

## Sitting pretty at senior home, thanks to gift of furniture

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FURNITURE ARRIVED at a Bronx nursing home yesterday more peacefully than it left there.

A tornado wreaked havoc in Riverdale July 25, wiping out about 265 pieces of furniture at the Hebrew Home at Riverdale on Palisades Ave. and leaving its 900 residents shaken – and without a comfy chair to *kvetch* in.

But home-decor chain Ethan Allen remedied that problem by donating about 45 new pieces of furniture, worth \$35,000.

Residents received new sofas, loveseats and dining tables from Ethan Allen's Gazebo collection of indoor/outdoor furniture to replace wicker chairs and patio tables destroyed by the tornado, which also knocked down several trees.

"The Hebrew Home at Riverdale incurred great damage after the tornado hit, so we are pleased that we have the opportunity to assist the home and its residents," said Ethan Allen President Farooq Kathwari.

During the tornado – the second one to hit the Bronx in the last 60 years – trees smashed through windows and crushed outdoor furniture, and some cars were severely damaged.

Faye Hellman, a resident for almost five years, called the fierce storm "a nightmare."

"Things were flying around, chairs were turned upside down," said Hellman, 91. "It was really something no one ever wants to see again."

Of the new furniture, she said, "It's beautiful! And the chairs are comfortable."

With the new furnishings, officials said residents can once again fully enjoy all the amenities the nursing home has to offer.

"The entire Hebrew Home community joins me in thanking Ethan Allen for its generous donation," said president Daniel Reingold.

"Ethan Allen came to the rescue for our elderly residents in a time of need. We are extremely grateful for the kindness."



Rose Zaremski (l.) and Jarmel Edna enjoy the comfy new patio furniture donated to the Hebrew Home at Riverdale by Ethan Allen yesterday.

