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Monthly Highlights

June-July 2017

International Interreligious Affairs

June 4-6, USA

At AJC's Global Forum in Washington DC, I was the speaker at an opening dinner on the subject "Faith on the Frontlines: Advancing Pluralism Amid Resurgent Extremism" and was a panelist on the AJC University session titled: "Radicalism on the Rise: Is Religion the Disease or the Cure?" together with Ambassador Akbar Ahmad of the American University and Dr. Katherine Marshall of Georgetown University.

June 6th

The Muslim Jewish American Council, founded by the AJC, hosted a Ramadan Iftar organized by the Islamic Society of North America at which I was the guest speaker

June 7th and 8th,

I then spoke at programs organized by the AJC Philadelphia and Westchester offices

June 12th, Jerusalem

The Elijah Interfaith institute held a special event Sharing Wisdom program, hosted by AJC in honor of Didi Sudesh of the Brahma Kumaris movement who was visiting Israel, at which I was one of the speakers. See: https://jerusalemprayingtogether.wordpress.com/2017/06/21/sharing-wisdom-what-religions-can-learn-from-each-other/

June 19-21, Oslo

The government of Norway, together with the UNDP, Religions for Peace, Parliament of the World's Religions, and the WCC, held a groundbreaking Interfaith Initiative for the Rainforests. I was honored to address the opening session was held at the Nobel Peace Center in the presence of King Harald V.

The session may be seen at http://iri.trippelm.tv/embed.html (my presentation begins at 27:20)
See: http://religionnews.com/2017/06/19/religious-and-indigenous-leaders-unite-in-an-attempt-to-save-rainforests/

http://www.timesofisrael.com/rabbis-priests-imams-say-protecting-rainforests-no-joke/

http://campaign.r20.constantcontact.com/render?m=1112171845262&ca=90ba6a94-ff1c-4090-baea-c4caba9c44eb

June 30/July 1, Rhodes

A historic Jewish-Muslim gathering convened by Jews of Libyan and Iraqi origin took place on the island of Rhodes. Some two hundred people participated in the event including ministers and parliamentarians from Libya and Iraq as well as Israeli government ministers and leaders of the opposition .I was invited to address the gathering on the subject of Jewish-Muslim relations and on the importance and potential of interreligious diplomacy.

July 3rd, Jerusalem

The special conference of the Scholas Occurentes, the international consortium of universities initiated by Pope Francis to promote a sustainable universal culture of peace, was hosted at the Truman Institute of the Hebrew University and attended by students and faculty members from universities around the world. I spoke on an interreligious panel on the role of Jewish-Christian reconciliation in the social and political context in the Holy Land. (see https://youtu.be/deXRVqHpqhw)

July 10th and 19th, Jerusalem

I addressed two other international gatherings in Jerusalem in July:

The conference of the Rossing Center for Jewish Christian Muslim Relations held at HUC on the subject of "Healing Hatred: Spiritual Counseling in Situations of Conflict"; and a colloquium entitled "Jerusalem and the monotheistic religions; symbols, attitudes and daily life", organized by the Pontifical Notre Dame Center in Jerusalem, together with the European University of Rome. See: http://en.radiovaticana.va/news/2017/07/19/rabbi_rosen_on_role_of_jerusalem_in_interfaith_relations/1325955

July 26th

The Jerusalem Press Club hosted a panel held by the Jerusalem Interfaith Center for Sustainable Development in which I participated, to address the Role of Religions in combatting Climate Change"

See:- http://www.jpost.com/Israel-News/In-Jerusalem-an-interfaith-effort-at-addressing-climate-change-500872;

https://www.israel21c.org/all-faiths-must-unite-to-fight-climate-change-clergy-urge/;

https://www.i24news.tv/en/news/israel/society/151423-170726-gg;

The following profile appeared this month in the Interfaith Observer :-
http://www.theinterfaithobserver.org/journal-articles/2017/7/11/rabbi-david-rosen-building-global-interfaith-communities