

Faculty



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Accommodations & Travel



Encinal Beach, Malibu: Sarah Dixon

RETREAT SITE

The Steve Breuer Conference Center at Camp Hess Kramer in Malibu rests in the valley of a mountain, with walking access to the beach on the Pacific Ocean. See www.wbtcamps.org/rentals.asp for pictures and details.

COST

\$695 covers your cost for the ten-week course and the opening and closing retreats. This includes a single-occupancy room and meals for two nights in December, and meals in March.

TRAVEL

Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) is the closest airport to Camp Hess Kramer. Travel arrangements must be handled privately. Please plan to arrive in Malibu no later than 2:00 PM on December 12 and depart the camp no earlier than 2:00 PM on December 14. Please make carpool or flight plans accordingly.

אסף ASSAF

The name ASSAF originated from the Book of Assaf, the earliest medical book in Hebrew. Written by a physician, Assaf, who practiced medicine in Israel in the fifth century BCE, the book discusses illness, treatment and prevention. The Book of Assaf includes Assaf's Oath, which in many aspects resembles the oaths of Hippocrates and Maimonides, which will be studied in the program. The hospital in central Israel, Assaf Harofeh (Assaf the Physician), is named after him.

THE KALSMAN INSTITUTE ON JUDAISM AND HEALTH

Michele Prince, Director

In the connections between Judaism and health, the Kalsman Institute is a catalyst for interaction, discussions and partnerships among spiritual leaders, healthcare providers, and community members. Kalsman provides pastoral education to future Reform leaders on the Los Angeles HUC-JIR campus. Conferences and workshops convened by Kalsman generate ideas and projects on Jewish spirituality and healing, bioethics, illness and wellness, and the health of the healthcare system. Through a network of nearly 200 Kalsman Partners, the Institute contributes to Jewish thought and practice through training, collaboration and dialogue.

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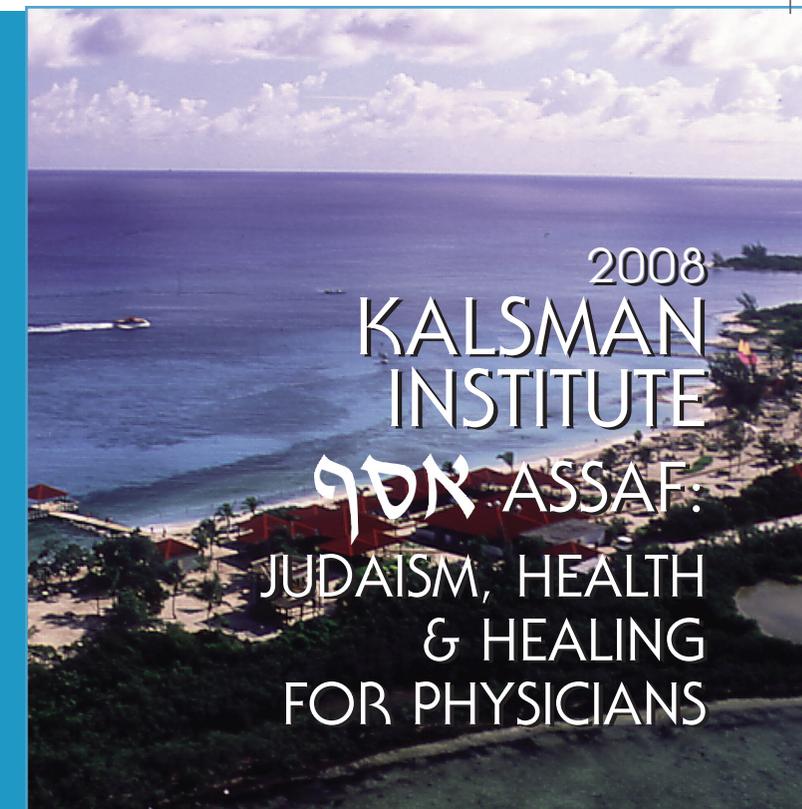


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- A center for Jewish spirituality and celebration.
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OPENING RETREAT
December 12-14, 2008
Los Angeles

ONLINE LEARNING
December 15, 2008 to
February 27, 2009

CLOSING RETREAT
March 1, 2009
Los Angeles



A project of the Kalsman Institute on Judaism and Health and Wilshire Boulevard Temple, Los Angeles

Please Join Us

The Kalsman Institute and Wilshire Boulevard Temple, Los Angeles are proud to offer ASSAF: Judaism, Health and Healing for Physicians. This retreat and online learning program is designed to help Jewish physicians integrate their clinical and spiritual lives.

The course of study brings together the clinical experience and theory of leading practitioners with the rich resources of the Jewish tradition.

The online education course is book-ended by retreats, and provides a realistic program for clinicians who often have cramped schedules and competing demands on their time.

THE PROGRAM INCLUDES:

- Opening Shabbaton retreat
- 10 weeks of partnered, interactive online learning
- Closing retreat

No previous online learning experience is needed.

For physicians hungry for exposure to Jewish learning specifically related to Judaism and health.

Opening Retreat



We will convene in Malibu, California, outside of Los Angeles, in December, 2008, where we will celebrate Shabbat, study together and provide you with all of the information you will need to access the interactive online course.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2008

2:00 PM - 9:30 PM includes orientation, text study, Shabbat celebration and dinner, followed by an evening program.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2008

8:00 AM - 8:00 PM includes meals, prayer services, group and *chevruta*, or partnered, Torah and text study and ample free time.



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2008

8:00 AM - 2:00 PM Text study continues and the group will write and share *kavanot*, personal statements, and learn "Tools for Ten Weeks" in preparation for the distance learning. Breakfast, lunch and a closing program will round out the day.

Interactive Online Learning - 10 weeks

DECEMBER 15, 2008 - FEBRUARY 27, 2009

Immediately following the Opening Retreat, participants begin the online portion of the program, studying in *chevruta*, or partners, using the internet, telephone and printed materials.

TOPICS COVERED

- Suffering
- End of Life
- Ethics
- Hope

The website has easy to follow details, including Hebrew and English texts, partner study questions, a participant and faculty discussion board for online dialogue, and materials for further study. Participants should plan to spend between 1-3 hours per week on average. This can be done anywhere and any time it is convenient for you to access the internet.

Closing Retreat



MARCH 1, 2009

10:00 am - 4:00 pm We will reconvene in Malibu for a final day of study, sharing, reflection and program closure.

REGISTRATION

Please visit
www.kalsman.org

History

This program was initially created as a collaboration between the Kalsman Institute and Phoenix's Temple Chai Deutsch Family Shalom Center, offering Jewish physicians a way to integrate their clinical and spiritual lives.

A team of clergy, physicians and health-care professionals came together to draft the scope and curriculum for ASSAF. An advisory group was convened to create and implement a course in Jewish health and healing for physicians. Members of this advisory group are:

- Rabbi Mari Chernow, Temple Chai, Phoenix, Arizona
- Sharona Silverman, Director, Deutsch Family Shalom Center, Temple Chai, Phoenix, Arizona

Three individuals who also made important contributions to the initiative are:

- Rabbi Simkha Weintraub, CSW, Rabbinic Director of the National Center for Jewish Healing of the JBFC in New York
- Elizabeth Feldman, MD, Pediatric/Adolescent Coordinator of the UIC/Illinois Masonic Family Practice Residency in Chicago
- Chaplain Bruce Feldstein, MD, Founder and Director, Jewish Chaplaincy, Stanford University Medical Center in Palo Alto.

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