What is a Chevra Kadisha?

The term is often translated as “Sacred Society;” it is a volunteer group comprised of men and women who perform the pre-burial preparations of a Jewish body. The ritual process, in accordance with Jewish law and tradition, is called “Taharah” and has been available in Jewish communities for 2000 years.

In 2008, Anshe Emet established this wise tradition in our community. The men and women of our Chevra Kadisha are always available and are honored to provide this service.

- Carefully wash the deceased
- Perform a symbolic ritual of purification
- Clothe the deceased in traditional shrouds (tachrichim)
- Tenderly place the deceased in the casket

We welcome and need new members, both men and women

- No training is required
- Every Chevra member is informed when there is a need
- Your participation is based on your availability
- A taharah takes approximately one and a half hours

We work at two different locations:

Lakeview Funeral Home at 1458 West Belmont in Chicago
Chicago Jewish Funerals at 8851 Skokie Boulevard, Skokie

If you are interested in volunteering and/or if you have questions or want more details, please contact Merle or Barry Gross at 312-988-4010, merlekgross@gmail.com, bbgross39@gmail.com