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IN MY VIEW Don't point fingers

'Not just a Syrian problem; we are all scapegoats'

BY DAVID BIBI

way the Jewish papers and he way the Jewish papers and blogs wrote about the recent arrests in New Jersey requires some comment. One expects misstatements and exaggerations from the international media, but do the Jewish international media, but do the Jewish papers need to follow suit? Rumor had become perceived fact, as so often hap-pens. What happened to *dan lekaf* sechut — giving the benefit of the doubt — and innocent until proven

Rabbi Noah Weinberg zt"l tells of what he calls "A Jewish "Three rabbis

are accused of succumbing to compassion. Was there personal gain for any of them? I highly doubt it."

guilty?

consciousness story." A gregarious son partying each night brags to his father that he can count 100 true friends. The true friends. The father congratu-lates his son, not-ing that in all his life, he has only achieved half a friend. The father suggests a

father suggests a test. "Take a

test. "Take a goat, slaughter it, put it into a sack, get some blood on you and in the middle of the night go to your friends," the father says. "Tell them you got into a fight with a guy at the bar, one thing led to another and you killed him. Beg them to help." As so the son goes to each of those friends and all slam the door in his face. Deleted the returns to big father

face. Dejected, he returns to his father and asks what the father's half friend would do. His father tells him to go

would do. His father tells him to go and see. In the middle of the night, still holding the sack and covered in blood, the son knocks at his father's friend's home. He tells the same story. And the half-fined knottenes gening "Stabaush J friend hesitates, saying, "Although I shouldn't do this, you're Chaim's son, and I'll help you." They take the sack and bury it together.

The boy returns to his father in shock.

The story continues and the father explains that a true friend would never

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Girls at this year's session of Camp Simcha Special making a run for it through a gauntlet of friends

Summer in Camp Simcha Special

What summer is like for the doctors

BY MICHAEL ORBACH

wheels of the stretcher are locked into place, a clock begins to tick. For patients who require balloon angioplasty to open a blocked artery, the clock moves even faster. During the procedure a balloon-tipped tube is threaded through to the heart, where it is inflated to clear plaque that is blocking or partially blocking an artery. However, research has demon-

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effective when performed within 90

minutes of a patient's arrival at the minutes or a possess hospital. "We know it improves mortality," said Dr. Jason Freeman, director of interventional cardiology at South

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autonomic nervous system. Some patients suffer from conditions that so far Dr. Robert Van Amerongen's patients have kidney diseases, cerebral palsy, hydro-cephalitis and familial dysautonomia — a rare disorder that causes a failure in the have been unable to diagnose. And this isn't a hospital; it's a summer camp. But then again, Camp Simcha Special, a

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Racing the clock after a heart attack

Balloon angioplasty and the 90-minute deadline BY MALKA EISENBERG

As the EMT's roll the heart attack patient out of their ambulance and the wheels of the stretcher are locked into

Nassau Communities Hospital. "If you open up the blood vessel for them within 90 minutes, patients die less and live more." South Nassau Communities Hos-pital is among the 569 hospitals awarded a Gold Medal in coronary ertent, diesees from the American artery disease from the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association's Get With The Guidelines

Association's Get With The Giudelines program. This program ascertains that hospitals comply with current protocol for cardiac and stroke patients. Rabbi Elozer Kanner, coordinator for Hatzalah of Nassau County and the Rockaways, said that Hatzalah trans-ports most heart attack patients to South Nassau South Nassau.

uth Nassau. "It's requested by the community large," Rabbi Kanner explained. alancing closeness and care, this is *See RACING, Page 7*



Clowning from coast to coast

The Five Towns-based medical clowning troupe Lev Leytzan is busy in Budapest is week, teasing smiles from the elderly and infirm on a 10-day mission of mercy to Europe. Last Thursday the teen and young adult clowns, led by the group's founder, Woodmere psychologist Dr. Neal Goldberg, appeared on the CBS Early Show on the CBS Television Network. This Monday they were profiled on local television, in a piece by WCBS-TV reporter Cindy Hsu.

> Candlelighting: 7:44 p.m. **=** Shabbat ends: 8:47 p.m. Torah reading: Parshat Eikev Shabbat



Another day, another lawsuit

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Public school parents claim Orthodox conspiracy in Lawrence

BY MICHAEL ORBACH

A federal judge Tuesday refused to temporarily block a Lawrence School Board consolidation plan that will close the Number Six School and bring all of the district's fifth graders into the Middle School.

fifth graders into the Middle School. With just a month before the beginning of the new school term, five parents, including Andrew Levy, a lit-igious former candidate for school board, brought a Fed-eral civil rights lawsuit against the board that claims the consolidation plan and previous actions by the Lawrence Board of Education have violated the First Amendment separation between Church and State. It also alleges a wide-aronir comparisor: but the Orthorder busich pomwide-ranging conspiracy by the Orthodox Jewish com-munity to promote Orthodox interests.

munity to promote Orthodox interests. The lawsuit was filed at Federal Court in Central Islip on Tuesday afternoon. Although Judge Joanna Sey-bert denied the motion to block the consolidation plan from moving forward, another hearing is planned for later this month. The present board of education has elevated a sin-le narisang politicar denomination ener the oblicent them.

gle private religious denomination over the children they serve," Robert Agostisi, a lawyer for the parents, claimed in a court house conversation with a reporter." The y've viscerated the separation between religion and state,

The lawsuit claims that the primary effect of the consolidation plan is to "advance the Orthodox Jewish

Construction pre-trigion." "It doesn't even simply impinge the six board mem-bers, it impinges every Orthodox Jew in the neighbor-hood; it impinges every Orthodox Jew everywhere. We basically form a cabal, "said Dr. Asher Mansdorf, a board member named in the suit. "It's almost that the people that were involved in the lawsuit have read the Protocols C- VYYYY Pree xx

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