

Foundation Receives Naming Gift For New Memory Support House



The Jewish Home Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Jewish Senior Life™, is the recipient of a \$550,000 donation from the Max and Marian Farash Charitable Foundation for the development of a special setting for individuals with Alzheimer's disease and memory loss. The house will be named, "Marian's House," in honor and memory of Marian M. Farash.

Marian's House will be located in Brighton, and will be a retreat offering meals, activities, personal care, and ample space for specialized programming for

those with memory loss. It will be an intimate and residential-style environment with an open, light design inside and out, containing all of the elements of home that make people feel comfortable and welcome. Common household features such as the kitchen will be designed to meet the needs of those with memory loss, allowing clients to actively participate in meal preparation and other daily activities. One of the featured design elements is a secure outdoor wandering garden that will give participants the freedom to enjoy

nature and engage in outdoor activities while providing caregivers with the assurance and confidence that their loved-ones are safe.

Staff and volunteers will provide customized activities and care for up to ten participants. Marian's House will also be a resource for caregivers, offering meeting space, support groups and reference materials. This unique program has been researched and developed over a two-year period and is designed with the needs of the community in mind.

The fundraising goal for this project is \$1.1 million. The Jewish Home Foundation has raised 60 percent of the funds to date. An additional \$450,000 needs to be raised by the end of 2011 in order to bring this service to the community. ★