

On Thursday, August 3, the Jewish Association on Aging held an open house and ribbon cutting of its new assisted-living residence, AHAVA Memory Care Center of Excellence.

More than 200 community leaders, families, staff and dignitaries came to mark the occasion as this residence joins a handful of other facilities around the country, including the Mayo Clinic, that provide best-in-class services for those with Alzheimer's and dementia.

This event was made possible by generous donations from community members such as the Beacon Foundation, the Giant Eagle Foundation, The Pittsburgh Foundation and the Fine Foundation.

AHAVA is part of a multi-million dollar capital campaign to provide the best care for those with memory care issues across the organization's entire continuum, as well as increase the organization's endowment and build an independent living residence.

As he attached the mezuzah to the front door, JAA Director of Pastoral Care Rabbi Eli Seidman reminded the crowd that AHAVA is the Hebrew word for love. "This new mezuzah should remind us of the love we have for each other, our heritage and the love we have for G-d and the love G-d has for us," he said.