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Jewish-sponsored senior living community set for Palo Alto

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The 899 Charleston senior living project, shown here in an artist's rendering, is scheduled to be built at San Antonio and Charleston roads in Palo Alto. COURTESY OF BRANDI TOWNS

Three months after unveiling plans for the first and only Jewish-sponsored senior living community on the south Peninsula, the 899 Charleston project, scheduled to be built at San Antonio and Charleston roads in Palo Alto, has reached the halfway mark in financing construction goals.

"We are very excited," said Daniel Ruth, president and CEO of the Jewish Home of San Francisco, the organization behind the development of 899 Charleston.

According to Ruth, the senior living counselors at 899 Charleston attribute older adults' interest in the community to its campus design, its affiliation with the Oshman Family Jewish Community Center in Palo Alto, the reputation of its sponsor and the desirability of the Palo Alto location.

899 Charleston is scheduled for 193 apartments, and will offer private residences in one-, two- and three-bedroom floor plans. The plan of eight houses surrounding a Midrachov, a central pedestrian walkway, is designed to foster greater opportunity for intergenerational connections as residents engage with individuals of all ages while participating in activities and organizations on the campus.

The 899 Charleston community will offer amenities such as restaurant-style dining, a private dining room available for entertaining, concierge services,

housekeeping and linen services, underground valet parking, scheduled transportation, a readers' lounge, an artists' studio, a card room, a library, a multimedia room and a spa and salon. Residents of the community will have access to the Oshman Family Jewish Community Center.

Offering a full continuum of care, the facility will provide personalized assisted-living services, and the community will include 11 memory-support residences on campus. Residents will be afforded priority access to nursing care through the community's affiliation with the Jewish Home of San Francisco.

899 Charleston is an initiative of the Jewish Home of San Francisco, a private non-profit charitable organization providing care and services to older adults in a home-like environment that emphasizes comfort, community and compassion. The Jewish Home is a comprehensive senior care center serving 430 residents.

For more information, visit the Preview Center, 366 Cambridge Ave. in Palo Alto. Appointments can be scheduled by calling 321-3188. The project Web sites are www.899Charleston.org and www.campusforjewishlife.org.

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