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## BRIEFS FROM AROUND OUR COMMUNITY

Jeb Brownstein and Mike Hamburg gear up for the Wheels of Love ride through the mountains of northern Israel.

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### Road Warriors

Mike Hamburg and Jeb Brownstein, a pair of local bicycling enthusiasts, are packing up their Schwinn's and shipping out to Israel. This Sunday, Nov. 1, Mr. Hamburg, an attorney, and Mr. Brownstein, a restaurateur, will begin a five-day bike ride through mountainous northern Israel as part of the Wheels of Love charity bike ride.

Wheels of Love benefits the Alyn Hospital, a children's rehabilitation hospital in Jerusalem. The ride is a demanding road course that snakes 325 miles, beginning in the town of Rosh Pina and ending at the hospital.

"There are hundreds of people waiting to greet you when the ride ends," said Mr. Brownstein, a Beth Tfiloh congregant, who is on his second trek with Wheels of Love. "The best part is when we go inside and meet all the kids. It's a fantastic, awe-inspiring scene. Everyone is welcoming and thanking you. It's highly emotional and makes all the effort worth it."

Both Mr. Hamburg, a Temple Oheb Shalom congregant, and Mr. Brownstein admit this will be the toughest ride of their lives. "On the second day alone, there is 11,000 feet of vertical climbing," said Mr. Brownstein. "That's an awesome amount."

Noted Mr. Hamburg: "I've been training by riding about 100 miles a week and mentally preparing myself."

While both men have the personal goal to "ride strong," each has a fund-raising goal. To date, Mr. Hamburg has raised \$5,200, already eclipsing his goal of \$5,000, while Mr. Brownstein has raised \$6,038, well on his way to achieving his \$7,000 goal. □

For information on Wheels of Love or to contribute to Mr. Brownstein or Mr. Hamburg's fund-raising goals, check out [alynus.org/jebbrownstein](http://alynus.org/jebbrownstein) or [alynus.org/mikehamburg](http://alynus.org/mikehamburg).

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