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Tots show art in library

A display of arts and crafts created by tots in Mayfair Co-operative Nursery School is on display now in Farmington Branch Library, State and Liberty Street. The exhibit will remain in the library through April 30.

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Margaret Miller

I HAD already been to the airport that morning. I told a friend who came to pick me up for brunch and a meeting. Joe was flying to Michigan for a week.

"Putting a little separation in all the retirement togetherness?" she asked. "I think that's a good idea. We do it too, sometimes."

I hadn't thought of it that way, actually.

There was a meeting Joe really wanted to attend, and of course grandchildren Katie and Danny to bug and play with. I had a lot of things that needed doing here.

AIR travel rates are better if you stay a full week. Daughter Barb's home accommodates one extra person pretty easily but gets quite cramped with two. It just seemed a good idea for him to make the weeklong jaunt alone.

But Katie picked up on the idea right away. When told Grandma would be coming to visit by herself, she commented that "Grandma had her turn before." And so I had, last May when Danny was born and in December when I flew north for my father's funeral.

THEN THE WEEK that Joe was gone, I had one day with an unusually full schedule. There were events in the morning, afternoon and early evening. Since one was around, I didn't bother to go home in between, but filled in the time with a few errands and wanderings.

Driving home that night, it occurred to me I'd had a day like most of the ones I used to put in when working full time. I explained what I'd been doing to a friend who called after I arrived back home.

"We can always go out and play when we're on our own," was her comment.

And I hadn't thought of that, either.

THERE IS VALIDITY in the thoughts of both friends. It was unusual making the bed every day and cooking for one. But I did change menus to include food I especially like, and I made routines more flexible. I'm sure Joe has done the same when I've been away.

A little space and a change of pace isn't a bad idea at all for couples who retire.

But make no mistake — I was ready before the week was over to welcome him home with wide open arms. Enough of this being on my own. The week's separation ended just in time for a joint celebration of the anniversary that marked 32 years of togetherness.

Margaret Miller was Suburban Life editor for Observer Newspapers for 10 years. She and her husband Joe have retired to Florida, where she writes Retirement Memos.

Uprising remembered

Sholem Aleichem Institute joins with members of the Polish Home Army for a program commemorating the Warsaw ghetto uprising at 8:30 p.m. Friday in Franklin Pointe Clubhouse, 26361 Franklin Pointe Drive. The event is open to all without charge.

The Warsaw ghetto uprising, one of many ghetto revolts, started on the first night of Passover, which in 1943, was also April 19.

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