

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 Barry Gross at bbgross39@gmail.com, or Antonieta Diaz at diaz.antonietta.s@gmail.com.