

# Patriots Purim Feast & Celebration

In anticipation of the upcoming Jewish Festival of Purim, March 7, 2004, Chabad has announced plans to host a special Purim celebration.

The holiday, the most joyous of the Jewish calendar, commemorates the victory of the Jews over the wicked Haman, nearly 2,400 years ago. On this day, with thanks to G-d, through the intervention of the heroine Queen Esther, the Jews were spared.

The happiness of the day is expressed by sending gifts of food to friends, giving charity to the poor and most of all, by celebrating a grand, festive feast. In

addition, a special scroll recounting the entire story of Purim is read, known as the "Megilla."

In addition to distributing hundreds of "Shalach Manos" food packages to hospitals, nursing homes, prisons and more, Chabad will sponsor a grand Purim Feast & Celebration, on Sunday, March 7th, 4:00pm.

Patriots Purim Feast & Celebration will be in the hall of the East Greenwich Civic Center, formerly known as Swift Gym, located at 111 Pierce Street, East Greenwich, RI. Costumes and/or your favorite sports outfits, optional.

# West Bay's Jewish camp changes to August

Jewish kids ages 3 through 13 will swim, have fun, go on trips and bake Challah and more, at the only Jewish camp in the West bay area, at Camp Gan Israel, from August 2<sup>nd</sup> through August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2004.

Creative Programming



Camp Gan Israel is a member of the International Gan Israel Camping Association and enjoys a well-earned reputation as a trendsetter in Jewish camping with innovative ideas and creative programs.

Campers enjoy a wide range of activities, two weekly trips, sports, stories, songs, Jewish crafts, challah baking, Shabbat parties & more, in a

warm, caring environment, cultivating pride and love for the Jewish heritage.

Camp Gan Israel of West Bay is now in its fifth year. Every year the camp makes an increase in some way to help adapt to its growth. In the upcoming year the camp is changing to three weeks in August, to allow for the children who go away with their families in July.

**Gan Israel also conducts a winter camp, Tues.-Thurs. Feb 17-19, 2004.** For more information or to request a flyer, feel free to contact Shoshanah Laufer, camp dir. at (401)884-7888.

Jewish Culture



## *Patriots* Purim Feast

Sunday, March 7, 2004, 4:00<sup>pm</sup>

At Swift Gym, East Greenwich

Megillah Reading 3:30 pm

**Full Buffet Dinner**

Dance to Music by Sounds of Sincha  
 Masquerade

**Dynamic Comedy Juggling**  
by Keith Johnson

Lots of Holiday Spirit

Adults \$18, Children \$9

Family, 2 adults & 4 children \$50

Table Sponsor \$180

**RSVP by Feb. 29th (401)884-7888**

## **Camp Gan Israel**

**Jewish children 3-13 years old**

Three weekly programs

August 2-20, 2004

**Mini Gan Izzzi: 3-4 years old**

Half day: 9:00 am 12:30 pm

Full day: 9:00 am 3:30 pm

**Camp Gan Israel: 5-10 y. o.**

9:00 am 3:30 pm

**Girls Pioneers Week**

For Jewish girls ages 11-13

August 16-20

**Extended hours available**

Located at Am David

40 Gardiner St., Warwick

**Fees: \$125 a week**

\$330 entire session

Mini Gan Izzzi, half day program

\$75 a week, \$200 entire session

Girls Pioneers Week, \$125

Reg. before April 30 & save 10%

\$35 deposit due per child

(non refundable)

**Scholarships are available**

For more info. Call 884-7888

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