

## Hebrew Academy Participates In National Scientific Balloon Launch



Photograph by Marvin

(In Front) Mara Jaffe. (Second Row L-R) David Perry, Alyssa Rutkowsky & Marcus Rosenkrantz (Back Row L-R) Mrs. Kathy Bowman - Science Teacher & Dr. Tamar Lubin Saposhnik - Director of the Hebrew Academy.

The Hebrew Academy students in Las Vegas joined with 175,000 other students in over 500 locations across the United States to launch helium-filled balloons, recently.

Sponsored by the Triangle Coalition for Science and Technology Education, the balloon launch is a nationwide science project which heralds the first school day of National Science Week.

From Maine to Hawaii and from Alaska to Texas, 175,000 students let go of their balloons at the same time (10:30 a.m. PDT, 11:30 a.m. MDT, 12:30 p.m. CDT, 1:30 p.m. EDT). Once aloft, each balloon's journey was determined by the altitude it reached and the prevailing winds.

Bright, yellow postcards noting each student's

# LETTERS

Dear friends:

We have launched a Community-wide effort to raise \$100,000 for medical support of young, heart-transplant patient Chad Ruesch. Chad, the son of Las Vegas Metro Police Officer Keith Ruesch and his wife Carol, is an Eagle Scout and former Chapparral High School football player. Chad underwent life-saving heart-transplant surgery last month at the University of Utah Medical Center in Salt Lake City. His family faces extremely high medical bills. (Organ transplants are not covered by insurance.) We are urging all Southern Nevadans to lend a hand in this very worthy cause.

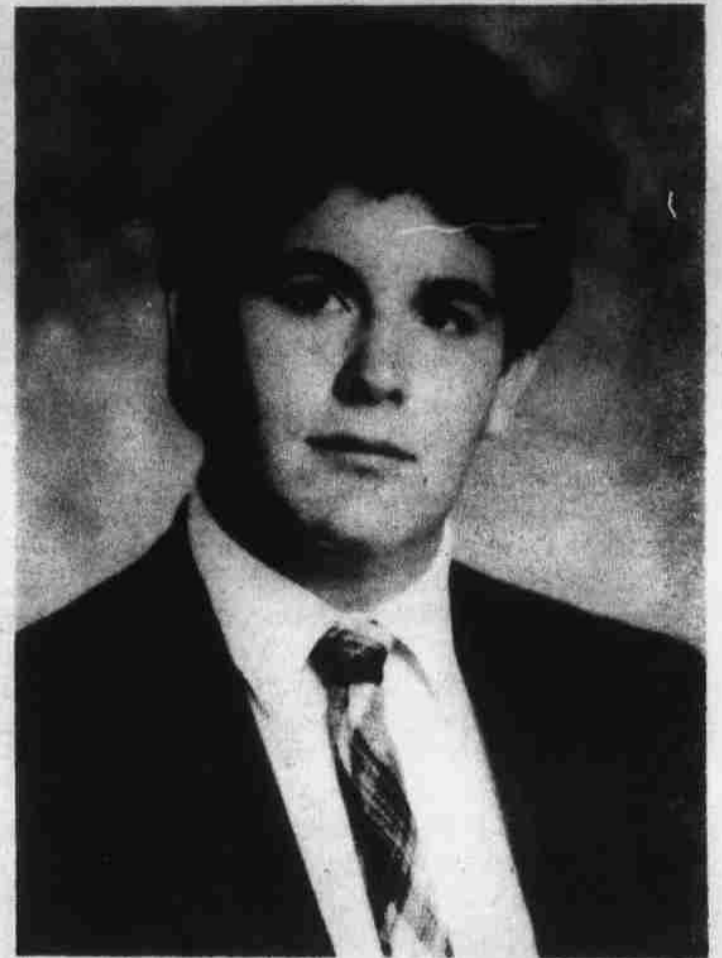
Contributions can be sent to the "University of Utah Medical Center," c/o Mohler and Mohler, CPA's, 3910 Pecos-McLeod, Ste. A-100, Las Vegas, NV 89121. Large tax deductible contributions should be sent to the "University Hospital Board Designated Development Fund" and sent to the same address. No ad-

name and the Hebrew Academy launch site were attached to each balloon requesting that the finder fill in where the balloon was found and mail the card to the National Center for Earth Science Education at the American Geological Institute (AGI) in Alexandria, Virginia.

Cards will then be distributed to post launch analysis centers. These centers will include secondary school science teachers and students as analysts. After analysis, cards will be returned to the students who launched the balloons. The students will then participate in science class discussions related to air currents, weather maps and other earth science concepts.

Balloons in Nevada were supplied by (World-Book-Childcraft or E.I. DuPont de Nemours & Company). Originator and coordinator of the balloon launch, the Triangle Coalition for Science and Technology Education is composed of member organizations from business, industry, labor, science, engineering, medicine and science education, all of which are committed to the improvement of science education for all students.

National Science Week is sponsored by the National Science Foundation, Washington, D.C.



CHAD RUESCH

ministration fee will be charged; 100% of the proceeds will benefit Chad.

Keith Ruesch has put his life on the line for this community for 22 years, please take the time to help him and his family in their time of need.

Sincerely,

Ron Lurie  
Las Vegas City Councilman

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