The University of Michigan does not make residence hall room assignments based on race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, gender expression, or national origin. University Housing does, however, seek to provide reasonable accommodation based on students’ sincerely held religious beliefs.

This process is intended solely for students whose current and regular religious practice prohibits vehicular transportation on the Sabbath.

To accommodate Jewish students who do not ride in vehicles on the Sabbath based on their religious belief and current practice, University Housing permits religiously observant students to request a housing assignment close to the Jewish student centers. These requests must be submitted prior to the student receiving a fall semester housing assignment.

Section I is to be completed by the student. Section II is to be completed by the rabbi (we are not able to accept forms completed by religious school principals or other administrators) and returned to the student with a statement on synagogue/congregational letterhead.

Residence Hall Placements for Religiously Observant Students
Students who identify as religiously observant are generally placed in one of the following residences: Barbour/Newberry, Oxford Housing, or Fletcher Hall. Information about each hall can be found on the University Housing website.

The approximate distance of each of the above facilities from Hillel, Chabad House and Beth Israel is indicated below:

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Kosher Meal Plan
The University of Michigan Hillel offers a Kosher Meal Plan. Students who wish to participate in the Kosher Meal Plan may transfer their meal plan to the Hillel Foundation. For more information, visit our website.

Michigan Learning Communities
Michigan Learning Communities are located in various residence halls across campus. If you have applied and are accepted by a Michigan Learning Community, you will be placed in that community and this request will be disregarded.

Religiously observant students who are applying to a MLC are strongly encouraged to complete this form, in the event admission to the MLC is not offered

This process does not guarantee that students will receive their preferred room type or campus neighborhood.
SECTION I: TO BE COMPLETED BY THE STUDENT

Student Name: __________________________________________
UM ID: _____________________

Home Address: __________________________________________
City, State, Zip: _____________________

UM Email: ______________@umich.edu
Cell Phone: _____________________

Do you ride in vehicles on the Sabbath? ___Yes ___No

___ I request to live in Betsy Barbour House or Helen Newberry House (female students only)
___ I request a manual key (instead of a key card for an electronic lock) for entry to my building and room ($250.00 fee)

This form, and the letterhead support document, must be submitted by the housing application deadline. If the form is received after the deadline, the date the form is received will become your assignment priority date. Please note we are unable to honor requests submitted after housing assignments have been made. If University Housing becomes aware of false information being submitted on behalf of an applicant, the University may not accept or may cancel the housing contract.

By submitting this form, I attest that the information contained within is truthful and reflects my current religious practice.

Signature: _____________________________________________
Date: __________

SECTION II: TO BE COMPLETED BY YOUR SYNAGOGUE/CONGREGATIONAL RABBI

Please review the information the student has completed above; your signature provides validation that the student’s current and regular practice does not allow for vehicular transportation on the Sabbath.

Three of the freshmen residences are located on North Campus, approximately 2.5 miles from the nearest Jewish student center. We want to ensure that a new student’s housing assignment does not unreasonably impede the student’s ongoing religious observance regarding riding in a vehicle on the Sabbath. New students who want to be assured of a placement close to the Jewish centers based on this particular element of religious observance must submit this form with a statement from their rabbi acknowledging that it is the student’s regular practice not to ride in vehicles on the Sabbath. Please note this process is not intended for those students whose current practice allows for vehicular transportation on the Sabbath.

Please attach a statement (which must be on synagogue/congregational letterhead) affirming the student’s regular practice to this form and return to the student to be included with their request for special consideration.

Name: __________________________
Position: __________________________

Relationship to student: __________________________
Last time you interacted with this student __________________________

Phone: __________________________
E-mail: __________________________

Address: __________________________

Signature: __________________________
Date: __________________________

ALL COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY MAIL OR FAX TO UNIVERSITY HOUSING:

Housing Information Office
1011 Student Activities Building, 515 E. Jefferson Street
Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1316

Fax (734) 764-6806