



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

A message from Robert Lewis, Environmental Services and Security Director

At Jewish Senior *Life*, the safety and security of residents and employees is our top priority. We take fire and disaster preparedness and life safety very seriously, and all of our procedures can be found in our Emergency Operations Plan. This plan contains procedures to follow in the event of a fire, or other disasters such as a missing resident, loss of utilities, weather related disasters, flood, bomb threats, active shooter, or loss of heat.

The New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) requires us to:

- Conduct two disaster drills and 12 fire alarm drills per building, per year. These drills are typically conducted in the Jewish Home Farash Tower, Wolk Manor, Adult Day Health Care, and the Green House Cottages. We also perform drills with the Leadership Team in a table-top exercise discussion led by our fire safety consultants, Jensen Hughes.
- All staff are required to attend several in-services and training sessions in fire safety and disaster procedures each year, along with a specific Emergency Preparedness in-service.

With an increase in gun violence around the world, annual active shooter training is required for all Jewish Senior *Life* staff. Training on each unit and department instructs staff on escape planning, shelter in place, identifying safe rooms, resident safety and how to Run, Hide, Fight® an attacker in the event of an active shooter on campus.

We perform monthly routine checks of all fire extinguishers to ensure they are properly charged. We inspect and monitor the fire alarm panel daily ensuring the building functions are safe. If family members and visitors are in the building when a fire drill activates or a condition is called, our staff are trained to guide them to safety. We treat all of the fire and disaster drills as if they are real events.

We work closely with Jewish Federation of Greater Rochester, Brighton Police Department, and other community organizations who participate in national communication and information sharing networks (SCN, FBI, NYS and local police) for ongoing training, visits, and assessments of our community.

The Jewish Home and Wolk Manor are members of the Greater Rochester Regional Mutual Aid Plan (MAP) which includes local healthcare facilities, government agencies and emergency service organizations that pledge their support and resources in the event that one of the member facilities experiences a disaster that may lead to an evacuation of their residents. This group offers support in the midst of a disaster and/or emergency, including accepting their residents, providing transportation, needed supplies and equipment, staff, and more.

We also maintain the resident Wander Guard system to make sure residents with dementia do not wander off campus and are safe.

Updated security and facilities: For the safety of our Residents, Visitors, and Staff

We have recently enhanced our security and safety measures due to increased car theft and crime in the region as well as increased incidents of terrorism and anti-Semitism across the world:

- Additional security cameras have been installed in various locations and entry points across the campus.
- Installation of speed bumps and bollards in our lots and bus loop to deter high speeds and prevent collisions.
- Visitor access to our buildings has been limited to the main entrance and lobbies and other entry points have been locked.
- We have enhanced security screening for regular visitors at the main entrances. Staff are required to use their identification card, and regular visitors can use biometric scanning (fingerprint). Doorbells can be utilized by all other visitors.