

Questions to Ask When Looking for a Jewish Senior Living Community

Community Name:

Finding the right long-term care community for yourself or a loved one may seem like a monumental quest, especially when you're looking for a facility that caters to members of the Jewish faith. The first step is to find a facility and schedule a tour, but then what? This guide includes a comprehensive checklist of basic questions to ask before you visit a facility or during the tour. Don't forget to try a meal and chat with the residents while you're there to get a better feel for life on campus.

Religious Services and Spiritual Care

What type of service is offered for Shabbat?

How do you celebrate the High Holidays?

Is transportation available for off-site worship?

Can I speak to a rabbi if I need spiritual support?

Is your facility affiliated with other religious organizations?

Do you have religious study groups?

Services

What types of care do you offer?

When are nurses available?

What is the staff-to-resident ratio?

Is medical care available on-site?

How often are wellness assessments conducted?

Living Options

What floor plans are available?

Do they include a kitchen or kitchenette?

Are the bathrooms handicap-accessible?

Do residents receive emergency alert pendants?

How often is laundry and housekeeping provided?

Activities

What types of Jewish or spiritual activities are offered?

Are there any resident clubs or hobby groups?

Can residents plan their own activities?

Is there live entertainment or music?

Is there a calendar of events to view?

Community Life

Are there organized off-site activities?

Is public transportation available nearby?

Is a local van or care service provided?

Is there assistance provided for errands such as filling prescriptions?

Is there a senior center or Jewish community center nearby?

Is there a resident or family council?

Dining

What types of kosher menus are offered?

Is the kitchen kosher certified?

Can meals be customized for special diets?

When is the dining room open?

Finances

What is the base monthly fee?

What services cost extra?

Is Medicare or Medicaid accepted?

Does the community provide help applying for financial assistance?
