CONFERENCE INFORMATION

Models of Cooperation:
Reflections on the Jewish Healing Movement
Sunday, December 14 – Tuesday, December 16, 2003
The conference will be held at:
Mercy Center
Burlingame, California
For further information, please contact Sarah Fenner, Conference Coordinator, at healingconference@mzhf.org or (415)750-4198.

Bay Area Jewish Healing Center
Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion, Kalsman Institute on Judaism and Health
and the
University of California, San Francisco School of Medicine (UCSF)

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A working conference * for leaders in the field

* How is this a working conference? Most attendees will have leadership experience as innovators, teachers, health care professionals, speakers, writers, artists, or shapers of institutional culture. Rather than highlighting presenters, this conference will draw on a representative sampling of panelists to raise issues and stimulate thinking in our primary forum of small, multi-disciplinary discussion groups. The conference planning committee has designed a program rich in opportunities to network and brainstorm and to think collaboratively about advancing the field of Jewish Healing.
CONFERENCE GOALS

We seek to gather a multi-disciplinary group of leaders in the field – leaders in the Jewish healing movement and leaders in cooperative, inter-disciplinary or inter-agency ventures that support aspects of Judaism and healing. Together we will look creatively at what is becoming our common history and suggest ways that collaboration can move us forward.

We wish to highlight an important and under-considered theme: collaboration and the significance of cooperation as an organizational value — especially when it comes to healing concerns. We intend to examine both obstacles and opportunities as we discuss the issues of cooperation locally, regionally and nationally, as we reflect upon where we have come from, where we are now and where we hope to grow.

We will also celebrate the Bat Mitzvah of the Jewish healing movement and honor its principal founders: Ellen Hermanson, of blessed memory, Rabbis Rachel Cowan, Amy Eilberg and Nancy Flam.

LOCATION

Mercy Center, a spirituality and conference center is located on 40 acres in the hills of Burlingame, 20 minutes south of San Francisco and 10 minutes west of San Francisco International Airport (SFO).

Mercy Center provides a contemplative atmosphere in an intimate and beautiful setting. The grounds are covered in mature oaks, walking paths, flower gardens, a labyrinth, and expansive lawns.

Sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas, the center welcomes women and men of diverse cultural and faith backgrounds to its facilities. Mercy Center is a smoke-free environment.

A special note regarding CME and CEUs: UCSF CME Course number: MDM04002

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the Essential Areas and policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education through the joint sponsorship of the University of California, San Francisco School of Medicine (UCSF), Bay Area Jewish Healing Center, and the Kalsman Institute on Judaism and Health of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion.

UCSF is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing education for physicians. UCSF designates this education activity for a maximum of 12 category I credits toward the AMA Physician’s Recognition Award. Each physician should claim only credits that he/she actually spent in the activity. Category I CME credits for medical doctors are approved for MCEP credits for licensed psychologists in the State of California.

In addition, Continuing Education Units will be available for nurses, licensed clinical social workers, and marriage and family therapists through Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. This working conference can be counted toward the Continuing Education requirement of the National Association of Jewish Chaplains to maintain certification.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

SUNDAY

2:00 - 4:45 pm: Registration & Settling in

Welcome and Introduction

Dinner in interdisciplinary groups

Evening Program:

Panel and Discussion on Models of Cooperation

MONDAY

Early morning: Tefillah/Movement

Morning Program:

The Personal Dimension of Cooperation

Case scenario discussions in interdisciplinary groups

Afternoon Program:

Panel on the Paths of Cooperation: What is it? How does it work?

Issues, ethical/philosophical and practical implications

Networking opportunities – Wine & cheese tasting

Evening Program:

Jewish Healing Movement “Bat Mitzvah” Celebration/healing service & historical perspective, honoring Ellen Hermanson, z’l, Rabbis Amy Eilberg, Nancy Flam, and Rachel Cowan

TUESDAY

Early morning: Tefillah/Movement

Morning Program: Planning for the Future (Affinity Group Meetings)

Closing reflections and ritual, concluding at 2:00 pm

CONFERECE PANELISTS

Rabbi Aliza Berk
Rabbi Rachel Cowan
Rabbi William Cutter, PhD
Rabbi Amy Eilberg
Rabbi Nancy Flam
Karen Frank, RN
Lisa Kodmur, MPH
Gila Silverman, MPH
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Rabbi David Teutsch, PhD
Rabbi Eric Weiss
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COLLABORATING AGENCIES


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Jewish Healing Movement “Bat Mitzvah”

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