well-wishers and Ghostbusters — everyone from the pic's stars Michael Cera and Jack Black to Ramis' rabbi, Irwin Kula, who was thrilled with the pic.

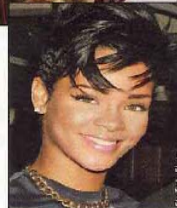


Pic's Gia Carides and June Diane Raphael at the Empire Hotel party; right: Amber Tamblyn and David Cross



"We have too many people and tribes on this earth who think of themselves as 'chosen,'" Kula enthused. "Harold has deconstructed chosenness."

Asked how he pitched the offbeat pic to Sony co-chair Amy Pascal, Ramis grinned and said he told the exec he wanted to "trace human psychological development across the arc of Genesis." "It was Harold," Pascal said. "I said, 'Fine.'"



Above: singer Rihanna; top: Christopher Mintz-Plassé flanked by golden-clad gals