

## JCHE Tenants Welcome New Babies in Brighton with Lovely Hand-Knit Items

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Tenants at Jewish Community Housing for the Elderly's (JCHE) Ulin House, Leventhal House and Genesis House in Brighton have joined with the Family Nurturing Center of MA to welcome new parents in the neighborhood. JCHE's tenants are knitting and sewing baby blankets, booties, mittens and hats. These special gifts are included in baskets delivered by the Center's Welcome Baby Program to parents and newborns that live in Allston and Brighton.

"The tenants are experiencing tremendous satisfaction," says Barbara Friedman, JCHE's Director of Intergenerational and Volunteer Programs. "Their talents are providing heart-felt gifts for people who may be new to parenting, as well as new to the community."

JCHE provides affordable senior housing to over 900 low-income elders in the Brighton buildings. According to Friedman, the benefits of the project go beyond one generation making gifts for another. "We had a celebration at JCHE just before we delivered the first round of knitted goods for the Center. It provided a wonderful opportunity for Russian-speaking knitters and Chinese-speaking knitters to admire one another's work. They

discovered that they do not need to speak the same language in order to share their knitting techniques!”