



B'NAI B'RITH HOUSING

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July Housing News



Inspiration and Appreciation at the Annual Awards Event

The power of community was visible on June 15th at the 2017 Distinguished Achievement Awards Event. The Harvard Club of Boston was filled with attendees honoring two housing leaders: Joe Corcoran of Corcoran Jennison, a pioneer in mixed income housing and an advocate for thriving communities, and Representative Kevin Honan, a lifelong Allston-Brighton resident who has dedicated his career to advocating for affordable housing and creating smart housing policies that benefit all Massachusetts residents.

Thank you to all the real estate industry leaders, housing advocates, and friends of BBH who helped make this such a special evening! We not only celebrated our community's dedication to easing the housing crisis, but also raised critical funds to support the work of BBH throughout the Greater Boston area. Thank you again to our honorees and our generous sponsors for making this event a success.

[Check out photos and video from the evening!](#)

**Successful Art Show at
Patricia White Apartments**



Right next door to BBH's Covenant House properties in Brighton is the Patricia White Apartments community. In May of 2016, BBH began a collaboration with the Boston Housing Authority and the Patricia White Tenant Task Force that expanded the services available to residents at Patricia White by extending the resident service programming already available next door. One of these programs was the popular

Open Studios Art Program.

Working together and with graduate students from Lesley University's Expressive Therapies Program, BBH created an opportunity for folks to get creative, celebrate each other's talents, and socialize with their neighbors. This spring, residents of both Patricia White Apartments and Covenant House - along with friends, family and neighbors - came together to support the artists at their very first art show and reception!

Coolidge Resident Honored by Boston College

The Coolidge at Sudbury resident, Father Leo Shea, was honored at this year's Boston College commencement ceremony for his lifelong dedication to international humanitarianism.



After graduating from Boston College in 1960, Father Shea lived for 16 years in Venezuela, offering assistance to the residents of the area's slums. He continued this work for many years both in northern China and Jamaica before returning to the United States where he continued to serve the needs of the poor.

For his commitment to helping others, Boston College honored Father Shea with an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters. Congratulations Father Shea!

Brighton Celebrates Victory Day

In support of the Russian community in Allston-Brighton, every May 9th Covenant House, along with neighboring

community members, celebrates the Russian holiday Victory Day commemorating the WWII Soviet defeat of Germany.



Victory Day is one of the largest holidays in Russia and a huge source of national pride. Residents at Covenant House spend the weeks leading up to the celebration preparing informational posters about the history of Victory Day and displaying photos of friends and family who served in the war. Thank you to all

residents who helped make this day such a meaningful community event.

Early Signs are Promising for Workforce Housing



The Massachusetts Workforce Housing Initiative, launched just one year ago, is designed to meet the growing needs of middle income earners. Promising developments are already breaking ground and BBH Executive Director, Susan Gittelman highlighted these efforts in her latest op-ed.

[Read more here.](#)

We're Hiring!



B'nai B'rith Housing is hiring a full-time **Office Manager** to join us in our Brighton office! Read more about the job and how to apply on our website.

[Learn More](#)

Keep Us in Mind!

BBH is always **on the lookout for new housing sites as well as opportunities to acquire and rehabilitate existing housing** – please keep us in mind! We have a successful track record working locally to invest in affordable housing resources to expand and serve specific housing needs. Having used a number of local and state tools to advance housing production, we also recently received a Chapter 40T designation and are excited about expanding our role in safeguarding precious community based housing resources.

BBH is growing and seeking new partnerships and new ways of expanding the positive impact that can be achieved at a time when the need for quality, affordable housing is ever growing. **Give us a call** to learn more about our areas of expertise and how working with BBH can help your nonprofit or for-profit organization.

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Our housing, both rental and home ownership, is for young families and older adults regardless of religion or background.