

# Chevrah Kadisha: Educating, Organizing and Training

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Course 3 of Six Courses that comprise the core curriculum needed to receive Chevrah Kadisha Certification

Whether you're already in a *Chevrah Kadisha* that provides *Taharah* and *Shmirah*, or you're thinking about starting one in your own community, this course is for you. *Chevrah Kadisha* Educating, Organizing and Training will help you learn how to build and strengthen your *Chevrah*, and how to build support from your community, clergy, and lay leaders.

You will learn about:

- Education - acquiring knowledge and teaching techniques to bring information about our Jewish traditions at the end of life to both the *Chevrah Kadisha* members and to congregational and community audiences
- Organizing - developing leadership skills, building confidence, and inspiring motivation to successfully recruit members and build clergy and community support.
- Training – working with and guiding your *Chevrah Kadisha* members to understand prayers, build a culture of *kavanah*, become comfortable with *taharah* and *shmirah* as well as other end of life practices, and structure and manage a smoothly functioning organization.

Including...

Motivating your members, overcoming fear, gathering allies, working with clergy, understanding community resources, relating to funeral homes and cemeteries, avoiding pitfalls, creating policies, dealing with money and much more.

Your teachers:

Instructor Holly Blue talks  
about [Why Take This Course?](#)

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**Susan Barnes**

Susan is the *roshah* and a founding member of her synagogue's *Chevrah Kadisha*. She is a graduate of the Gamliel Institute, and has taught about Jewish practices around death and dying through the Gamliel Institute and at Limmud Bay Area, Kavod's annual Chevrah Kadisha conference, the Bay Area Jewish Healing Center, synagogues, and Vacaville State Prison.



**Holly Blue Hawkins**

Holly Blue Hawkins is a Natural Deathcare advocate, speaker, author, musician and poet, *Roshah* of The Santa Cruz Community Chevrah Kadisha (California), faculty member with Gamliel Institute and member of the Green Burial Council Speakers Bureau. Holly Blue provides training in a wide variety of end-of-life subjects in both Jewish and secular settings.