

Rabbi Hample's appreciation of neohasidic precept in enriching mussar practice was originally inspired by Rabbi Marc Margolius's vital mussar torah at the Institute for Jewish Spirituality (IJS), and tempered by challenges Rabbi Ira F. Stone posed to an ongoing va'ad he originally convened at the Center for Contemporary Mussar (CCM) in response to the pandemic. John's background includes graduate degrees and extensive professional experience in Adult Education, specializing in the development of program standards and other curriculum supports for practical competency-based social learning, cognitive apprenticeship, and coaching/mentoring. In earlier life, he also worked as a newspaper reporter, university history instructor, cabinetmaker, and trade union activist. His mussar practice is much concerned with the middot hakarat ha tov/apprehending the good, chen/grace, and seder/order.