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## About the National Institute for Jewish Hospice

Nijh was established in 1985 to help alleviate suffering in serious and terminal illness. Its 52,000 members comprise business and professional leaders, and a consortium of endowing foundations. It communicates with hospices, hospitals, family service, medical organizations and all health-care agencies alerting them to the plight of the Jewish terminally ill.

A 24 hour toll-free number counsels families, patients and care-givers, and provides locations of hospices, hospitals, health professionals and clergy of all faiths.

**1-800-446-4448**

NIJH helped launch 55 Jewish hospice programs in the United States and Canada assisting facilities in planning conferences, training staff and designing appropriate workshops to better serve the Jewish terminally ill.

NIJH provides booklets, books and cassettes and monographs confronting such issues as truth telling and euthanasia; and provides insights into the art of hoping, the techniques of caring, and the understanding of pain. The **NIJH Jewish Living Will and Durable Power Of Attorney** document is available to anyone at no cost.

NIJH recently embarked on an accreditation program providing training to any hospice, geriatric center or hospital in the U.S. NIJH has accredited 40 hospices in 15 states all across the nation.

NIJH's board of governors, headed by Rabbi Dr. Maurice Lamm President and Shirley Lamm, Executive Director, includes nationally known leaders in business, academia, government and religion who have given their name to support the cause of the Jewish terminally ill.

Visibly recognizable names are Dean Dominick Purpura, Albert Einstein college of medicine; the honorable Henry Waxman, U.S. congress; Professor William Cutter, Hebrew Union college; Dr. Samuel Klagsbrun, Jewish Theological Seminary; Rabbi Harold Schulweis; Dr. Avery Weisman, Harvard medical school; Dr. Laurens White, University of California, S.F.; Dr. Herman Feifel, the father of thanatology and the late Dr. Norman Cousins.

NIJH is also pleased to have movie and media stars as friends. Among them are Alan Alda, Neil Simon, Judge Joseph Wapner, Elliot Gould, Jack Klugman, Herman Wouk, the Late Shari Lewis and Jessica Tandy.

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