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LOCAL EVENTS
Beaux Arts Ball
The Beaux Arts Ball, honoring Elaine and Kevin Kaufman, Leslie and Noel Ginsburg and Dianne Eddolls and Glenn Jones, is Saturday, Feb. 21, 6 p.m., at the Hyatt Regency.
TJE Wine & Cheese
The Jewish Experience’s Wine and Cheese gala is Feb. 21, 8 p.m., at Infinity Park Center.
Boulder JCC
The Boulder JCC gala honoring Gail and Jerry Slott and Beth and Michael Margolis is Dec. 21, 6:30 p.m., at Omni Interlocken Resort.
Livingston lecture
The Rocky Mountain Jewish Historical Society’s ‘Jews and Boone’ lecture is Sunday, Feb. 22, 1 p.m., at DU’s Shum Hall.
DAT dinner
DAT honors Rabbi Daniel and Rivka Alter and Dr. Jonathan and Kim Fishman on Monday, Feb. 23, 6:45 p.m., at Comedy Works Landmark.

CHOICES
The CHOICES event with speaker Felice Friedman is Thursday, Feb. 26, 6-9 p.m., at Sheraton Denver Downtown.

VACCINATION
The medicine, the politics, the day schools

By ANDREA JACOBS
JDN Senior Writer

n 1952, approximately 57,628 cases of polio were reported in the worst recorded polio epidemic in US history. Parents felt helpless. Footage of children confined to iron lung machines dominated the newsreels.

When large-scale polio immunizations were administered to children in the fall of 1955, parents willingly permitted their children to line up in their elementary schools for the vaccination.

The mass implementation of Jonas Salk’s vaccine has wiped out polio in the US. No one complained as immunizations against common and potentially dangerous childhood diseases like measles, mumps and German measles (MMR) became available — except those who feared the needle’s sting. Fifteen years ago, the Center for Disease Control announced the eradication of measles.

But measles has made a recent resurgence in America — originating at California’s Disneyland, no less — that some attribute to the immunization divide.

The anti-vaccination movement, which, for Disease Control and Prevention, is a wake-up call for the tots.

‘Herd immunity’

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention declared an end to the disease in 1995. Dr. Thomas Frieden, then director of CDC, said, "Herd immunity" had been reached. The end of the disease was in sight.

Now, measles cases are on the rise again. It is the last major infectious disease in the US to be eradicated. The virus jumps to those who are not vaccinated.

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Despite speech brouhaha
US-Israel defense links strong

By DMITRMY SHAPIRO
Washington Jewish Week

WASHINGTON — American-Israeli relations may be enduring a challenging period due to the political drama surrounding Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu’s upcoming speech to Congress, but you’ll never know it from the recent confirmation hearing for defense secretary nominee Ashton Carter.

Carter’s appearance on Feb. 4 before the Senate Armed Services Committee was free of the sharp exchanges over Israel featured in the confirmation hearing of the current defense secretary, Chuck Hagel, who as a Republican sen-

New US Secretary of Defense Ashton Carter

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Danish wake-up call
Guns outside shul, as in France, Belgium

By CNA LIPIZBISH
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OPENHAGEN — From the window of the Jewish Community of Copenhagen’s crisis center, Fina Schwartz can see his country changing before his eyes.

Hours after the slaying of a guard outside the Danish capital’s main synagogue early Sunday morning, Feb. 15, two police officers totting machine guns were on patrol outside the center — a common sight in France, Belgium and other trouble spots for Jews, but which resis-
tant authorities in Denmark had previously considered both excessive and unpalatable.

“I think this attack was a wake-up call,” said Schwartz, a former community chairman who has lobbied the authorities for years, often in vain, for greater security.

“What we have long feared happened and we will now see a changed Denmark. We have never seen this much security and guns before.”

The deployment of armed officers at Jewish institutions came with a call of a shooting at a Copen-
hagen café where aiker who had lampooned Islam was speak-

One person was killed at the cafe in what Prime Minister Helle Thorning-Schmidt called a ter-

The trio were standing guard over approximately 80 people who had gathered for a Bat Mitzvah celebr-
ation in a building behind the syn-

For his country to change, police killed a 22-year-old man in a shooting at a Copenhagen café where a curfew had been imposed.

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immunity’s immunization rates increases the community’s ability to combat measles. For example, an effective herd immunity to combat measles, an extremely contagious viral disease, requires at least a 94% immunization rate. That immunological buffer protects extension to children who have not received the vaccine.

Some states allow varying in different communities,” Hershy notes. “Some schools have an exemption rate of 1% or less, while others have rates as high as 5%.

The issue is that the unvaccinated rate is much higher in certain communities, which would contribute to an alarming out- break of measles and other diseases. Colorado law restricts exemptions for public school immunizations to three areas: medical, religious and personal. It is one of 19 states in the US that allows a personal choice option.

Private schools and institutions, which are not bound by Colorado statutes, have more latitude in narrowing acceptable exemptions or even eliminating them.

The LJN contacted the LJC, Denver Jewish Day School, DAT and Hillel Academy regarding their policies on vaccinations. All four have strong positions and are tighten- ing up on the type of exemptions. Schools permit all three options but impose stringent reporting requirements up on the type of exemptions.

“The original intent was to be inclusive of all options, allowing for authentic reasons for an exemption, but that didn’t seem to be getting everything-from my physician agrees that they are non-embarrassing explanations,“ he says. JCC-MACC’s immu-

nization policy, which it reviewed this year in concert with the LJN, states that it is in the best interest of the community to ‘review and enforce an immunization policy.”

It is mandatory that all children covered by the policy receive all vaccinations required by the community centers own policy and all vaccinations required by state and federal law. The policy will only be invoked if the child’s family presents a medical contraindication as defined by a physician unrelated to the child.

“Unimmunized children pose a substantially higher risk of bringing pertussis, measles and chickenpox into our campuses,” according to the policy. The risk is increased when campers from other communi- ties.

“Specifically, the JCC-MACC requires reviewing this and considering an alternative policy,” he adds.

“Approval to adopt this alternative policy is made with the recommendation of the Board of Directors.”

On another subject, the JCC-MACC has also reviewed its current policy that follows state guidelines for immunizations. However, we are reviewing the current policy that follows state guidelines for immunizations. However, we are instituting an alternative policy.

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