

Rabbi Kummer's text study sessions and Jewish holiday celebrations allow our Jewish residents to connect with their religious heritage in a way that is unique and important to them.

—Doreen Dougherty,
Activity Director, Sophia Snow House

In situations where congregational clergy have been unable to meet the needs of unaffiliated Jews, it is a comfort to know that the Community Chaplaincy Initiative can step in and provide excellent chaplaincy support and a connection to the Jewish community."

— Rabbi Thomas Alpert

Rabbi Kummer was there for my husband and me during the last phase of his life in the nursing home. We found her visits and programs uplifting and genuine. Her words inspired us and helped us connect with our spirituality and our Jewish community."

—Lois Liss

The Hebrew SeniorLife Community Chaplaincy Initiative (CCI) is made possible by community support.

Through the generosity of Combined Jewish Philanthropies, an anonymous family foundation, and individual donors throughout the community, CCI is providing invaluable support to isolated elders across the region. At times, this program is the only connection individuals have to spiritual support and to the larger community during the most vulnerable times in their lives.

Our remote services are offered free of charge, and a nominal honorarium is requested for on-site services, although this does not cover the cost of providing care.

We are always grateful to the recipients of our care, their loved ones and our larger community for financial support of this important work. Please help us extend these services to more people in our community. You can contribute to this vital effort by making your gift online at <https://www.hebrewseniorlife.org/giving>.

Please indicate in the online form that the designation for your donation is the Community Chaplaincy Initiative.

On behalf of those we serve, please accept our thanks.

Hebrew SeniorLife offers a continuum of community-based services, including medical home health and hospice, primary and specialty care, and rehabilitation therapy services. Learn more at hebrewseniorlife.org/healthcare

Community Chaplaincy Initiative



Preserving connection
to community

Serving Jewish older adults in
Greater Boston



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With age comes change. And managing change can be challenging. Our Community Chaplaincy Initiative can provide compassionate spiritual guidance and care to help you adjust to a new home or health issue, or perhaps just to help you find meaning and joy in life.

The Hebrew SeniorLife Community Chaplaincy Initiative provides a listening presence and Jewish programming to older adults in senior health care settings and in housing and assisted living communities. It provides renewed meaning and hope to those coping with illness, loneliness, disability, end-of-life issues and other life struggles. The program can help older adults reconnect with their Jewish heritage and spirit and can help unaffiliated and marginalized Jews connect with the Jewish community.



WHO WE SERVE

The Community Chaplaincy Initiative serves Jewish older adults residing in nursing homes, assisted living communities, and senior housing settings in the Greater Boston region. We provide support to family members and staff as well.

OUR CHAPLAINCY STAFF

The Community Chaplaincy Initiative is led by Rabbi Judy Kummer, Board Certified Chaplain with extensive experience in senior spiritual care. Rabbi Kummer is certified by Neshama Association of Jewish Chaplains, a recognition of her professional skills.



HOW THE COMMUNITY CHAPLAINCY INITIATIVE CAN HELP YOU

The HSL chaplain can provide spiritual comfort through:

- A conversation with generous listening to help you express your fears and concerns, tell your story, and articulate what is meaningful to you
- Prayers, blessings and rituals for healing, help and gratitude
- Support when receiving good or bad news
- Assistance with Jewish observance and celebration
- Guidance with family meetings
- Help in thinking through difficult decisions, including end-of-life issues
- Weekly Shabbat programming, new every week to reflect what is going on in the world and to focus on the weekly Torah portion and Jewish calendar cycle
- Interactive study programs which can be tailored to the needs of a particular group
- Jewish holiday observances. These can be designed for people with a range of cognitive abilities
- Bereavement support, including individual supportive counseling and multi-session counseling programs for managing loss
- Healing services
- Memorial programs
- Staff support, including supportive counseling and inspirational material