

# CHE PRESIDENT HONORED BY NATIONAL ORGANIZATION

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**Ellen Feingold**

JCHE President Ellen Feingold was recently named by the Association of Jewish Aging Services of North America (AJAS) as the recipient of their 2006 AJAS Award of Honor.

The award is in recognition of Feingold's very distinguished career. She has been at the helm of JCHE since 1981. From 1999 – 2002, Feingold served as Co-Chair for the Commission on Affordable Housing and Health Care Facility Needs of the 21st

Century. Prior to coming to JCHE, Feingold served at the Assistant Secretary level in the Carter Administration as Director of the U.S. Department of Transportation's Office of Civil Rights. Locally, she was a founder of the Committee to End Elder Homelessness, and served as President of Citizen's Planning Association of Massachusetts (CHAPA). Recent awards include the 2005 Louis Lowy Award from the Massachusetts Gerontology Association and CHAPA's 25th Anniversary Community Service Award. In 2003, Feingold was honored by Jewish Alliance for Legal and Social Action.

Congressman Barney Frank enthusiastically supported Feingold's nomination for AJAS's award. "Ellen is one of those rare individuals who excels at...providing housing in a very concrete way...and effectively advocating for national housing policy," said Frank. "The housing over which she presides is a great jewel...I am an unabashed, enthusiastic admirer of the work she does."

Feingold also received wholehearted endorsement from Barry Shrage, President of Combined Jewish Philanthropies (CJP). "She has proven herself to be an outstanding advocate for all of the elderly of Greater Boston and a wonderful colleague as part of our Jewish community. Most importantly, she has been one of the most innovative, persistent and

extraordinary leaders I've ever worked with."

Ellen Feingold received the award in March 2006 during AJAS's annual national conference.