

# Bosnia's ambassador to U.N. to speak at temple

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BRIGHTON — Muhamed Sacirbey, the ambassador of Bosnia-Herzegovina to the United Nations, will speak during a banquet at Temple B'rith Kodesh, 2131 Elmwood Ave., on Wednesday, Sept. 1, at 7 p.m.

The banquet will help raise money for relief efforts in Bosnia. Proceeds will be divided among four agencies: the World Life Institute; Mercy International (Islamic); the World Council of Churches' Women's Team; and the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee.

The banquet is sponsored by the Rochester-based Interfaith Forum, a coalition of Islamic, Jewish, Catholic and Protestant representatives. Most recently, the forum sponsored an interfaith service for peace in Bosnia on Tuesday, Aug. 17, at Sacred Heart Cathedral, 296 Flower City Park, Rochester.

More than 400 people attended a



S. John Wilkin/Staff photographer  
Sacred Heart Cathedral hosted an interfaith service for peace in Bosnia Aug. 17. The service included lighting candles to symbolize hope and freedom.

Shakoor, an associate professor of counselor education at the State University of New York College at Brockport, noted that Western nations have effectively washed their hands of any responsibility for stopping Serbian-perpetrated genocide in the Balkans.

Shakoor, a Muslim, traveled to Croatia and Bosnia last December on a fact-finding mission for the Toronto-based World Life Institute. He had been invited by the University of Zagreb to speak on the psychological impact of large-scale human crises.

In a phone interview with the *Catholic Courier*, Shakoor blamed the news media for portraying Serbia's wars against Croatia and Bosnia as "civil wars" in the former Yugoslavia rather than genocidal invasions of two sovereign nations.

"People still shrug it off as this sort of internal dispute, like the Hatfields and McCoys," he said.

He added that the West prefers to put forth such reasons as the historical hostility between groups in the Yugoslav region and the alleged complexity of the current war to justify non-intervention in Bosnia.

"All of these things are excuses for not really standing for the right of that country to exist," he said.

He also attacked Western diplomats and politicians for abetting Serbian — and to a lesser extent, Croatian — takeover of Bosnian territory.

"No one has stopped the war of ethnic cleansing (in Bosnia). They're just figuring out how to dismember it," he observed.

## Program brings care into the home

ROCHESTER — Catholic Charities Residential Program has started offering Family Care, a program designed to help developmentally disabled individuals live at home with trained individuals and families.

The first group of care providers will begin training in September, according to Lucy Dechaine, director of community services for Catholic Charities. Dechaine will oversee the Family Care program until it expands and a permanent director is hired.

"Family Care involves placing people who have developmental disabilities in the homes of families who want them to live with them and who will incorporate (the developmentally disabled individuals) into their family," Dechaine explained.

"The thrust of the program is for people to live in the community in as 'normal' an environment as possible," Dechaine continued. "For most of us, the normal environment is the family."

Under the program, individuals or families who have received training and certification through the New York state Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities will take one or two developmentally disabled individuals into their homes. In some cases, these individuals may

already be family members.

Disabilities will include mental retardation, cerebral palsy, spina bifida and autism, Dechaine explained. Individuals may have multiple disabilities in some cases.

Families will be asked to involve the disabled individuals in as many activities as possible. Opportunities for respite and even an annual paid vacation will be offered, Dechaine reported.

The Family Care program will provide staff support through a case manager and an on-call nurse. In addition, the state will pay a stipend to the families.

The developmentally disabled individuals are also allotted clothing allowances, and their medical bills are covered by Medicaid.

Dechaine noted that the developmentally disabled individuals may be family members already receiving care. Still the program would help people in this situation receive the stipend and additional support.

Although a number of other Rochester-area agencies already offer Family Care programs, many of those agencies don't offer the program to a broad range of developmentally disa-

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similar service at Temple B'rith Kodesh one year ago. This year, however, only about 150 people attended the interfaith gathering, according to the Rev. Richard W. Comegys Jr., rector of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 350 Chili Ave.

The Rev. Comegys gave two reasons for the low turnout: news of the war has become commonplace and little has been done to stop it.

"People are just worn down," he said.

The service's main speaker, Muhyi

## Reunion set for students of former schools

ROCHESTER — A special celebration for former students of St. Joseph's grammar school, orphanage and commercial and business high schools will take place on Sunday, Sept. 26, at Our Lady of Victory-St. Joseph Church, 210 Pleasant St.

This event, which begins at 10:30

a.m., is being hosted by the School Sisters of Notre Dame. Father Leo Dunn, CSSR, will celebrate the liturgy. Several former teachers are expected to attend.

For details, call Sister Bernice Staub, SSND, at 716/342-4000 or 342-5023.

## BK parents to sponsor upcoming vacation excursions

IRONDEQUOIT — The alumni parents of Bishop Kearney High School, 125 Kings Highway S., are sponsoring two vacation excursions in the upcoming months.

A trip to Paradise Island, Bahamas, will take place from Oct.

24-31. In addition, a ship cruise to the Eastern Caribbean is scheduled from Jan. 30-Feb. 6.

Both vacations are open to the public. For details, call William Loftus at 716/266-6555.

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**BINGO TIMES & LOCATIONS**

Aquinas Institute  
1127 Dewey Ave.  
254-2020 Wed. 8pm

Bishop Kearney  
125 Kings Hwy. S.  
671-1065 Wed. 8pm

Good Shepherd  
3288 E. Henrietta Rd.  
334-3518 Sat. 7:30pm

Guardian Angels  
Church  
2061 E. Henrietta Rd.  
334-1412 Wed. 7:30pm

Holy Apostles  
6 Austin St. 254-7170  
Tues. 7:30pm

Holy Family Church  
899 Jay Street 328-3110  
Sun. 7:30pm

Holy Family Home  
School Assoc.  
899 Jay St. 328-4800  
Wed. 7:30pm

Most Precious Blood  
179 Stenson St.  
458-0079 Fri. 7:30pm

Our Lady of Mercy  
600 Denise Rd.  
665-0775 Tue. 7:30pm

Our Lady of Perpetual  
Help  
923 Portland Ave.  
487-2725 Wed. 7:30pm

St. Anne  
1600 Mt. Hope Ave.  
271-3260 Thur. 7:30pm

St. Boniface  
15 Whalin St. 271-1468  
Sun. 7:45pm

St. Cecilia's  
2732 Culver Rd.  
467-4286 Fri. 8pm

St. Charles Borromeo  
64 Maiden Lane  
663-3230 Mon. 8pm

St. James  
119 Brockley Rd.  
482-9796  
Thur. 7:30pm

St. Jude the Apostle  
4100 Lyell Rd. 247-4322  
Thurs. 7:45pm

St. Mark's  
54 Kuhn Rd. 225-3710  
Fri. 8pm

St. Mary Lyceum Hall,  
Auburn 315-252-9545  
Sun. 7:30pm

St. Michael's  
869 Clinton Ave. N  
325-4040  
Thur. 7:30 & 9pm

St. Michael's  
320 S. Main St. Newark  
315-332-2297  
Mon. 7:30pm

St. Rita's 1008 Maple Dr.  
671-1100 Sun. 7:30pm

St. Stanislaus  
1150 Hudson Ave.  
467-1472 Sun. 6:15pm,  
Tue. 7:30pm, Thur. 8pm

St. Theodore  
170 Spencerport Rd.  
429-6511 Sun. 7:30pm

St. Thomas The Apostle  
41 Colebrook Dr.  
342-2323 Sat. 8pm

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