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Dr. Gerald Killan, Principal of King's University College, stated that "creating the Centre has been a personal journey of discovery for all of us, a discovery of our shared roots in Hebrew Scripture. We look forward to continuing the journey in mutual understanding and respect." The Board of the Centre is composed of representatives from the Jewish and Catholic communities in London together with faculty and staff of King's University College. Rabbi Joel Wittstein, Rabbi of Temple Israel in London, and Dr. Gil Brodie, senior Religious Studies professor at the College, serve as co-chairs of the Board.

The Centre has established a website at www.uwo.ca/kings/ccjl.

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