Intersecting Judaism and Health

Kalsman Institute on Judaism and Health collaborates with networks throughout the country, Israel, and South America. Kalsman promotes awareness and facilitates discourse as a center for education, training, research, and dialogue on illness and wellness. The Kalsman Institute is determined to make a difference in helping future generations of leaders meet the needs of the Jewish people through academic exploration and practical application.

Pastoral Education

The Kalsman Institute develops pastoral education for emerging Jewish leadership. The training is a valuable component of rabbinical and graduate education, including coursework, field experience, and highly reflective supervision. Student pastoral internships are in congregations, hospitals, and other healthcare settings and are focused on professional and spiritual development. Classroom study is complemented by lectures, panels, and other events with Kalsman leaders.

Conferences, Research, and Colloquia

Conferences and workshops convened by Kalsman mine our rich tradition for sources at the intersection of Judaism, health, and medicine. Kalsman offers ASSAF: Judaism, Health, and Healing for Physicians, a program designed to inspire and educate Jewish healthcare professionals. Kalsman engages Jewish leaders to broaden and deepen conversation about bioethical dilemmas, many of which emerge from the encounter between technology and spiritual values. The Kalsman Institute creates an enduring community of scholars, scientists, and practitioners who will research the interconnections between illness, wellness, and healing in Jewish populations.

The Kalsman Institute was established in 2000 through the generous effort and support of Lee and Irving Kalsman, z"l, and the Family of Mark and Peachy Levy.
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In the connections between Judaism and health, the Kalsman Institute of HUC-JIR is a catalyst for interaction, discussions, and partnerships among spiritual leaders, healthcare providers, and Jewish community professionals and members.

- Kalsman provides pastoral education to all students on the Los Angeles HUC-JIR campus. Kalsman staff coordinates coursework, sponsors Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE), and supervises field internships in hospitals and other healthcare settings.

- 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 an international Kalsman network of 2000 professional and lay leaders, the Kalsman Institute contributes a new perspective in Jewish thought and practice through research, training, collaboration, and dialogue at the intersection of Judaism and Health.

"CPE helped me find my voice and taught me that I don’t need to use it."
Rabbi Joel Simonds, as an HUC-LA Rabbinical Student

"Opened my mind and quieted my stress."
"Allowed me to combine the two major forces of my life - Judaism and medicine!"
Participants from ASSAF: Judaism, Health and Healing for Clinicians

"We help our students learn how to help people in need...and help healthcare providers humanize medicine."
Michele Prince, Director, Kalsman Institute

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KALSMAN NETWORK
The Kalsman Institute on Judaism and Health collaborates and builds networks with institutions and individuals devoted to Jewish responses to illness and wellness.

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Through a financial gift to the Kalsman Institute on Judaism and Health, you can make a difference in the lives of our students and Jews in need of health and healing services. Opportunities are available to fund student internships, research, and events. Supporting the Kalsman Institute will help build the field of Judaism, health, and healing.

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