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Having fun yet?



Some 250 children are spending the summer at Camp Gan Israel @ Chestnut Hill, which is in its fifth season on the campus of the Solomon Schechter lower school in Newton. From left: Daniella Chalamish of Newton, Aviva Feinberg of Newton, Julia Epshtein of West Roxbury, counselor Riki Druin of Miami, Fla., Ilana Geist of Newton and Shoshi Geist of Newton, Michelle Levin of Needham, Ayelet Bessler of Brookline. The day camp offers sports, drama, cooking, arts and crafts, and field trips.

Jewish groups split over job bias protection

At issue: who counts as a 'minister'?

By Elise Kigner
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Jewish groups are coming down on opposing sides in a pending Supreme Court case over the extent religious institutions are exempt from discrimination laws.

At issue is the principle of ministerial exception, which lower courts have applied in ruling that certain employees of religious institutions are not protected by discrimination laws.

Local lawyers are closely following Hosanna-Tabor Evangelical Lutheran Church and School v. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the first Supreme Court case to examine ministerial exception. The high court is expected to hear the case in fall.

Its decision could affect how the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court rules in a case involving Temple Emanuel of Newton. The Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination has brought an age bias suit against the synagogue for not rehiring a religious school teacher in 2008.

The Michigan case involves a former teacher at a religious elementary school who alleges she lost her job because she was diagnosed with narcolepsy. The church argues that in the eyes of the law she should be considered a "minister" and thus exempt from protection under disability laws. She taught both religious and secular subjects, led students daily in prayer and was a "commissioned minister," meaning the church authorized her to practice as a clergy member.

National Jewish groups see Hosanna-Tabor as potentially affecting employees of synagogues, day schools and camps.

The Orthodox Union has joined with Catholic, Mormon
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Rabbis step up pressure on Hyatt

By Elise Kigner
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Roused by the firing of 98 Hyatt workers in the Boston two years ago, a group of Jewish clergy from around the country has issued a report assailing labor practices at the hotel chain.

The report spotlights Hyatt's treatment of its housekeepers, calling attention to its increased use of subcontractors that pay lower wages and offer fewer bene-

fits. It goes so far as to deem the hotel chain as being not kosher because of its labor practices.

The report begins by describing the events of August 31, 2009, when all 98 housekeepers at the Hyatt's three Boston-area hotels were fired in one day. These housekeepers were replaced by lower-paid, subcontracted staff, many of who they had trained themselves.

In the report, the clergy acknowledge that they had

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Cantor's a hit at Fenway

By Leah Burrows
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For a guy who can talk for hours about the Red Sox, standing on the field at Fenway Park and singing two national anthems at Tuesday's game left Cantor Gideon Zelermyer pretty much speechless.

The New England-born cantor serves the 155-year-old Congregation Shaar Hashomayim in Montreal. He sang both the Canadian and American national anthems for the

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Gideon Zelermyer sings two national anthems at Tuesday night's game.

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