

# Hills has 1st kosher bakery

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It's strictly kosher, the first of its kind in Farmington Hills and — it's here.

Sunshine Treats, a retail and wholesale bakery specializing in muffins, cookies, brownies and sweet rolls called "cinnamonuffs," recently opened on 12 Mile Rd., between Middlebelt and Orchard Lake Rd. across the street from Harrison High School.

Co-owners Pam Salba of Farmington Hills and Marilyn Rice, a West Bloomfield resident — the merry muffin ladies — are ready to take your order. They are assisted by Fati Bartel of Farmington Hills.

SALBA AND Rice, first began working with each other making batter at another location last September.

"We sell wholesale orders every morning and bake fresh for our own counter every morning and throughout the day," Salba said. "Nothing is saved from the day. You never know what's going to be warm when you come in. We're basically a muffin, brownie and cookie shop."

Twenty-five varieties of muffins are available, including standards like blueberry and bran as well as lemon poppyseed, lemon cranberry, sour cream coffee cake, banana chocolate chip and zucchini and an eggless variety.

Muffins are baked fresh throughout the day. It's best to call ahead to make sure your favorite is ready and in the quantities you need. If it's not, give the owners an hour and it will be.

The store also carries specially sized goodies for nursery school and birthday parties. About 75 dozen muffins are supplied wholesale

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and 35 dozen are sold over the counter daily.

"We have regular customers already who come in for their daily fix," Salba said.

All of the products have been certified kosher by Rabbi Jack Goldman of the West Bloomfield-based, Metropolitan Kashruth Council of Michigan. The group is a non-profit organization dedicated to furthering Jewish observance and to the enhancement of Jewish education, culture and scholarship.

"What is unique about Sunshine Treats is that they are selling not only their baked goods, but also the batter for all of their products," Goldman said. "These batters, which come in 15 pound pails, are intended for bakeries all over Michigan. A lot of people feel that kosher food is healthier and more nutritious for you."

LAST WEEK, Goldman as well as Rabbi Elry Spectre and Cantor Larry Vieder of Adat Shalom, Farmington Hills participated in a ceremony to hang the mazuzah, a



RANDY BORST/staff photographer

Co-owners Pam Salba (left) and Marilyn Rice show off some of their homebaked goodies at their new Farmington Hills kosher bakery.

Jewish symbol. The mazuzah contains a quote from the Torah written on parchment.

"You'll find a mazuzah on the doorstep of every Jewish home," Goldman said.

Currently Salba and Rice have wholesale orders spanning Wayne and Oakland counties.

Store hours are 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday and a half day on Saturday.

"Pam and I will do whatever it takes to make our customers happy," Price said. "It really is a labor of love. Soon, the pair will also be doing Elie's Weigh Inc., a dietary line of baked goods."

"If you are ever down, come in here," Salba said in a motherly fashion.

Small talk and a muffin are the pair's recipe for happiness.

Salba, who is married to Larry, a computer consultant, has two children, Benjamin, 10 and Leslie, 9, both Woodcreek Elementary students.

Rice, who is married to Michael, has four children, Erica, 17, Meredith, 14, Evan, 12 and Justin, 10.



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Bakery co-owner Marilyn Rice scoops muffin batter as guests look on last week. Pictured, from left, are Rabbi Jack Goldman, Rice, Rabbi Elry Spectre, co-owner Pam Salba and Cantor Larry Vieder.

# Larkshire School principal marks 25th year at helm

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After a short stint as principal at Longacre Elementary, Lanigan was moved to Larkshire.

"I've enjoyed being here in one spot, and I appreciate that the board (of education) has allowed me to stay," Lanigan said while sitting at his desk that was a jeweler's bench in the mid-1800s.

THE REST of the office is furnished with a library table of the Civil War era, a rocker first used in 1960, an oak bookcase circa 1880 and a teacher's chair that's about 50 years old.

A family portrait taken on the couple's 25th wedding anniversary sits atop the library table. A string of children's portraits line one wall.

"My birthday is in September," Lanigan said. "So when each of our children entered kindergarten, my wife gave me a portrait of that child for my birthday gift."

Mike Lanigan is father to Sean, the couple's only grandchild. Their other children are Mary, Greg and Linda.

Collecting antiques was an early-on interest the couple continue to share. Birthday gifts now, as well as gifts for any other occasion, are more likely than not to be pieces of

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LANIGAN IS proud of Larkshire's Media Center, which contains the largest book collection of any elementary school in the district and its accompanying audio-visual collection.

"This is all due to the PTA. They are talking now of complete computer sets — the whole shot — for every classroom. Most PTAs just don't put this kind of money into their schools and ours always has something going."

"Take a look at our playground on the weekends. It is filled with kids playing on the skill-building equip-

ment put there by the PTA.

"You'd be hard-pressed to find a more hard-working group. If I were a betting man — and I'm not — I would bet on that one."

A prekindergarten program started and run by the staff is an every-fall activity at Larkshire. Youngsters are invited to the school for six Friday mornings before they come for Kindergarten Round-up.

LANIGAN IS proud of another staff-proposed program, a weekend of outdoor education for fourth graders every spring that has become a tradition at the school.

"The staff is spending a straight 72 hours with the kids and no complaints."

Another tradition, proposed by the staff, is a 12-hour field trip to Canada and Jack Miner's, which "has become a treasured experience."

of investing their clients' money, however, the indictment says they used it for their own benefit and in some cases gave earlier investors money received from new investors to keep the scheme from collapsing.

LEWIN COULD not be reached for comment Friday afternoon. A secretary who answered the telephone at Gendelman's office said he would not be available for comment.

An indictment is only a charge from a federal grand jury and is not evidence of guilt.

Residents throughout the metropolitan area, including several in southern Oakland County, were targeted by the scheme, which collapsed in 1985, according to the indictment.

Some investors, who were led to believe they would get higher rates of return and better treatment by re-

cruting others to invest along with them, were recruited to solicit investments from others, the indictment said.

INVESTORS WERE led to believe that Weiner's connections to Detroit city officials and to various businesses enabled him to procure gold and silver coins and bullion and other goods and commodities at prices substantially below market prices, the indictment said.

Weiner is said to have bought Rolex watches and Sony electronic equipment at retail prices to give to investors in support of claims that he was able to obtain these products through his connections.

Weiner, Lewin and Gendelman offered investors special deals and promised other special benefits to encourage investors to reinvest, extend or increase their investments, according to the indictment.



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# 2 WB men indicted with Weiner

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Two West Bloomfield men were indicted with Kenneth Weiner last week in a 36-count federal indictment charging all three with wire fraud and interstate transportation of property obtained by fraud.

Weiner, 44, and West Bloomfield residents Alvin Gendelman, 58, and Steven Lewin, 42, face up to 15 years in prison and \$250,000 fines if found guilty of the charges.

Weiner, who is in federal custody, has been at the center of a separate investigation into the Detroit Police Department Secret Service Fund.

The indictment says the three men, from 1983 to 1986, operated a pyramid scheme in which investors were promised large returns for short-term investments in gold, silver and other commodities. Instead