Resources for Jewish Patients and Visitors

BIKUR CHOLIM (Visiting the Sick)
Rabbi Perl makes regular visits or is available upon request.

KOSHER FOOD
Patient meals (packaged entrees) under kashrut (kosher) supervision.

Visitors staying with a patient over the Sabbath or Yom Tov (Festival Days) can request a guest tray by speaking with the patient’s nurse.

Lobby Cafe: A selection of Glatt Kosher sandwiches are available daily.

SABBATH HOUSE
A comfortable Sabbath House is available for a patient’s visiting family. It is stocked with basic food items and Jewish books. Advance arrangements to stay in the House must be made Monday-Friday, 8am – 4pm by calling the Sabbath House Coordinator at 516-663-4875; after 4pm reservations can be made at the Security Desk in the Hospital Lobby.

SABBATH CANDLES
Because safety is paramount in the hospital and in Halacha (Jewish Law), it is strictly prohibited to light a flame in any building on the Hospital campus. Instead, a brocha (blessing) may be recited over electric lights in the patient’s room. Pastoral Care or Patient Relations is happy to provide electric Sabbath candles or disposable candles for this purpose. Sabbath Candles are also provided in the Sabbath House.

MATERNITY
Details of provisions for patients and families are available on the unit, or by contacting the Pastoral Care Department or the Rabbi.

ELEVATOR
The North Pavilion Elevator is marked the “Sabbath Elevator” and it stops at each floor on the Sabbath and Yom Tov.

YOM TOV/CHAGIM (HOLIDAYS)
The hospital makes every effort to discharge patients before a major holiday. If you expect to be hospitalized over Yom Tov, please call us in advance to assist you with specific needs.

On the eve of the High Holidays and Erev (Eve) Pesach, the Pastoral Care Department sponsors a celebration to mark the holiday for the staff.

Rosh Hashanah
The shofar is blown by the Rabbi at the patient’s bedside.

Pesach (Passover)
Shmurah Matzah can be requested for the Seder night. Please contact the Rabbi.

Sukkot
A sukkah is located in the backyard of the Sabbath House. The Rabbi visits each patient wishing to shake the lulav inside the hospital.

Chanukah
A festive candle-lighting ceremony takes place each year. Patients are encouraged to
ask a family member to light the Chanukah menorah at home with them in mind.

**Purim**
Bedside Megillah readings are available by calling the Rabbi 516.739.3636

**Yizkor**
Yizkor materials and readings are available by calling the Pastorial Care Department before Yom Tov.

**TEFILLAH (PRAYER)**
Tallit & Tefillin are available from the Rabbi.

**LOCAL SYNAGOGUE**
Cong Beth Sholom Chabad, 261 Willis Ave, Mineola NY, led by Rabbi Anchelle Perl. Distance from Hospital 0.57miles.

**Wednesday Mincha**
All during the year afternoon prayer takes place on Monday-Thursday at 1:30pm-1:45pm in Serenity Chapel.

**Sabbath Services**
Friday Night 10 minutes after candle lighting. All Summer months 7pm. Shabbat Morning 10am