

Madlyn and Leonard
**Abramson Center
 for Jewish Life**



INSTRUMENTAL ACTIVITIES OF DAILY LIVING SCALE (IADL)

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A. Ability to use telephone

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| 1. Operates telephone on own initiative; looks up and dials numbers, etc. | 1 |
| 2. Dials a few well-known numbers | 1 |
| 3. Answers telephone but does not dial | 1 |
| 4. Does not use telephone at all. | 0 |

B. Shopping

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| 1. Takes care of all shopping needs independently | 1 |
| 2. Shops independently for small purchases | 0 |
| 3. Needs to be accompanied on any shopping trip. | 0 |
| 4. Completely unable to shop. | 0 |

C. Food Preparation

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| 1. Plans, prepares and serves adequate meals independently | 1 |
| 2. Prepares adequate meals if supplied with ingredients | 0 |
| 3. Heats, serves and prepares meals or prepares meals but does not maintain adequate diet. | 0 |
| 4. Needs to have meals prepared and served. | 0 |

D. Housekeeping

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| 1. Maintains house alone or with occasional assistance (e.g. "heavy work domestic help") | 1 |
| 2. Performs light daily tasks such as dish-washing, bed making | 1 |
| 3. Performs light daily tasks but cannot maintain acceptable level of cleanliness. | 1 |
| 4. Needs help with all home maintenance tasks. | 1 |
| 5. Does not participate in any housekeeping tasks. | 0 |

E. Laundry

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| 1. Does personal laundry completely | 1 |
| 2. Launders small items; rinses stockings, etc. | 1 |
| 3. All laundry must be done by others. | 0 |

F. Mode of Transportation

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| 1. Travels independently on public transportation or drives own car. | 1 |
| 2. Arranges own travel via taxi, but does not otherwise use public transportation. | 1 |
| 3. Travels on public transportation when accompanied by another. | 1 |
| 4. Travel limited to taxi or automobile with assistance of another. | 0 |
| 5. Does not travel at all. | 0 |

G. Responsibility for own medications

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| 1. Is responsible for taking medication in correct dosages at correct time. | 1 |
| 2. Takes responsibility if medication is prepared in advance in separate dosage. | 0 |
| 3. Is not capable of dispensing own medication. | 0 |

H. Ability to Handle Finances

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| 1. Manages financial matters independently (budgets, writes checks, pays rent, bills goes to bank), collects and keeps track of income. | 1 |
| 2. Manages day-to-day purchases, but needs help with banking, major purchases, etc. | 1 |
| 3. Incapable if handling money. | 0 |

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