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Description of the Roundtable Retreat

The Kalsman Institute Roundtable on Judaism and Health Research, funded by the John Templeton Foundation, brought 30 Jewish leaders together across religious streams and professional disciplines to build the field of Judaism and health. From January 30-February 1, 2011, Michele Prince, director of the Kalsman Institute, brought rabbis, researchers, and medical professionals assembled from universities, medical centers, synagogues, and Jewish community organizations to launch new projects, research concepts, and partnerships to build a scholarly foundation for work in Judaism, health, healing, and medicine.

Since the retreat, the Kalsman Institute is moving forward with many project ideas discussed at the event. Two 2012 conferences are in planning: an interdisciplinary public conference on Judaism and health in Los Angeles, as well as a smaller pastoral educator conference in New York. The institute is in the process of writing a white paper and article for publication, which will summarize the efforts of the Roundtable and delve into the priorities for emerging scholarship in this field.

The Kalsman Institute is invited to submit a second grant proposal to the John Templeton Foundation for 1.5 million dollars to conduct research based on the information gathered throughout the past year and at the retreat. Dozens of research ideas and project themes surfaced during the course of the retreat ranging from interest in the efficacy of Jewish rituals for healing, to attempts to obtain a snapshot of the overall health of North American Jewry. The Roundtable continues scholarly deliberations in the focus areas of pastoral education, bioethics, the health-care system, spirituality and healing, and responses to illness and wellness specific to the Jewish population, all across the spectrum of Jewish life and practice.
Kalsman Research Roundtable Retreat  
*Brandeis-Bardin Campus Conference Center*  
**January 30 – February 1, 2011**

**SCHEDULE**

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<th>Arrival Time</th>
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**Sunday, January 30**

2:00 pm  Registration

2:30 pm  Welcome and Opening Remarks  
**M. Prince**

Session 1  
Panel Discussion: “The Connections Between Judaism and Health”  
**Panelists: J. Levin, D. Friedman, K. Pargament**

3:30 pm  Session 2  
Small Group Breakout Discussion Sessions: “Building a Field”  
**Breakout Facilitators: G. Silverman, S. Weber, N. Wiener, D. Kohn, D. Teutsch**

5:00 pm  Mincha/Ma’arav and “A Walk in the Woods”  
**Walk in the Woods: G. Goldman**  
**Mincha/Maariv: L. Sharzer**

6:00 pm  Dinner  
**Motzi and Birkat Hamazon: J. Weiner**

7:30 pm  Session 3  
Guest Speaker: “Issues of Meaning”  
**D. Wolpe**

9:00 pm  Evening Festivities around the Campfire

*Sunday’s Guiding Question:*  
What are the priorities for scholarship focused solely on the Jewish community and constructed explicitly to compare and contrast Jews to members of other faith traditions?
Monday, January 31

7:00 am  Breakfast
8:00 am  Morning Tefila, Torah Service and Study
  Pseuk and Shacharit: E. Dorff
  Torah Service: D. Teutsch
  Torah Readings: S. Weintraub
  Torah Learning: W. Cutter
  Gabbi: D. Kohn

9:30 am  Session 4
  Panel Discussion: “Current Research Projects”
  Panelists: D. Spruijt Metz, D. Rosmarin, K. Pargament, P. Wolpe,
  S. Matlins, M. Weigensberg
  Moderator: J. Levin

12:00 pm  Lunch
  Motzi and Birkat: A. Brener

1:00 pm  “A Walk in the Woods” or Guided Meditation
  A Walk in the Woods: G. Goldman
  Meditative Mincha: A. Brener

2:30 pm  Session 5
  Small Group Breakout Discussion Sessions: “Future Research Project Priorities”
  Facilitators: R. Address, N. Epstein, S. Matlins, S. Weintraub

4:30 pm  Break/Tefila
  Maariv: L. Sharzer

6:00 pm  Dinner
  Motzi and Birkat Hamazon: D. Friedman

7:30 pm  Session 6
  Group Discussion: “One Community, Many Paths”
  D. Ellenson, B. Artson, D. Teutsch

9:00 pm  Dessert Reception

Monday’s Guiding Question:
How is Jewish religious diversity a factor to consider in the relationship between Judaism and health?
Tuesday February 1

7:00 am  Psalm Study
  Psalm Study in memory of Debbie Friedman z”l: W. Cutter

7:30 am  Tefila
  Morning Service: N. Wiener

8:15 am  Breakfast

9:30 am  Session 7
  Small Group Breakout Discussion Sessions: “Imagining the Priorities”
  Breakout Facilitators: G. Silverman, E. Salend, B. Glickstein, L. Sharzer

11:00 am  Session 8
  Group Discussion: “Raising Awareness and Educating the Next Generation”
  M. Friedman, N. Wiener, D. Friedman

12:30 pm  Working Lunch
  Motzi and Birkat Hamazon: N. Epstein

1:30 pm  Session 9
  Closing Discussion: “Next Steps and Making an Impact”
  M. Prince, J. Levin

2:00 pm  Departure

Tuesday’s Guiding Question:
Who are the potential partners, benefactors, and constituents for a scholarly field of Judaism, health, and healing?
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