

The Evolution of Spiritual Care in Israel: A Multi-Disciplinary Approach Developed to Address a Diverse Multi-Cultural Society

1. Introduction Elisheva Flamm-Oren, MSW, UJA Federation of New York, Israel Office

- Unique characteristics of the State of Israel
- Cultural, ethnic and religious diversity
- State, Religion and Spirituality in Israel
- Roots of spiritual care in Jewish tradition and culture

2. Multi-disciplinary integrative model of practice in health and human services Dr Yakir Kaufman, MD, Herzog Hospital, Israel

- Enhancing existing models of service through inclusion of spiritual care within inter-disciplinary teams
- The creation of a non-clergy-specific spiritual care model
- Challenges of integrating spiritual care within health and human services
- Opportunities of integrating spiritual care within health and human services

3. Bi-National collaboration between North America and Israel in developing Israeli training programs Rabbi Zahara Davidowitz-Farkas, BCJC, National Association of Jewish Chaplains, USA

- Recognizing cultural differences that impact on training and curriculum development.
- Utilizing existing resources from North America and adapting them to Israeli needs, complemented by the creation new thinking.
- Challenges of developing training programs in spiritual care within Israeli society
- Opportunities for developing training programs in spiritual care within Israeli society

4. Concurrent processes of the development of an emerging field: Dvora Corn, MSc, Tishkofet-Life's Door and NAJC Israeli Board Member

- Public Education and awareness;
- Professional training and the development of a common professional language
- Delivery of direct services
- Creating a distinct and recognized profession through inter-agency collaboration

5. **The perspective and roles of UJA Federation of New York** Sally Kaplan,
UJA Federation of New York
 - Spiritual care seen as critical element needed in priority areas already being addressed
 - Identifying the lack of recognized Chaplaincy and Spiritual Care in Israel and the wealth of experts and professional resources in New York and North America.
 - Creating a vehicle to share expertise and experience between the New York Jewish community and Israel
 - Challenges in locating complementary funding and ensuring sustainability
6. **Voices from the field – sharing vignettes from our work**
7. **Lessons learned and global applications: Elisheva Oren**
8. **Q and A's**

*Comforting the mourner, visiting the sick,
and deeds of loving-kindness
bring good to the world.*

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