

# Spiritual Care Corner



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## We are Essential

The coronavirus has forced us all to reevaluate what we really need in our lives. What services are “essential”? Some have even asked, “who is essential?”

At the Snider Campus, there has never been any doubt that every person, and every task we do is essential. Some staff activities sustain life immediately - such as nursing, food services, maintenance, and housekeeping - but rehab, recreation, spiritual care, social work, finance, are vital for the long-term well being of every resident. Whether we are facing an epidemic, or experiencing a time of peace and health, every activity is required for Louis Brier Home and Weinberg Residence to be the thriving home that it is.

In Judaism, every life is valuable. There is no need to ask if saving a life is worth it: nothing is more valuable. Every resident, every staff member, every family member, every volunteer is essential. If we live our lives with that in mind, honoring life, we will be able to come through this time with greater trust and respect for each other, and the humility to care for our world for all generations.

Shavua Tov,  
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