International interreligious Affairs

Since the outbreak of the Covid 19 pandemic in March 2020, I have given presentations and interviews and participated in panels and webinars mostly on-line. These include:

April 1 – “Religions for Peace” global multifaith prayer for healing and protection

13 – Webinar on Jewish-Catholic Relations, for US-Israel Friendship League

<https://aifl.org/programs/multifaith-outreach-webinar>

22- Prayer gathering of Heads of Religions in Israel , Jerusalem

<https://unitedwithisrael.org/religious-leaders-from-4-faiths-unite-for-unprecedented-prayer-in-jerusalem/>

<https://youtu.be/yXthpOBqBfs>

22 – Earth Day reflections – hosted by Parmarth Niketan, Rishikesh, India

See [Facebook Live Stream](https://www.facebook.com/ParmarthNiketan/videos/2512224879028504/) , UK press coverage in [Eastern Eye](https://www.easterneye.biz/historic-online-summit-held-to-mark-50th-anniversary-of-earth-day/) , and full video of the event  [Click here](https://washalliance.org/earth-day-2020-celebrations/)

23 – Catholic TV, Rome. Interview on Religious responses to the pandemic ; and for centenary

memorial tribute to Pope John Paul II

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XTmcB9GE9Vg&list=PL6AqvbxnE8H6EthwsUcxaVSQUA21P_x-o&index=2&t=0s>

May 7 – Global News, Canada – interview on Religious responses to the pandemic

7 – Rabbi for Human Rights webinar – Ramadan, Religions and Corona

14 – Video message, requested for the Higher Committee of Human Fraternity (under

auspices of the UAE) for International Day of Prayer convened together with Pope Francis and

Sheikh Al Tayeb of Al Azhar

[https://www.qposts.com/%d8%a7%d9%84%d8%b5%d9%84%d8%a7%d8%a9-%d9%85%d9%86- %d8%a3%d8%ac%d9%84-%d8%a7%d9%84%d8%a5%d9%86%d8%b3%d8%a7%d9%86%d9%8a%d8%a9-%d8%af%d8%b9%d9%88%d8%a9-%d8%a5%d9%85%d8%a7%d8%b1%d8%a7%d8%aa%d9%8a%d8%a9/](https://www.qposts.com/%d8%a7%d9%84%d8%b5%d9%84%d8%a7%d8%a9-%d9%85%d9%86-%20%20%20%d8%a3%d8%ac%d9%84-%d8%a7%d9%84%d8%a5%d9%86%d8%b3%d8%a7%d9%86%d9%8a%d8%a9-%d8%af%d8%b9%d9%88%d8%a9-%d8%a5%d9%85%d8%a7%d8%b1%d8%a7%d8%aa%d9%8a%d8%a9/)

12 – Religions for Peace leadership discussion on International Religious freedom with Ambassador

Sam Brownback

13 – Abrahamic Reunion interreligious prayer gathering

25 - i24 interview for Shavuot -

<https://www.facebook.com/106993140795090/videos/272973003749195/?sfnsn=mo&d=n&vh=e>

June 4 – Cambridge University chapel interview on Jewish-Christian Relations

4 – Elijah Interfaith Institute program on Religions and response to the Corona epidemic

5 – Parmarth Niketan webinar for World Environment Day

9- Presentation on Shabbat for the Wellbeing project

10 – Interview on Interfaith relations by Nejoud Al- Yagout of Kuwait

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GHrSVGNYL2w&feature=youtu.be>

12- Address UAE Jewish community pre-Shabbat on-line program on latest interfaith developments

in the UAE and Saudi Arabia

In addition to media coverage on Religions and Covid 19, e.g.

<https://themedialine.org/life-lines/the-power-of-religion-in-times-of-national-distress-audio-interview/>

I sent a Ramadan greeting to the Arab Muslim world at the request of the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs <https://www.facebook.com/173441069359976/posts/2943388439031878/>

and wrote an op-ed on the occasion of Ramadan (relating to Jewish-Muslim relations) for the Jakarta Post <https://twitter.com/AkyolinEnglish/status/1258781606954897408?s=20>

and a similar one in Urdu <http://milap.com/page2.html>,

there has been continued media coverage/reference to my visit to Saudi Arabia in February:-

<https://www.eg24.news/2020/02/king-salman-receives-an-israeli-rabbi-at-his-palace-photos.html>