

Institut für Jüdisch-Christliche Forschung IJCF

### INVITATION

# Mount Zion Award 2009

In order to promote interreligious understanding the Mount Zion Foundation has the honour to invite you to the presentation of the Mount Zion Award 2009

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### Daniel Rossing & Nedal Rashed Jayousi

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2009, 5.00 P.M. DORMITION CHURCH, MOUNT ZION, JERUSALEM





**Dr. Nedal Rashed Jayousi** is the Founder and Chairman of the Palestinian House for Professionals Solutions (HPS), a leading non-governmental institution which assists Palestinians, Israelis and Jordanians in developing and implementing various conflict resolution strategies that break down stereotypes, increase mutual understanding and enhance dialogue. Dr. Nedal Rashed Jayousi is also a professor of education. He is a leading expert in peace education and curricula development, with 23 years of experience managing and working with prominent Palestinian and international educational institutions in the public and private sec-

tor. In addition to his work at HPS, Dr. Jayousi has also advised leading international organizations including various UN agencies, the World Bank, Belgium Technical Cooperation, InWEnt, GTZ, Hamline University and USAID on conflict transformation, peace building, capacity building, program development, strategic planning and program monitoring. He also served as the Executive Director of the Palestinian Domestic Monitoring Committee on Elections, with responsibility for managing, directing, recruiting and training more than 1,500 domestic monitors during the first Palestinian Elections. He is also a member of the Steering Committee of Amnesty International Fund for reconciliation.



Daniel Rossing served from 1975 to 1988 as Director of the Department for Christian Communities in the Israel Ministry of Religious Affairs, and as such was the chief liaison between the Government and the diverse Christian communities in Israel and their many institutions. He served for eight years as Director of the Melitz Center for Christian Encounter with Israel and for a short time as Director of the Christian Communities Desk at the Jerusalem Foundation. He is currently Executive Director of the Jerusalem Center for Jewish-Christian Relations (JCJCR), which he founded in 2003 to combat ignorance and prejudice

and to foster understanding and empathy between the Jewish majority in Israel and the Christian minorities in the Holy Land. Mr. Daniel Rossing teaches as adjunct faculty at the Ecumenical Institute at Tantur, at St. George's Anglican College, at Jerusalem University College and with the Hamline University Program in Israel. He has served, inter alia, as co-chairperson of the Interreligious Coordinating Council in Israel (ICCI). He has published numerous articles on religious minorities in Israel and the Middle East, on interfaith relations, on Jerusalem and on issues of Israeli-Jewish identity. He is a much sought-after lecturer on these and other subjects, both in Israel and abroad.

# The recipients of the Mount Zion Award 2009 will be

#### Dr. Nedal Rashed Jayousi

Founder and Chairman of the Palestinian House for Professional Solutions, Ramallah Mr. Daniel Rossing

Interfaith activist, Jerusalem Center for Jewish-Christian Relations, Jerusalem

THE CEREMONY WILL TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2009, 5.00 P.M. AT THE DORMITION CHURCH, MOUNT ZION, JERUSALEM

## Program

Music

Salutation Abbot Benedikt M. Lindemann OSB

In the name of interreligious and intercultural understanding: The Mount Zion Foundation Prof. Dr. Verena Lenzen

Music

Laudatio I: His Beatitude The Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem Fouad Twal Laudator for Daniel Rossing

Laudatio II: Yitzhak Frankenthal, Mount Zion Awardee from 1997 Laudator for Nedal Jayousi

#### Music

Award ceremony Abbot Benedikt M. Lindemann OSB – Prof. Dr. Verena Lenzen – Fr. Markus Muff OSB

#### Speeches of Thanks by the Laureates

Music

Peace be with you! Abbot Benedikt M. Lindemann OSB

# Mount Zion Award 2009

The Mount Zion Award for reconciliation was founded in 1986 by Wilhelm Salberg, a Catholic Priest from Essen (Germany), who died in 1996. The Award has been presented biannually since 1987 to individuals and institutions that made an outstanding contribution to the enhancement of dialogue between the different religions and cultures in the Holy Land and of mutual understanding between Jews, Christians and Muslims.

The presentation always takes place at the end of October, because on October 28, 1965, the 2nd Vatican Council published the text "Nostra Aetate" which attracted much attention. With this "Declaration concerning the relationship of the church towards the non-Christian religions", the Latin Church adopted a new attitude towards Judaism, Islam and other religions, which is characterized by respect. The recipients are:

1987	Dr. Mahmoud Abassi, Al-Masreq Publishing House, Shefar'am
	Sr. Rose-Therese Sant, Religious of Our Lady of Sion, Jerusalem
1989	David Grossmann, writer, Mevasseret Zion
1991	Elisheva Hemker, Haifa & Nahariya
1993	Dr. Kirsten Stoffregen-Pedersen (Sr. Abraham), Jerusalem
1995	Elias und Heyam Jabbour, social worker, Shefar'Am
	Yeheskel und Dalia Landau, social worker, Ramle /Jerusalem
1997	Sumaya Farhat-Naser, Professor, University Birzeit, Jerusalem
	Yitzhak Frankenthal, director of Neviot Shalom, Jerusalem
1999	Shmuel Toledano, politician, Jerusalem
	Ass'ad Araidy, Druse, major of Maghar in Galilee
2001	Archimandrite Emile Shoufani, Nazareth
	Reuven Moskovitz, Jerualem
	Kifaya Jada for Omri Jada, Habla / Qalqilya
2003	Keren Assaf, Rami Nasser-E-Dinn
2005	Rabbi David Rosen, Interreligious Coordinating Council, Israel
2007	Sr. Monika Düllmann, Saint-Louis-Hospital, Jerusalem

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