



## **Recent Developments in Jewish-Muslim Interreligious Engagement: Where have we come since 9/11?**

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King's Campus Ministry and the Centre for Jewish-Catholic-Muslim Learning are bringing to the forefront a discussion of Jewish-Muslim interreligious engagement at 7:30 p.m. on October 3, 2013. As part of the Religious Life Lecture Series "Inspiration," the lecture features Rabbi Burton L. Visotzky, Professor of Midrash and Interreligious Studies, Jewish Theological Seminary, NY.

"From Cairo to Qatar, Oman and Beyond: Recent Developments in Jewish-Muslim Interreligious Engagement," Rabbi Visotzky's lecture will touch on Jewish-Muslim engagement on the local, national, and international scene. He will survey where we have come since 9/11 and offer some assessment for the future of Jewish-Muslim cooperation.

Rabbi Visotzky serves as the Appleman Professor of Midrash and Interreligious Studies and the Louis Stein Director of the Finkelstein Institute for Religious and Social Studies at the Jewish Theological Seminary, charged with programs on public policy. Professor Visotzky holds degrees from the University of Illinois at Chicago, Harvard University, and the Jewish Theological Seminary. Visotzky has been visiting faculty at Oxford; Cambridge; Princeton; the Russian State University of the Humanities in Moscow; and has served as the Master Visiting Professor of Jewish Studies at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome. He will be teaching at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome in spring 2014.

"Rabbi Visotzky's presence in our community is a gift. He is recognized internationally for his work in bringing Jews, Christians and Muslims together. I am confident that his presence will help us to become peacemakers here in our local community," says Michael Bechard, Chaplain and Chair for the Centre for Jewish-Catholic-Muslim Learning at King's University College.

The free lecture is open to all and will be held at "The Chapel" at Windermere on the Mount, 1486 Richmond Street, London. All media are welcome.

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