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*Jacksonville, FL, March 15, 2013* -- US News & World Report has ranked River Garden Hebrew Home among the Best Nursing Homes in the United States. This ranking is one of the most popular tools among Baby Boomers when researching and evaluating nursing homes. Approximately 20 percent of all nursing homes in Florida, and slightly less than 19 percent nationwide, earned an overall five-star rating.

This prestigious status reflects River Garden's 5-star ranking for overall performance in health inspections, nurse staffing, and quality of medical care by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, the federal agency that sets and enforces standards for nursing homes.

### **About River Garden**

River Garden Senior Services is a not-for-profit, mission-driven community agency offering an array of elder care programs and services on a 37-acre campus in the Mandarin area of Jacksonville. The agency serves the needs of the Greater Jacksonville/Northeast Florida area. Sponsored by the organized Jewish community, they serve residents from diverse religious and ethnic backgrounds while maintaining an environment supportive of Jewish identity and informed by Jewish values. River Garden is a six-time recipient of the prestigious "Florida Governor's Gold Seal Award for Excellence in Long-Term Care" and is consistently rated a five-star nursing home by both state and federal regulators.

The River Garden campus includes the River Garden Hebrew Home for the Aged, a 180-bed skilled nursing facility; The Coves, an 80-unit independent senior living facility; River Garden Home Health Care, a Florida licensed home health agency; Adult Day Care, open seven days a week; The Therapy Center, providing out-patient physical, occupational and speech therapies; and the Albert Z. Fleet Geriatric Training Center, a not-for-profit post-secondary school which provides continuing education for staff and trains students for careers as certified nursing assistants.

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