At EZRA, our Jewish values guide all aspects of our work to empower clients in achieving their best quality of life. This is especially evident in our Chevrah Jewish programming, which aims to create, foster, and grow an inclusive Jewish community by ensuring that Jews in need have opportunities to stay connected to their heritage and enrich their Jewish identities. We offer education opportunities for people of all faiths to learn about Judaism side-by-side.
How do Jews connect with Chevrah?

Chevrah is a pluralistic Jewish space for people who may feel disconnected from the larger Jewish community. Our programs are open to anyone who identifies as Jewish and is looking for connection in a Jewish community. We also have strong relationships with synagogues and other Jewish organizations, and are able to connect clients with additional opportunities for engagement.

What kinds of programs are offered?

We offer a weekly Kiddush service and lunch, regularly scheduled Torah study and Jewish holiday celebrations for Rosh Hashanah, Sukkot, Chanukah, Tu B’Shvat, Purim, Passover, Shavuot, and Tisha B’Av. In addition, we host monthly workshops during which we explore Jewish teachings, traditions, and culture that are taught by EZRA staff and Jewish professionals in the greater Chicagoland area.

How can I get involved?

If you would like to use your Jewish knowledge to enrich our community through Torah study or an educational workshop, we would love to hear from you. We also need volunteer waitpersons to staff our holiday celebrations. For more information on these and other volunteer opportunities, contact Allison Lewis at 773.467.3851 or AllisonLewis@juf.org.

“The fun interpretations of various holidays make the parties fun and interesting...thanks EZRA—great job always, with dignity, respect, and kindness.”