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Kalsman Institute on Judaism and Health Secures John Templeton Foundation Grant to Develop Research on Judaism, Health and Healing

The Kalsman Institute on Judaism and Health at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion/Los Angeles has secured two-year grant from the John Templeton Foundation in support of the *Kalsman Institute Roundtable on Judaism and Health Research*. The Roundtable will serve to establish a research network and agenda to catalyze basic and applied research projects at the intersection of Judaism and health.

The Roundtable will take a think-tank-style approach by convening a cohort of leading figures in American Judaism with scholarly or professional expertise and interest in Judaism, health, and healing. The Roundtable, through its deliberations and its products, will establish and provide creativity, direction and leadership to this research field.

The project will promote research on illness, wellness, and healing in Jewish populations; establish standards for evaluative research on health-related services, resources, and care provided by Jewish congregations and organizations; and create an enduring community of scholars, scientists, and practitioners who will research the interconnections of Judaism and health.

The project's principal investigator is Michele Prince, LCSW, MAJCS, Director of the Kalsman Institute on Judaism and Health, with co-principal investigator Dr. Jeff Levin, who joined Baylor University this fall as University Professor of Epidemiology and Population Health and Director of the Program on Religion and Population Health.

The Kalsman Institute provides pastoral education to students at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion/Los Angeles, and contributes a new perspective in Jewish thought and practice through conferences, workshops and collaborative dialogue at the intersection of Judaism and Health.
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