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Media Advisory/ Photo Opportunity

York Central Hosts Open House for Judaic Festival

York Central Hospital (YCH) is hosting a Sukkah Open House as part of the hospital's ongoing effort to create a warm, welcoming environment for our patients, staff, physicians and volunteers. The hospital is supporting the events surrounding Sukkot, an eight-day Jewish holiday commonly referred to as the 'Festival of Tabernacles,' traditionally celebrated during the month of October, shortly after the Jewish High Holy Days. The Sukkah itself is a temporary hut-like structure in which people dwell, eat and spend as much time as possible and is a focal point of the holiday.

Who: Mayor Dave Barrow, Town of Richmond Hill
Rabbi Lazer Danzinger, Chaplain, YCH Spiritual Care Services and other community rabbis
Patients, long-term care residents, staff, students, volunteers, physicians and community leaders

What: Local spiritual leaders help celebrate and recognize Sukkot, an extremely important religious and cultural symbol within Judaism. This year the holiday begins on Wednesday, September 26 and runs through to Sunday, October 6.

Where: 10 Trench Street (Main Hospital Site)
Garden Patio, York Central Hospital, Richmond Hill, ON

When: **Monday, October 1, 2007 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.**

Media are invited to attend the Open House and enjoy refreshments on the back patio as we explore the meaning of the Sukkah.

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