

November 2025 D'Var Torah

Dear Friends,

Sister Jean Dolores Schmidt, the longtime chaplain of the Loyola University in Chicago men's basketball team, died in October at the age of 106. The New York Times reports that she followed three maxims in her ministry: show up for people, passion is contagious, and small gestures go a long way. As one of her students, a former player, said, "She always made time to really support and show how believing in a team and program and believing in being a part of something bigger than yourself makes a difference for those around you."

May Sister Jean rest in peace and may the example she set for all those who were blessed to know her inspire all of us in our sacred work here at Mozaic Senior Life.

I wish you and your loved ones a Happy and Meaningful Thanksgiving.

Sincerely,

Rabbi Stephen Shulman, Pastoral Services