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Hebrew Senior Life has appointed Tom Alperin, president and founding partner of National Development, and Howard Cohen, chief executive officer of Beacon Communities LLC, as co-chairs of the organization's board.

Hebrew Senior Life is a nonprofit provider of senior housing, health care, research and teaching services, and it serves more than 5,000 seniors in eight locations throughout Greater Boston. The organization is affiliated with Harvard Medical School and operates the Hebrew Rehabilitation Center, among other initiatives.

As co-chairs, Alperin and Cohen will focus on the successful completion of NewBridge on the Charles, a continuing-care retirement community that Hebrew Senior Life has developed in Dedham, Mass. Alperin and Cohen will be focused on generating philanthropic support for the organization's research and educational activities, growing its endowment and helping execute HSL's long-term strategic plans.

Alperin previously served as the vice-chair of the Hebrew Senior Life board. Cohen previously was secretary of the board and chair of the Hebrew Rehabilitation Center board, and he currently serves as chair of the Roslindale Redevelopment Committee.

Through its Institute for Aging Research, Hebrew Senior Life, founded in 1903, focuses on advancing the standard of care for geriatrics. The organization annually trains more than 1,000 caregivers in geriatric care and is a major site of the Harvard Medical School's Geriatric Fellowship Program.

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