

**Mussar Kallah VII    Phoenix    October 25, 2009**

Presented by The Mussar Institute *and* the Valley of the Sun JCC, Phoenix, AZ

Taking place at the Valley of the Sun JCC, 12701 North Scottsdale Road,  
Scottsdale, AZ 85254 / (480) 483-7121

Program subject to change

**Saturday evening, October 24<sup>th</sup>**    Keynote session (open to all and co-sponsored by the Phoenix Jewish Book Month)

Jewish Spirituality in Uncertain Times: response of the soul & the community  
**Avi Fertig & Alan Morinis** in dialogue

***Mussar Kallah – Sunday October 25<sup>th</sup>:***

Theme: “*vaAsu Li Mikdash—v'shochanti b'tocham*” (Shemot 25:8)  
“And build for Me a sanctuary and I will dwell *b'tocham*” (Exodus 25:8)

The Hebrew “*b'tocham*” is not translated because it has two related but distinct meanings. It could mean “among them” or it could also mean “within them.” Those two possibilities give rise to the themes for the two tracks that will run at the Kallah.

For Beginners who are being introduced to Mussar for the first time, the sessions will focus on “the sanctuary within.”

For Advanced students, the idea is to explore Mussar in action, which brings the holy into our world and among us. The theme for the Advanced students focuses on the notion that “the whole world is filled with His Glory” and it is our task to build the sanctuary within which the holy can abide.

**Program Mussar Kallah VII**

9:00 – 9:30 Welcome and orientation

9:35 – 12:00

Beginners Practical introduction to *Buliding the Inner Sanctuary*

9:35-10:30 *The Human Soul in Mussar perspective* – **Micha Berger**

10:45-11:30 *Improving the qualities of the Soul* – **Shirah Bell**

11:30-12:15 *The Goal—the Inner Sanctuary* – **Yitzchok Adlerstein**  
(moderator: Shirah Bell)

Advanced Mussar in Action: «...and I will dwell among them»

9:35 – 10:45 *Mussar social action in historical perspective*

**Alan Morinis**

11:00 – 12:00 *Practical tikkun olam and Practical tikkun ha'middot* **Avi Fertig**  
(moderator: David Jaffe)

12:15 – 1:15 Lunch

- separate lunch for Manchim & other Mussar group leaders **David Jaffe**  
& **Roann Altman**

Beginners *Tikkun Ha'Middot*

Simultaneous sessions; Participants to sign up on registration

1:15 – 2:15

*middot session #1* trust / *bitahon* **Modya Silver**

*middot session #2* humility / *anavah* **David Jaffe**

*middot session #3* gratitude / *hakarat ha'tov* **Zvi Holland**

2:25 – 3:25

*middot session #4* anger / *ka'as* **Ariel Shoshan**

*middot session #5* envy / *kinah* **Josh Gressel**

*middot session #6* enthusiasm / *zerizut* **Rob Mass**

Advanced *Applying Mussar at home and in professional contexts*

1:15 – 3:25

#1 Mussar in health care **Drs. Bev Spring, Pauline Pariser & Cheri Forrester** (moderator: Dr. Robert Barris)

#2 Mussar in business **Micha Berger & TBA**  
(moderator: Rob Mass)

#3 Mussar in relationships with non-Jews **Yitzchok Adlerstein**  
(moderator: \_\_\_\_\_)

#4 Mussar at school **Rivy Kletenik**  
(moderator: \_\_\_\_\_)

3:45 – 5:00 Fundraising appeal – **Rob Mass**

Final Plenary – *Living spiritually in uncertain times*

**Alan Morinis, Rivy Kletenik, Avi Fertig & Yitzchok Adlerstein**  
(moderator: Gary Shaffer)

5:00 – 5:30 Closing – **Modya Silver & Shirah Bell**  
(moderator: Rob Beller)

5:30 – 6:30 RECEPTION in the JCC foyer – a time to find and commit to a *chavruta* or *va'ad*

- separate reception for *Manchim* & other group leaders **David Jaffe & Roann Altman**

*No dinner provided*

8:00 pm Reception for TMI students at a local home