

Spiritual Care Corner



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Shared Experience

Shared experiences create a bond between people, and living through the coronavirus epidemic is an experience we won't forget. At the Snider Campus, we share in a unique experience which challenges each of us to remain open, empathetic, and compassionate while maintaining our physical distancing. Even wearing a mask when tending to residents seems like an impediment to the kind of care we are used to giving. However, we will have a greater knowledge of each other, and of how we can rise to the occasion, when this has passed.

In Judaism, the shared experiences of our story bind Jews together. On Passover, we celebrate the shared experience of being freed from slavery. That shared experience lets every Jew know that we were able to survive the harshest oppression, and we know the meaning of freedom. And this creates empathy. When the danger from the epidemic has passed, we will look at each other and know the feeling of anxiety that we endured - and we will celebrate the feeling of unity that, once again, we can express freely.

"Opportunities to find deeper powers within ourselves come when life seems most challenging."
Joseph Campbell

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