



Monthly Highlights

February 2014

International Interreligious Affairs

Rome, Feb.12-14

The most notable event on AJC's interreligious calendar during the month of February and beyond, was the AJC mission to the Vatican; the capstone of which was the meeting with Pope Francis;



In addition to meetings with the Vatican Secretary of State Mons. Pietro Parolin (elevated some days later to the Cardinalate) and Cardinal Koch, the president of the Pontifical Commission for Religious Relations with Jewry; the delegation was hosted at the Pontifical Academy for Sciences for a luncheon meeting by the Chancellor of the Academy, Archbishop Sanchez Sorondo; and was also hosted by the US Ambassador to the Holy See, Ken Hackett. The mission concluded with a remarkable Friday evening Shabbat dinner attended by some of the leading Cardinals of the Roman Curia.





An article by AJC's vice-chair of Interreligious Affairs Mont Levy, published in the St. Louis Jewish Light substantially captures the uniqueness of the days of the mission in Rome, see http://www.stljewishlight.com/opinion/commentaries/article_5fdf06b2-a0d2-11e3-9406-001a4bcf887a.html#.UxVosQ3Hg_g.email

The visit was widely covered by both electronic and print media . See:-

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rHTQe4v179g>

and https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v_Viz2zQAvY&feature=youtube_gdata_player (the interview with me commences 8:30 mins. into the program)

Print:

<http://www.zenit.org/en/articles/rabbi-david-rosen-meeting-with-francis-was-like-family-reunion>

http://www.catholic.co.il/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=2209:rabbi-david-rosen-like-a-family-reunion&catid=2:latest&Itemid=9&lang=en

<http://www.catholic.org/hf/faith/story.php?id=54232>

<http://shar.es/FWTKY>

<http://www.patheos.com/blogs/catholicnews>

US, Feb. 23-28

I traveled to the US to service four AJC regional offices – Miami; Atlanta; Westchester; and New Jersey - giving public addresses; speaking at parlor meetings; meetings with supporters; and giving TV and press interviews.

See articles:

<http://www.sun-sentinel.com/florida-jewish-journal/news/miami-dade-county-news/fl-jjdc-rosen-0312-20140310,0,665910.story>

<http://worlddispatch.wordpress.com/tag/rabbi-david-rosen/>

<http://www.njewishnews.com/article/21916/rabbi-lauds-progress-in-interfaith-affairs#.UxgUqI5zcGE.email>

TV interview: <http://blip.tv/shalomtv/rabbi-david-rosen-on-shalom-tv-s-l-chayim-6744880>.

Jerusalem

- The Elijah Interfaith Institute held a special program on "the significance of Pope Francis' visit to the Holy Land" chaired by the Institute's founder and director Rabbi Dr. Alon Goshen-Gottstein. The speakers were Bishop William Shomali of Jerusalem and myself.



<http://www.ipost.com/In-Jerusalem/Arts-And-Culture/The-Pope-to-bring-hope-340548>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0WuwrsCDQJ8&feature=youtu.be>

- Media:** - Israel TV Channel 2, one of the three panelists on program on Pope Francis
- Czech TV , on Pope Francis's forthcoming visit to Israel