

## Community News

# Rose and Abraham Luski Dedicate New Wing at the Sports Center for the Disabled in Ramat Gan, Israel


A new Treatment and Recreation Wing named for Rose and Abraham Luski was opened at the Sports Center for the Disabled in Ramat Gan, Israel. The Luski family traveled to Israel for the dedication where they were joined by Ministers Moshe Ya'alon and Uzi Landau.

The new wing, which will be adjacent to the swimming pool, will include eleven spacious rooms to serve the athletes after training. ☆




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## More Than 300 Members of Congress Sign a Letter in Support of Israel

In March 2010, Reps. Steny Hoyer (Md-D) and Eric Cantor (Va-R) drafted a letter in support of US-Israeli relations to Secretary Hillary Clinton.

More than 300 members of congress from both sides of the aisle signed onto this commitment to our on-going relationship with Israel.

Among the signatories were these local representatives: Larry Kissell, Patrick McHenry, Sue Myrick, and Heath Shuler of NC, as well as John M. Spratt, Jr. of SC.

Here are some highlights from that letter:

"We are writing to reaffirm our commitment to the unbreakable

bond that exists between our country and the State of Israel and to express to you our deep concern over recent tension. ... The United States and Israel are close allies whose people share a deep and abiding friendship based on a shared commitment to core values including democracy, human rights and freedom of the press and religion. ... From the moment of Israel's creation, successive U.S. administrations have appreciated the special bond between the U.S. and Israel. ... In its declaration of independence 62 years ago, Israel declared: 'We extend our hand to all neighboring states and their peoples in an offer of peace

and good neighborliness, and appeal to them to establish bonds of cooperation and mutual help with the sovereign Jewish people settled in its own land.' ... Our valuable bilateral relationship with Israel needs and deserves constant reinforcement. ... We recognize that, despite the extraordinary closeness between our country and Israel, there will be differences over issues both large and small. ... In that spirit, we look forward to working with you to achieve the common objectives of the U.S. and Israel, especially regional security and peace." ☆

## JCC Tributes

### Mindy Ellen Levine Day Camp Endowment Fund

In honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Sean Lerner from Dana and Andrew Kapustin

### Coaches Fund for Sports League Programming

In honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Sean Lerner from Roni and Glenn Fishkin

## Preschool Bullying

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During role play, don't always have your child play the victim. Ask your daughter how she thought Laura felt when she did not let her play in dramatic play. Pretend that you are the victim and say, "When you would not let me play, you made me want to cry."

### Intervene when you hear children being mean.

Parents must take verbal aggression as seriously as they would take physical aggression. We must intervene as we hear it happening; this sends the message, "It's not okay to treat a person that way." Removing your child from the situation may also be appropriate.

### Develop some guidelines for the play.

For instance, you may tell the group that no one can say "You cannot play with us." Taking the time to talk to the children and help them plan how they can

include everyone in their game is a great learning opportunity for the group. Arranging "alone time" or special time later between two friends may be a perfect alternative to excluding anyone during the group time.

### Keep it all in perspective.

As parents, we want to protect our children from feeling hurt. Try not to take these social problems too seriously. Does your child move through these interactions quickly and was she able to play happily and cooperatively later in the day? Many times, preschoolers do not even realize the social slight they were just a part of until an adult points it out and reacts. Remember, our children learn from us, their parents. Be good role models and give positive feedback to your child when you witness them being caring, inclusive, and direct with their peers. ☆

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