

Sinai celebrates holiday

How does Michigan's only Jewish hospital celebrate the holidays?

Instead of putting up the traditional holly-and-evergreen decorations, Sinai Hospital of Detroit and the Sinai Hospital Guild is sponsoring a show of art works celebrating Jewish holidays and customs. The works are by students from Hillel Day School in Farmington Hills.

The show opened Dec. 1. It will continue over the Jewish festival of Hanukkah, Dec. 16-23, and Monday, Jan. 4.

The art works, submitted by students from kindergarten through ninth grade, are displayed in Sinai Hospital's three main lobbies.

Sinai is at 6767 W. Outer Drive, between Greenfield and Hubbell, in Detroit.

"The works are displayed at a time of year when being in the hospital can be especially difficult," said Bobbie Blitz, president of the Sinai Hospital Guild. "Many patients and visitors of all faiths have told us how much the children's art cheers them up. Sinai employees enjoy the show, too."

Sinai held a Hanukkah party for Hillel Day School students and their families Dec. 14. About 550 people came to enjoy the traditional potato pancake with all of the trimmings. "This was a wonderful, exciting opportunity to re-affirm our roots with the Jewish Community," Blitz said. The holiday recounts the Jewish struggle for religious freedom against the Syrian tyrant Antiochus in 140 BCE.



obituaries

MARIE LaCASSE

Mrs. LaCasse, 88, of Farmington died Dec. 10 in Oak Hill Care Center. Born in Quebec, Canada, Mrs. LaCasse was a homemaker.

Survivors include her step-sons, Roger and Gerald LaCasse; daughter, Dorothy Ochala; step-daughters, Jeannette Matarazzo and Anita Gray; 20 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Services were Dec. 12 at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Kean Cronin of Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church officiating. Burial was in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Detroit.

ERSAL WHITWORTH

Mrs. Whitworth, 71, of Farmington Hills died Dec. 15 in Hospice of S.E. Michigan.

Born in Minnesota, Mrs. Whitworth was a homemaker. Survivors include her sons, James and Robert; a daughter, Loretta Atkins; sister, Edith Gelaude; brother, Pink Brown Jr.; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services were at the Forest Park Baptist Church, Farmington Hills, with the Rev. Bill Robbins officiating. Burial was in Parkview Cemetery, Livonia. Arrangements were made by the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington.

Arthritis Today
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This scenario is not meant to be funny or cruel at the expense of the elderly. What I am trying to illustrate is the need for the individual to keep walking at all costs, despite having arthritis.
Activity is the best way to keep the emotions, heart, lungs, and muscles strong. The effort may strain the joints, but the alternative of prolonged rest, weakens the body. If the joints reach a point that they can't move, then drugs, injections, heat, massage, and eventually surgery may restore mobility. However, if the heart, lungs and mind lose their usual capabilities, the treatment undertaken to improve function often causes more impairment than the medical conditions themselves.

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