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NATICK – Iconic Jewish painter Peter Max was in town with a gallery retrospective last week; read our review and interview with the artist, Page 12

## Milton responds to swastika graffiti

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MILTON – After two instances of swastika graffiti at a local middle school, the larger community here is making the effort to pull together for a unified response.

In December, the graffiti was found in multiple boys' bathrooms in Pierce Middle School. The same thing happened again in March, though the two incidents do not appear related, according to Principal Karen Spaulding. The students were caught and "held accountable," Spaulding said. However, the school and wider community decided to take it a step further by developing a town-wide program meant to engage young people and their parents on issues of hatred.

Rabbi Alfred Benjamin of Con-

gregation Beth Shalom of the Blue Hills here is quick to point out that the program focuses on hatred in general, since he declines to characterize the swastika graffiti as anti-Semitic.

"[Swastikas are] the issue du jour," Rabbi Benjamin said. "It's what will get adults moving.

"Still, you can't let an act like this go, regardless of the motivation," he continued.

"Generally speaking, 11-to-14-year-olds make decisions based on a variety of reasons, for better or worse," Spaulding said. "Quite often, the motivation for those decisions is not the same as it would be if they were adults."

Not wanting to limit the response to in-school lessons, Rabbi Benjamin and Spaulding began in

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## Hadassah celebrates 1967 Jerusalem reunification

By Judy Manelis  
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JERUSALEM – Hadassah will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the reunification of Jerusalem and the return of the Mt. Scopus hospital and campus to the organization on May 25, the day following Yom Yerushalayim, also known as Jerusalem Day.

As part of the festivities, there will be a recreation of the "key ceremony,"

held after the Six Day War of 1967, when Teddy Kolleck, then mayor of Jerusalem, gave a symbolic commemorative key to the hospital to Charlotte Jacobson, then Hadassah national president. The event will recognize the sacrifice of those who died, both in the battle for the city and in defense of the medical mission of Hadassah. Ellen Hershkin, Hadassah's national president, will receive the key from Jerusalem Mayor Nir Barkat.

Hadassah leaders initially chose to build the hospital on Mt. Scopus because of its strategic location as one of the entry points into Jerusalem, and its proximity to the Hebrew University, former Hadas-

salchuk told The Jewish Advocate.

The hospital, completed in 1934, was critical to Hadassah's mission of introducing modern health care to Israel. By 1948, the hospital was the major medical facility treating the 100,000 Jews of Jerusalem. As British forces withdrew from Palestine, though, access to the hospital became increasingly dangerous. On April 13, 1948, Arabs ambushed a Hadassah medical convoy bringing supplies and personnel to Mt. Scopus, massacring 79 people including doctors, nurses, patients, faculty, students, Jewish Haganah fighters and one British soldier. Among the victims was Dr. Chaim



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