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For the Menorah Home and Hospital

A \$66-Million Expansion and Renovation

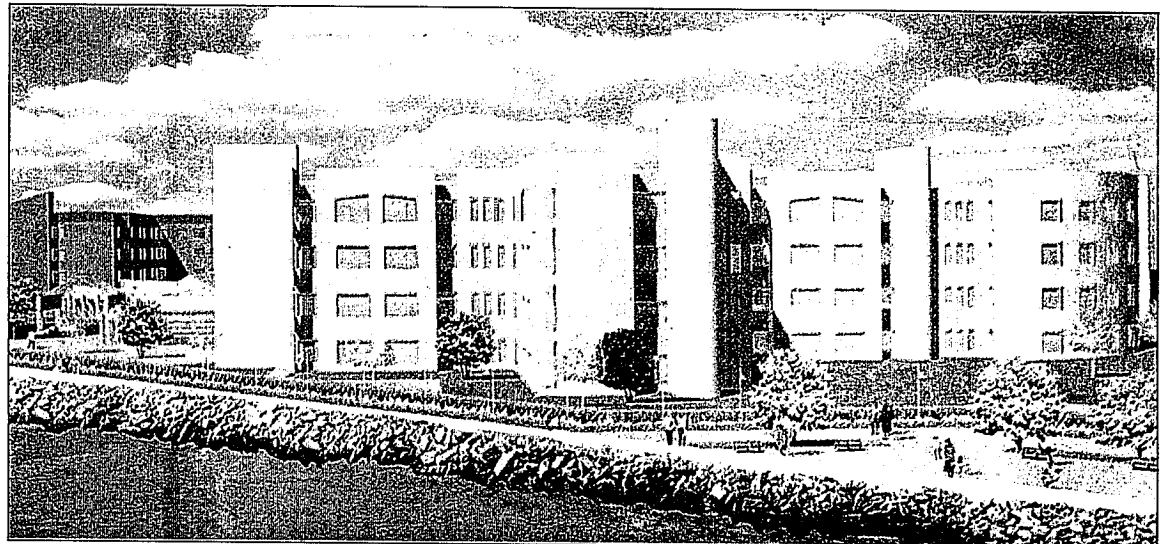
A \$66-million expansion and renovation of the Menorah Home and Hospital for the Aged and Infirm has begun along Oriental Boulevard in the Manhattan Beach section of Brooklyn.

Once the project is completed in February 2001, the institution's outdated 273-bed Bushwick campus will be shut down.

The waterfront project, financed by bonds issued by the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, occupies 9.6 acres just west of Kingsborough Community College.

"Our primary concern was to create a residential environment rather than the institutional feeling found in most nursing homes," said Lloyd Landow, whose firm of Landow and Landow Architects in Lake Success, N.Y., is the architect. "We wanted to create a series of neighborhoods that surround a central lounge and protected outdoor balcony."

The new 320-bed, four-story precast concrete building — with an exterior in a palette of tan, pale yellow, pale grape and pink — is to be connected to the existing three-story, tan-brick building at two levels. The ground levels will be linked by a one-story structure featuring a skylit lobby, a solarium and an administrative suite overlooking the water. It will



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Expansion of Menorah Home and Hospital in Manhattan Beach will add 320 new beds.

also have a kosher kitchen and auditorium. A glass-enclosed bridge will connect the fourth floors after another floor is added to the older building.

Each floor of the new building will have two 40-bed nursing units to be further broken down into four sections with 10 residents sharing a lounge and a bathing room with special tubs and a shower.

Photos of old Brooklyn are to distinguish each distinctively colored area. And an alcove leading into each room will be personalized with photos selected by its residents.

The grounds, featuring a promenade, benches and lightposts, will be landscaped with trees hardy enough for the waterfront, such as London planes,

red oaks and tupelos. The renovation of the existing building is to begin as soon as the addition is completed, which is expected in the summer of next year. It will include new resident lounges, upgraded nursing stations and dining rooms, as well as an adult day-care center.

"I remember when we first opened in 1982 our residents asked for suntan lotion," said Shirley Windheim, chief executive of the home, whose roots go back to the Lower East Side.

The Romanian Synagogue founded Menorah in 1909 as the Jewish Home, for poor old widows, in a four-room apartment without plumbing or gas, according to Fred Abrams, Menorah's president.