



## Monthly Highlights

### January/February 2015

#### *International Interreligious Affairs*

#### January

##### Davos

At the Annual Meeting of the World Economic Forum I participated in a number of panels, most notable at the Open Forum plenary together with Tony Blair, the Archbishop of South Africa Thabo Makgoba and Sheikh Hamza Yusuf on the theme "Religion – a pretext for conflict?"

See: <http://www.openforumdavos.ch/en/religion-a-pretext-for-conflict.html>



In the course of the WEF meeting, I gave a number of interviews, most notably for the Huffington Post video media :-

[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2015/01/22/rabbi-david-rosen-davos\\_n\\_6522414.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2015/01/22/rabbi-david-rosen-davos_n_6522414.html)

(apropos, see <http://www.burbankleader.com/opinion/tn-blr-in-theory-can-secularism-stem-dangerous-ties-between-politics-and-religion-20150203,0,4363062.story> )

Also <https://hub.vg/DRosen15>

## Vienna

From Davos I went on to Vienna where the leadership of the International Council of Christians and Jews (which I serve as an Honorary President) held a consultation on the topic “Are Anti-Semitism and Other Forms of Religiously Based Hostility Growing in Europe? – Majorities and Minorities between Prejudice and Acceptance” together with the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights. In addition, the ICCJ leadership was part of the Holocaust Remembrance Day commemoration ceremony held at the Heldenplatz.

While in Vienna I participated in meetings at KAICIID including with the Spanish Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Ignacio Ibanez.



## February

Visited the US at the request of AJC regional offices:

I was in Los Angeles for the event co-hosted by the AJC office and the Archdiocese of Los Angeles celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the promulgation of the document “Nostra Aetate”.

<http://cal.lmu.edu/event/lmux150217#.VO25VPmUeyA>



In advance of this visit a short op-ed of mine on the significance of this anniversary appeared in various US media.

[http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/religion/50-years-of-christian-jewish-revolution-what-we-can-all-learn-commentary/2015/02/13/f1eb78b6-b3a4-11e4-bf39-5560f3918d4b\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/religion/50-years-of-christian-jewish-revolution-what-we-can-all-learn-commentary/2015/02/13/f1eb78b6-b3a4-11e4-bf39-5560f3918d4b_story.html)

In **New Jersey** to give the keynote address at the Interfaith Brotherhood and Sisterhood Breakfast;



<http://www.northjersey.com/news/a-call-to-fight-bigotry-issued-at-bergen-county-interfaith-gathering-1.1272573>

The following article appeared in advance of my visit:

[http://jstandard.com/content/item/where\\_no\\_rabbi\\_has\\_gone\\_before/32412](http://jstandard.com/content/item/where_no_rabbi_has_gone_before/32412)

and in Seattle I gave a public address on the theme “Is Religion the problem or the solution?”

See <https://www.tumblr.com/search/rabbi%20david%20rosen>

## Jerusalem

Notable meetings which I addressed included

- The delegation of ELCA leaders led by Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton that met with representatives off the Council of Religious Institutions of the Holy Land.



- The Catholic Bishops' Holy Land Coordination Committee:-  
<https://m.flickr.com/#/photos/catholicism/16455149152/>
- and a high-level American Jewish, Episcopalian and Muslim interfaith delegation, led by Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori, Dr. Sayyid Syeed, National Director for the Office of Interfaith and Community Alliances for the Islamic Society of North America, and Rabbi Steve Gutow, President and CEO of JCPA.