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WALDKLINIKEN EISENBERG WILL INAUGURATE SYNAGOGUE ON MAY 22, 2022

Thuringia Minister President Bodo Ramelow and Charlotte Knobloch will be guest speakers at the inauguration ceremony for the Synagogue Eisenberg in the new Waldkliniken Eisenberg building.

On Sunday, May 22, 2022, the Waldkliniken Eisenberg will celebrate the opening of the Synagogue Eisenberg on its premises. The 16-seat synagogue is located in the clinic's new building designed by star architect Matteo Thun and will be officially inaugurated by the well-known Berlin rabbi Yitshak Ehrenberg. Bodo Ramelow, Minister President of Thuringia; Charlotte Knobloch, President of the Jewish Community of Munich and Upper Bavaria; Erfurt Rabbi Alexander Nachama; and Frankfurt Rabbi Avichai Apel, Executive Board Member of the Orthodox Rabbi Conference Germany (ORD); are among the high-ranking political and religious leaders and representatives from civil society who will speak at this ceremonial event.

Eisenberg, May 11, 2022. The Waldkliniken Eisenberg, a top orthopedic hospital with an international reputation, has been providing care to guests from Germany and abroad in its sensational new building designed by star architect Matteo Thun since 2020. Featuring a fully equipped and overseen synagogue, a certified kosher kitchen and a mashgiach service to observe the kashrut rules — that is, Jewish dietary laws, the Waldkliniken offers its Jewish



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guests a comprehensive range of services: Starting this summer, Jewish patients at the Waldkliniken Eisenberg will also be able to fully practice their religion during a hospital stay.

The ceremonial inauguration of the **Synagogue** Eisenberg on the afternoon of May 22, 2022, will mark the next step in the hospital's mission to combine excellent medical care with exceptional accommodations — now for Jewish guests as well.

The 30-square-meter **Synagogue** Eisenberg, with furnishings from the well-known Kibuz Lavi and a Torah financed through donations, is a full-fledged synagogue. A part of the Jewish Community of Thuringia, it will be led by Rabbi Yitshak Ehrenberg with the support of the mashgiach Rabbi Motti Waitsman.

About the Waldkliniken Eisenberg

The Waldkliniken Eisenberg in Thuringia is the only university hospital in the state. With the professorship for orthopedics from Jena University Hospital and the headquarters of the Center for Orthopedics, the Waldkliniken enjoys an excellent reputation both nationally and internationally, primarily for its innovative care for knee and hip patients and its groundbreaking research work in the fields of endoprosthesis, biomechanics and biological implant materials. In addition to the German Center for Orthopedics at the Waldkliniken Eisenberg, the clinics for internal medicine, surgery and anaesthesia deliver standard primary healthcare services to the people of the Saale-Holzland district. Each year, 60,000 patients are treated on an inpatient and outpatient basis. In the F.A.Z. study "Germany's Best Hospital," the clinic was named three consecutive times as one of the top three hospitals in the category 150 to 300 beds. Since the end of October 2020, the Waldkliniken Eisenberg has been offering the comfort of a star-rated hotel in its new building to patients with all types of health insurance.