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Local kosher food distributor closes

SWB New England, one of the largest kosher meat suppliers in New England suddenly closed last week as deliveries ceased on Oct. 10. The reason for the closing remains unknown.

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Tutu to speak at Old South Church

Desmond Tutu, the controversial Christian leader who has come under fire for his stance on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, will speak at Boston's Old South Church later this month.

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Ann Coulter 'perfects' U.S. Jews

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Teaching kids to be themselves

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Maccabi Tel Aviv in New York

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SHABBAT TIMES CANDLE LIGHTING

Parshah: Lech Lecho

BOSTON	5:39 PM
MANCHESTER, N.H.	5:40 PM
FALL RIVER	5:40 PM
PORTLAND, MAINE	5:34 PM
PROVIDENCE	5:41 PM
SPRINGFIELD	5:46 PM
WORCESTER	5:42 PM

ERUV STATUS:	
BOSTON	781-446-9797
MALDEN	781-322-5686
SHARON	781-695-0505



Rashi students 'fall' into sports

More than half of students in grades 4-8 at the Rashi School are participating this fall in the expanded afterschool interscholastic sports program. Above, Eliza Shaye, Abigail Akiba, Elijah Elmore, Jason Miller and Jonathan Zackman show off their school spirit.

Fallout looms as genocide resolution moves to House

Many in local community stand behind support for recognition

By Lorne Bell

Amid frenzied debate at the local, national and international levels, the U.S. House Foreign Affairs Committee voted on Oct. 10 to officially recognize the Ottoman Empire's World War I massacre of Armenians as genocide. The non-binding House Resolution 106, which will now move to the full House for vote, prompted Turkey to immediately recall its ambassador to the U.S., and has elicited concerns from Israeli and American officials about the impact on relations with the Turkish government.

"[Relations with Turkey] are very important for Israel," said Nadav Tamir, consul general of Israel to New England. "Israel was out of the debate."

Officials in the Bush administration and eight former secretaries of state signaled their opposition to the resolution in advance of last week's vote. In a letter to House Speaker Nancy Pelosi

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(D-Calif.), the former secretaries wrote that the passage of HR-106 "would endanger our national security interests."

While the measure appeared as if it would quickly pass through the House, nearly a dozen House members – from both parties – have withdrawn their support for the resolution as of Wednesday, according to the New York Times.

But while government officials are worried about the consequences of offending Turkey, a key ally in the Middle East, local Armenians have praised the resolution, saying any fallout between

Turkey and the U.S. will be short-lived.

"These are knee-jerk, hysterical reactions," said Khatchig Mouradian, editor of The Armenian Weekly, which is based in Watertown. "Turkey is not a superpower and realizes full-well it needs the U.S."

Mouradian said this summer's controversy between Boston area Armenian and Jewish communities and the Anti-Defamation League helped to foster awareness of the issue. That controversy, which eventually led the national ADL to recognize the Armenian genocide, saw several Massachusetts towns cut ties with the ADL's No Place for Hate program and the temporary firing of the organization's regional director, Andrew Tarsy, who publicly dissented from the national position.

"The local controversy did not directly affect the resolution, but on an educational

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