

AMHERST, July 6--HOME SECURITY, OF THE HIGHEST DEGREE: Rabbi Laizer Labkovski from the Jewish Discovery Center helps Joshua Goldburg install a mezuzah in the doorway of his office, located at 123 Main Street. A mezuzah is a parchment inscribed with indelible ink by a professionally trained scribe. Specific passages from the Torah are written on the parchment, after which the parchment is rolled up and placed in a container. The mezuzah is then affixed to the doorpost of the home. Many communities encourage the placing of a mezuzah in the doorways of offices as well. Mezuzot serve as a physical sign to the general public that "a Jew lives / works here". Spiritually, mezuzot protect the home and those who live in the home from negative influences and attitudes that surround us everyday. For more information about the mezuzah, contact Rabbi Laizer at (718) 639-7600. (Photo by Avraham Tapp of Jewish Discovery Center)