

## **Working with the Government**

The Singer family has been working with the City of New York government on real estate since the 1920's when Louis Singer\* was asked to move the nonprofit he founded, Home of Old Israel, from 204 Henry Street, in the lower eastside of Manhattan, so Gouverneur Hospital could be built.

In 1929 the Home of Old Israel moved to 70 Jefferson Street, in the lower eastside of Manhattan, to the former Beth Israel Hospital. The Home housed 400 people.

In the 1960's, Louis Singer's son Jacob, who grew up on the lower eastside and became the President of the Home of Old Israel, was asked to move the Home of Old Israel so La Guardia Houses could be built.

In 1966 the Home of Old Israel was moved to their new residence that Jacob Singer built known as Seagirt Village in Far Rockaway, Queens at Beach 19<sup>th</sup> street and the Atlantic Ocean. 4-17 story towers were built with 1,024 apartments.

In the 1970's the Home of Old Israel was merged into JASA.

\*Louis Singer immigrated to America from Russia as a young boy in the 1890's. He lived in the lower eastside of Manhattan and worked hard and became successful in the real estate business. Louis founded the Home of Old Israel in 1922 to provide housing, meals, infirmary and recreation for no income and low income seniors on a non-sectarian basis.