

# JCHE Resident Hyman Zamansky Honored By National Organization

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The National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (n4a) announces the selection of Hyman (Hy) Zamansky, who lives at Jewish Community Housing for the Elderly in Brighton, for a MetLife Foundation *Older Volunteers Enrich America Award*. Administered by n4a, the national award program honors 26 of the country's outstanding older volunteers and their contributions to communities. Mr. Zamansky received a *Team Spirit* award for his work with JCHE, which builds and manages affordable, non-sectarian housing for independent elders in Greater Boston.



Hy Zamansky, 83, has been volunteering with Jewish Community Housing for the Elderly for nine years. In 1996, HUD funded a Neighborhood Networks computer center at JCHE's Brighton location. With no prior computer knowledge, Mr. Zamansky became immersed in the center's operations. He assumed a management role and currently oversees a team of 12 tenant volunteers who keep the JCHE center open daily. He has helped a legally blind 90 year-old neighbor write his memoir. Currently, he creates computerized greeting cards for tenants, and

participates in an intergenerational email pen-pal program with a local elementary school. In addition to his involvement with the computer center, Mr. Zamansky and his wife Rebecca coordinate a weekly flea market at JCHE and proceeds help to fund parties and other activities for tenants of JCHE.

“Hy’s energy and determination have been instrumental in helping the center to flourish while inspiring over 300 elderly residents in our Brighton buildings to learn computer skills,” said Gaye Freed of JCHE.

Mr. Zamansky, along with the other twenty-five recipients who were selected from more than 200 nominations nationwide, were honored at a special ceremony on April 22, 2005, in Washington D.C.

The National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (n4a) is the leading voice on aging issues for Area Agencies on Aging across the country and a champion for the Title VI-Native American aging programs in our nation’s capital. For more information, visit [www.n4a.org](http://www.n4a.org)

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*Jewish Community Housing for the Elderly (JCHE) provides affordable independent and supportive housing to over 1,300 elders of all backgrounds. JCHE currently manages three interconnected buildings in Brighton, as well as the Golda Meir House and Coleman House, which are each located in Newton. Plans are now underway to build Shillman House in Framingham.!”*