General Hospital means more than health care.

Ask Detroit resident John Vitta. He recently signed on as the 10,000th member of ElderMed at Botsford, at ree, lifetime membership program for adults age 50 and over.

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about ElderMed.
"I was looking through some El-derMed literature and I thought it sounded good," Vitta sald, "Botsford is close to home and the programs ElderMed offers look interesting."

For becoming ElderMed's 10.000th member, Vitta was recognized at the program's Table Topics luncheon in November. Table Topics is a monthly lectures series that addresses issued of concern to an elder population.

ACCORDING TO ElderMed coordinator Sandy Baumann, the monthly lecture series is one of many benefits of membership.

"Members also receive discounts on a variety of community services such as eye care, hearing aids, travel

and prescription medications at Botsford's outpatient pharmacy, she said. "They also have access to discounted health education classes through Botsford's Health Development Network."

Other benefits include reduced prices at the hospital gift shoop and cafeteria, as well as a free monthly newsletter highlighting hospital events, community resources, health tips and new discounts.

A monthly lecture series entitled "Coffee With:..." features a medical professional who addresses various issues such as a caregiving, nutrition and cardiac care.

As for the Vittas, they're looking forward to their new membership and to all the services offered to them.

For more information about ElderMed at Butsford General Hospital, call the ElderMed Office at 471-8020 on weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

p.m. on weekadys from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Botsford General Hospital Is a J36-bed osteopathic teaching hospi-tal serving Farmington Hills and surrounding communities. The hospi-tal is affiliated with Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine.



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John Vitta (center) receives a Botsford General Hospital gym bag from hospital president Gerson I. Cooper (right). Vitta re-cently became the 10,000th member of ElderMed, a free pro-

gram for older adults. ElderMed coordinator Sandy Baumann (left) looks on,

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## WB kills plan for menorah

By James Radebaugh stelf writer

West Bloomfield officials replied this month with a qulet "no thanks" to a suggestion the township build an 5-foot menorah on public property.

Backed by a cautionary opinion from township attorney Gerald on the control of the cont

"IT'S A DIFFICULT thing to get into," Draur said. "You have so many groups in the township and you want to afford each the same cour-

want to attoru earn in same-resy."

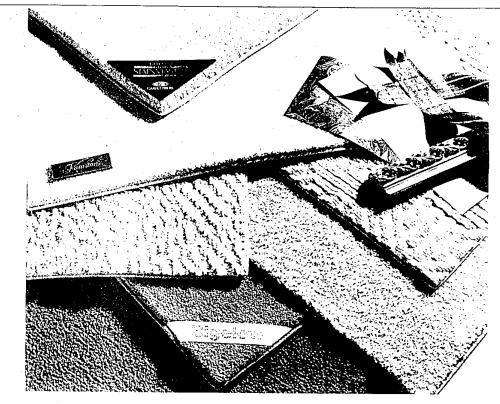
In a letter dated Oct. 18, Rabbi Herschel Finman, the Lubavitch Foundation's director of education outreach, told Draur that recent Su-jeeme Court decisions negate legal concerns for municipalities that dis-play menorans and Christmas trees, the said the While House and many state capitol buildings display meno-rabs.

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Finman offered to help the township procure an 8-foot high, 5-foot high, 5-foot high, 5-foot high, 5-foot high, 5-foot high, 5-foot high should aluminum. The letter implied that the township would be responsible for the 1900 cost, and suggested that if funding were a problem, perhaps a private individual could be found to sponsor it. The heavitch Foundation of the heavitch foundation has been been dead with the world with Chabatt-Lubavitch movement, a movement among Jews that steeses strict adherence to scriptural teachings. Finman said the offer to West.

stresses strict adherence to scripturationalings.
Finnan said the offer to West Bloomfield shouldn't be made into a "folleral case." I was offering them the opportunity and they said no, and Pm not pursuing it anymore," he said.
West Bloomfield traditionally displays a Christmas tree and menerah inside town hall during the holiday screen.

THE BOARD'S LACK of action on the request was supported by an opinion written by Fisher, the town ship attorney, which said placing a public menoral might not only open the township to a legal challenge but might also force the township to dispay the symbols of other religious. "Contrary to the indication in Labasistic Foundation letter, there are still no clear and bright-line tules which can be applied in determining whether local government display of the symbol of a particular religion is constitutional," he wrote.



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