



FAIRHAVEN'S  
OLIVER HALSELL CARE AWARDS

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## **Rabbi Recognized for Faith-based Care at Hoag Hospital**

### *Rabbi Reuven Mintz Receives Fairhaven Memorial Park's Oliver Halsell Care Award*

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif., July 16, 2015 – For Newport Beach resident Rabbi Reuven Mintz, serving others is not just about providing a service to the community – it's a personal calling. The director of the [Chabad Jewish Center in Newport Beach](#), a leader of [The Friendship Circle](#), and volunteer at [Pastoral Care Services at Hoag Hospital](#), Rabbi Mintz wears many different hats, and his passions lie in making the lives and well being of others a priority during times of need. He also is known for protecting and guiding the lives of others, and offers solace to those whose lives come to an unfortunate end.

Rabbi Mintz is the July/August recipient of [Fairhaven's Oliver Halsell Care Award](#). Fairhaven Memorial Park & Mortuary, with locations in [Santa Ana](#) and [Mission Viejo](#), created the recognition program in 2012 to pay tribute to individuals who have demonstrated exceptional care in their profession and community, improving the lives and spirits of those they help.

"Rabbi Mintz' warmth and commitment to others are true characteristics of an effective, and selfless, caregiver," said Marla Noel, president of Fairhaven. "His dedication to the care of others, and his compassion and ability to help people heal, not just physically but also spiritually and emotionally, makes all the difference for those in need."

As a member of the clergy, Rabbi Mintz provides a beacon of hope in good times and bad for the Jewish community, and other faiths. Rabbi Mintz also fulfills his passion for helping others by offering spiritual guidance to patients, families and staff at Hoag Hospital, during times of uncertainty and doubt. At The Friendship Circle, he works to pair nearly 200 volunteers with special needs youth and adults to provide self-confidence and a sense of belonging to an often-overlooked community. Through unique programs and activities, including, summer and winter camps, basketball leagues, physical fitness and art programs and home placement, The Friendship Circle provides the special needs community with the environment needed to mature in a dignified and responsible way.

"There is no greater joy than the joy derived through helping others, especially those who need it most," said Rabbi Mintz. "The pastoral care services at Hoag helps people cope with loss and sickness during dark periods of their life and I'm honored to be a part of this supportive system, among other groups."

Rabbi Mintz will be honored at Fairhaven's Oliver Halsell Care Awards banquet in November at Fairhaven's Mission Viejo location. The banquet honors a year's worth of achievements within the local community. Additionally, Fairhaven will make a donation on his behalf to his selected charity, The Friendship Circle.

Fairhaven is accepting nominations for the 2015 Oliver Halsell Care Awards. For more information and to nominate a deserving candidate, visit:

<http://www.fairhavenmemorial.com/community/oliver-halsell-care-award> or email [CareAwards@FairhavenMemorial.com](mailto:CareAwards@FairhavenMemorial.com).

### **About Fairhaven's Oliver Halsell Care Award**

Fairhaven's Oliver Halsell Care Award pays tribute to Orange County individuals whose kindness and dedication to serving others is inspirational. These courageous individuals go above and beyond their job descriptions to serve with the utmost care and compassion. Fairhaven's Oliver Halsell Care Award winners come from many fields including private care, hospice, social work, counseling, assisted living, medical providers, nursing, therapy, volunteer work and more.

### **About Fairhaven**

Founded in 1911 by Oliver Halsell to provide a peaceful and comforting place for families to honor their loved ones, Fairhaven Memorial Park & Mortuary is Orange County's most beautiful full-service mortuary, crematory and cemetery. With the memorial park and mortuary in [Central Orange County](#) and an elegantly appointed mortuary in [South Orange County](#), Fairhaven provides funeral, cremation and burial services both at the time of need and through advanced planning, maintaining its steadfast commitment to care and compassion. Fairhaven is dedicated to celebrating the individual, providing services that are as unique and wide-ranging as the people they celebrate. Additional information is available at [www.fairhavenmemorial.com](http://www.fairhavenmemorial.com). Connect with Fairhaven at [www.facebook.com/fairhavenmemorial](https://www.facebook.com/fairhavenmemorial) or [www.twitter.com/fairhavenoc](https://www.twitter.com/fairhavenoc).

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