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Balaban, a composer, keyboardist and member of Klezmer. The group mixes Jamaican ska music with Jewish klezmer in tunes like "Skava Nagila," their version of "Hava Nagila," and "Hanukkah, Oh Hanukkah." It is performing at the Puffin Cultural Forum in Teaneck on Saturday at 9 p.m.

Mr. Balaban, who grew up in Tenafly, lives in New York City. He also composes music for the children's television program "Blues Chues" on Nickelodeon.

Information on the Teaneck concert:
(201) 836-8923.

Pictures of Hope

A 12-year-old boy in a hospital creates a picture of his "dream room," his room at home. A 9-year-old girl creates a picture about the day she will leave the hospital.

These pictures and others, as well as photographs and sculptures, were made by children with serious illnesses treated at New Jersey hospitals, and their brothers and sisters. They are on display at Montclair State University in "Express Yourself," an exhibition put together by ArtWorks, the Naomi Cohnain Foundation, an Englewood-based group that raises money to support art ther-

apy in hospitals in and out of state. The show runs through Thursday.

The organization was started two years ago by Daniela Mendelsohn, an Englewood native. Her inspiration was her 14-year-old cousin Naomi Cohnain, who came to New Jersey for cancer treatment, and used art as a way of coping with her illness before she died at 15 in 1995.

Information on the show: (973) 655-7640.

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