Selig Court

Retirement Living with Jewish Care

Key Facts for social housing apartments 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025





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What to expect from this guide

We understand that looking into retirement communities can be overwhelming as there is a lot of information to take in.

At Jewish Care, we want to make this process as easy as possible for you. This guide gives you the key financial and legal information you need to know about a social housing apartment at Selig Court, one of our Retirement Living communities, to help you make the right decision for you.

If you want to speak to someone to help you, please call us on 020 8922 2200 or email retirementliving@jcare.org

About Selig Court

Selig Court is a recent development in Golders Green, which was purpose built in 2010.

Forming part of the Maurice and Vivienne Wohl campus, Selig Court belong to a unique community that also houses a care home, community centre and Jewish Care's central offices.

The site is owned and managed by Jewish Care. The services are run by our dedicated staff with the help of volunteers, who all work hard to deliver quality support and care whilst maintaining a special community. There are 45 one and two-bed apartments for rent, including some social housing apartments. All the apartments have previously been occupied.

Each apartment is fitted with the following key features:

- a modern kitchen with an electric oven, electric hob, extractor fan, fridge freezer and washing machine
- a stylish bathroom with a wash basin, toilet, walk-in shower and heated towel rail
- several safety features including a smoke detector, heat detector, and entry phone system
- double glazing
- telephone and satellite television points
- a boiler that provides gas heating and hot water. There is a radiator in each room.

The remaining areas of the apartment are unfurnished, meaning you can bring your own much-loved furniture or acquire new pieces.

Please refer to pages 14-15 of the Retirement Living brochure for example floor plans.

About social housing at Selig Court

We provide a limited number of social housing apartments for people in housing need, nominated by Barnet Council. These apartments offer reduced rent and support charges, and normally no deposit is required.

Eligibility criteria

If you wish to rent a social housing apartment at Selig Court, you need to meet our eligibility requirements:

- you meet the Barnet Council's criteria for housing need,
- you are a member of the Jewish community,
- you are over the age of 60,
- you have the right to rent a property in the UK,
- and you require a minimum of three hours' support per week (see page 12 for information about what qualifies as support).

At Selig Court, priority is given to Holocaust survivors and refugees from Nazi persecution.

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The tenancy agreement

Our Retirement Living apartments are let on an assured shorthold tenancy basis, with sole or joint occupancy. This means that you can rent an apartment on your own or with a partner for a minimum fixed term period of three years, giving you security of tenure. After the fixed term period your tenancy agreement will automatically renew going forward.

All tenants sign a tenancy agreement, which is a legally binding contract between the tenant (you) and the landlord (Jewish Care). The agreement is based on current legal requirements and tells you what we must do as your landlord and what your responsibilities are.

The tenancy agreement contains information such as:

- Your name and the address of the property being let,
- the date the tenancy begins and duration of the fixed term,
- the amount of rent payable, how often and when it should be paid, and when it can be reviewed,

- a code of conduct for tenants and visitors (tenants are responsible for the behaviour of their visitors),
- the services and facilities we will provide,
- other information including the prohibition of sub-letting apartments and passing on tenancies,
- and when and under what circumstances the tenancy can be terminated.

Jewish Care can terminate a tenancy if payments are missed or if any of the tenancy's conditions are breached. However, we cannot do this summarily (a court order is required) and we will always act reasonably before initiating the termination process (for example, first seeking through dialogue to resolve any payment issues or other breaches).

For full terms and conditions please see our tenancy agreement at **jewishcare.org/tenancy-agreement**

Right to rent

We are required by law to carry out checks to confirm that you have the right to rent in the UK. We will ask you to complete a form and provide documentation when you make your application.

Visit jewishcare.org/right-to-rent for more information.

You can also see information provided by the UK government at **gov.uk/check-tenant-right-to-rent-documents**

Information about costs

We understand that the decision to move to a Retirement Living community requires a lot of financial consideration. Whether you currently live at Selig Court or you're thinking about applying, we are here to help if you have any questions about the costs outlined in this booklet. You can call our Living with Jewish Care Team on 020 8922 2200 or email retirementliving@jcare.org. Please note we do not offer financial advice.

We review our fees annually and will always give at least one months' notice in writing before any changes to the rent, support charge or any other Jewish Care charges are made.

You can represent your views about the charges and services at regular tenants' meetings.

Guarantor

We ask all applicants to provide a guarantor. A guarantor is someone who would be willing to pay your rent and other expenses if you were unable to. This would usually be someone you know well such as a family member or close friend.

See jewishcare.org/guarantee-form for more information.

Costs related to moving into Selig Court

We do not charge fees for applications, assessments or administration.

We request that tenants arrange their own removal services and meet the related costs.

Deposit

Normally, no reservation or security desposit is required for a social housing apartment at Selig Court.

Ongoing costs: Services provided by Jewish Care

The main ongoing costs for services provided by Jewish Care are the rent and support charge. You also have the option of purchasing additional care at your disposal. This section outlines these key costs.

Total monthly charge

This is the sum of the rent and the support charge and does not include any care you wish to purchase.

Total charge per calendar month

(rent plus support charge) 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

1 Bedroom £1,798.61

All charges are due from the date you sign the Tenancy Agreement, which may be different from your date of occupation.

Rent

We are careful to keep the rental cost in line with comparable schemes and properties in the area. The rental cost for each specific two-bedroom apartment is based on its size and layout (which is variable).

Rent per calendar month 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

1 Bedroom £1,494.27

The inclusive rent is payable in advance and covers the following:

- occupation of an apartment,
- use of communal areas and any shared facilities, e.g. shared garden area,
- maintenance of the building and communal areas,
- maintenance of fixtures and fittings provided by Jewish Care,
- major work and cyclical building refurbishments,
- a proportion of Jewish Care's corporate management services (HR, audit, legal, etc.) relative to the running of the Retirement Living service,
- grounds maintenance, external window cleaning and refuse management,
- concierge service (see page 16 for more information),
- and buildings insurance, public liability insurance and employers' liability insurance. The policies and certificates for these are available on request.

Rent policy

Our rent policy provides that the rent is a fixed charge that increases on 1st April each year in line with RPI. We give advance notice by the end of February.

Jewish Care will manage any significant failure to provide a service covered by the inclusive rent. No part of the inclusive rent is held in trust.

Support charge

Having a support charge means you can benefit from the safety and security of on-site staff 24-hours a day, every day, who can respond quickly in the event of an emergency. Each apartment is equipped with a personal alarm system that links up to the staff on-site.

The support charge also enables us to provide you with three hours per week of individual, personalised support. This will be discussed and times agreed with you during your assessment and is flexible to your changing needs over time. Please note that essential personal care and medication may take priority over other support.

The support you choose to benefit from might include:

- assistance with shopping
- preparing meals
- light housework and laundry
- assistance with paperwork (paying bills, writing letters, etc.)
- advocating on your behalf
- arranging appointments and transport
- advice and support when caring for a loved one
- accompanying you to social engagements and appointments
- companionship

We understand that you may only need limited support and that many of these do not apply to you. We will always make sure your support is bespoke to your needs and preferences.

Support charge per calendar month 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

1 Bedroom £304.34

The support charge does not cover the provision of care services such as personal care or medication support, however you can purchase care from us separately at an additional cost (see Care section on page 13). For the full terms and conditions please see our Support Contract at **jewishcare.org/support-contract**

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Care

In addition to your three hours of support each week, you have the comfort of knowing that additional, flexible care packages are available to you from on-site staff. This could include help with your personal care and support with your medication. We work with you to develop a care package that is tailor-made to support your health, wellbeing and independence, and it can be adapted as your needs change over time. We are committed to delivering high standards of care and support that meet your expectations.

You can purchase care and support in units of 15, 30, 45 minutes or an hour to suit your needs and it can be flexible to your schedule.

The charge for care is £21.62 per hour.

We do not provide nursing care, so if you require this you should arrange this through your GP or through a private agency.

You are free to purchase additional care and support from other providers, or to continue with your pre-existing purchased care arrangements if you wish. For the full terms and conditions please see our Care Contract at **jewishcare.org/care-contract**

Our care is regulated

The Care Quality Commission (CQC) monitor, inspect and regulate our care services on an ongoing basis to help us make sure we provide a good quality service. They publish their findings, including a rating to help people choose their care. Selig Court has been rated as 'Good'. You can read the CQC's full report at **jewishcare.org/Selig-court**

Guest suite

You can choose to have guests to visit whenever you wish. Your visitors can stay in your apartment or they can make use of our dedicated guest suite. The suite costs £78.90 per night and we ask that you pre-book.

You can find the booking form and the full terms and conditions at **jewishcare.org/guest-suite**

Please note the guest suite does not come with any meals provided, however your visitors have the option to purchase meals separately from our on-site café (see page 15 for more information).

Parking

There are seven parking spaces for the people who live at Selig Court, which are allocated on a first-come-first-served basis. **A parking space costs £75 per month.**

There are also two guest spaces that your visitors can use free of charge that must be booked in advance. These spaces can be used 24 hours, seven days a week.

If your visitor needs to park elsewhere, there are pay and display bays in front of the main entrance along Beverley Gardens. They can also park on the surrounding roads, however there is often resident-only parking in place from 11am-12pm Monday to Friday.

Dining and catering

You have the choice of cooking and eating at home in your own apartment, dining at one of our on-site eateries, or ordering in catering if you are hosting a group of visitors.

Café and restaurant

Annah's restaurant is our on-site eatery that serves supervised kosher lunchtime and evening meals (prices are available on the day).

You can also visit Taubel's, our on-campus supervised kosher café serving refreshments during weekdays.

Menus are available in advance and tenants can discuss meal options with the chefs.

Catering

You can book catering for birthdays and events. The cost of this will be agreed at the time of booking.

You can join in various catered events such as coffee mornings as well as make use of meals on wheels. The costs for these vary and are provided at the time of booking.

Additional services

We offer several additional services to help you in various ways at Selig Court.

Handyperson service

Our handyperson service is on-hand to help you with those odd-jobs around the house. From changing lightbulbs to moving furniture or putting up curtains, you can get the job done knowing that the handyperson is a vetted Jewish Care employee. If you wish to install bathroom adaptations, including grab rails, you will need to appoint an external contractor.

The handyperson service costs £26.75 per hour.

Concierge

We offer a concierge service included in your rent to help you live comfortably at Selig Court. The concierge can help with receiving your parcels and dealing with deliveries, booking your private transport, welcoming your guests, and assisting you with small tasks and errands.

This service runs 9am–5pm Monday to Friday (with early closing for Shabbat on Friday at 2pm October to March).

Photocopying

You can use our photocopying facilities free of charge.

Mobility scooter park

If you choose to hire or purchase a mobility scooter you can park it in our dedicated mobility scooter park free of charge. Please note mobility scooters are not available through Jewish Care.

Laundry

You have your own washing machine in your apartment, however if you want to do more than one load or a larger load of washing there are additional laundry facilities on-site that you can use free of charge.

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Michael Sobell Jewish Community Centre

Our community centre is a hub for the people who live and work on the campus, as well as the wider community. We offer a programme of events and activities during the day, evenings and weekends such as:

- a shop selling kosher food, gifts, and household items
- multifunctional spaces housing Synagogue services on Shabbat and high holy days, as well as a range of activities during the week
- health, wellbeing and beauty services

There is an exercise studio offering classes, a salon offering hairdresser and beauty treatments, and private rooms offering therapeutic services (such as chiropody).

To find out membership and entry prices, please contact the Centre on 020 8922 2900.

Lunch is paid for separately – see page 15 for more information.

Additional health and wellbeing services are available and paid for separately - prices are advertised in advance.

Holocaust Survivors Centre

This service is a friendly and safe place where survivors can meet and socialise. It has recently moved to the Maurice and Vivienne Wohl Campus.

It offers a programme of social, cultural and therapeutic events:

- Outings and cultural events
- Organised events relating to Holocaust memorial events
- Holocaust education and trips
- Tea and entertainment
- Celebration lunches, brunches and commemoration teas
- Guest speakers on art, culture and current affairs

To find out membership and entry prices, please call 020 8922 2222.

Lunch is paid for separately - see page 15 for more information.

Ongoing costs: Services provided by third parties

There are of course other costs associated with living at a property which are outlined in this section. The following services are not provided by Jewish Care and we ask that you arrange these upon the start of the tenancy.

Council tax

You should arrange this with Barnet Council.

The apartments are bands D, E or F.

See **barnet.gov.uk/council-tax** for the most up to date fees and information.

You may be eligible to receive a council tax discount or exemption. For more information visit the Barnet council website.

Contents insurance

We strongly advise that you arrange contents insurance for your belongings.

Utilities

These include electricity, landline and broadband. You should arrange these services directly with the suppliers. Individual utilities are payable to their respective companies.

External water metering is not possible due to environmental standards, so your water bill comes via Jewish Care in conjunction with Synapses.

Free WiFi is available throughout the communal areas of the building.

ΤV

You should arrange your own TV licence. For more information see **tvlicensing.co.uk**

Facilities are installed to receive satellite television in each apartment. You should arrange your services directly with the provider. There is a communal aerial for Sky and any faults should be communicated to Sky directly (see **sky.com**). However, if you don't use Sky and you are experiencing issues, please speak to a member of staff. Our Property Services department can contact our aerial contractor.

Ending the tenancy

We hope that you are happy with living at Selig Court and that our services can meet your needs. However, we appreciate that circumstances can change, and you may choose to end your tenancy.

If you wish to leave Selig Court during the initial three-year fixed term period, you will need to give two months' notice. If you wish to leave Selig Court after the initial three-year fixed term period, you will need to give one months' notice. During the notice period all the normal charges are payable, including the rent and support charges. We do not charge any administration fees associated with moving out of Selig Court.

In the sad event of a tenant passing away, one months' notice must be given by the next of kin or the executor of their will. In either event, the apartment must be cleared and the keys handed back to us at the end of the tenancy.

If outstanding charges and any arrears exceed the value of any deposit the additional costs will also need to be paid.

Returning the apartment to its original condition

Tenants are responsible for leaving their apartment in its original condition at the end of the tenancy (except for fair wear and tear). This means removing any fixtures and adaptations that have been made to the apartment. For example, shower screens, grab rails, curtain poles and pictures on the walls should be removed and the walls repaired so the apartment is as it was at the start of the tenancy.

We offer a repairs and maintenance service to help with carrying out any necessary work at a cost to be agreed at time of booking, however you also have the choice of appointing your own tradespeople.

Important additional information

Management structure

The day to day management of Selig Court is overseen by the Registered Manager, Team Managers, an Administrator, and other support staff. This includes the management of the building, running social activities and events and supporting tenants. Staff at Amélie House (Jewish Care's head office) also support the management of the service.

Major repairs

Jewish Care undertakes regular asset surveys and funds major repairs as necessary. Tenants will not be liable for any surcharges to pay for major building repairs.

What are the next steps?

Seek independent advice

You should now have a good overview of the key financial and legal information associated with living at Selig Court.

It is important that you discuss the details of this booklet, as well as your wider housing options, with a person you trust. We strongly recommend that you seek independent legal and financial advice, support and representation in connection with your move to a retirement community.

Age UK provides free independent advice about money, care and housing for people aged over 55.

0800 678 1602 ageuk.org.uk

Citizens Advice Bureau provides free, confidential and impartial advice on a range of issues including housing, law and rights, money, and more.

0800 144 8848 citizensadvice.org.uk

Get in touch

Our Living with Jewish Care Team is here to support you with your next steps.

Please contact us if you want to:

- Ask a question
- Explore your options
- Look around Selig Court
- Make an application

They will have a conversation with you to check that this is the best route to meet your needs and to see if there is anything else we can support you with.

Call us on 020 8922 2200 Email us at retirementliving@jcare.org www.jewishcare.org

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We have registered our Retirement Living developments at Selig Court, Wohl Court and Pears Court with the Associated Retirement Community Operators (ARCO). As an 'Approved Operator' we aim to comply with the high-quality standards set by the ARCO Consumer Code. For more information see www.arcouk.org



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