

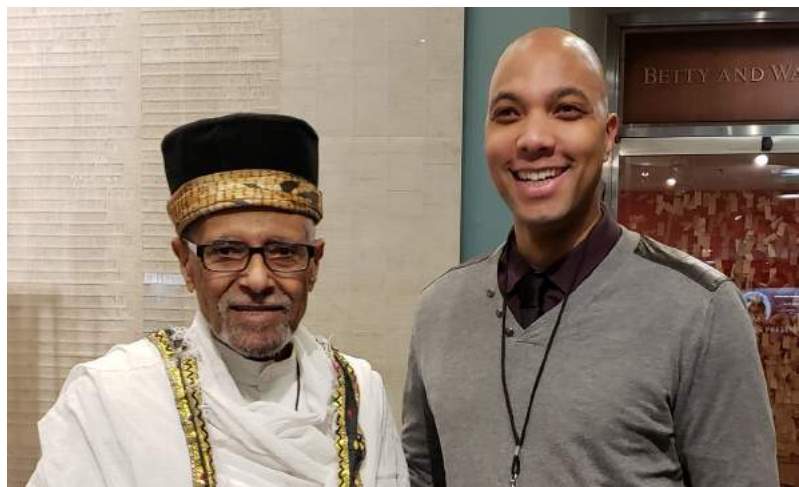
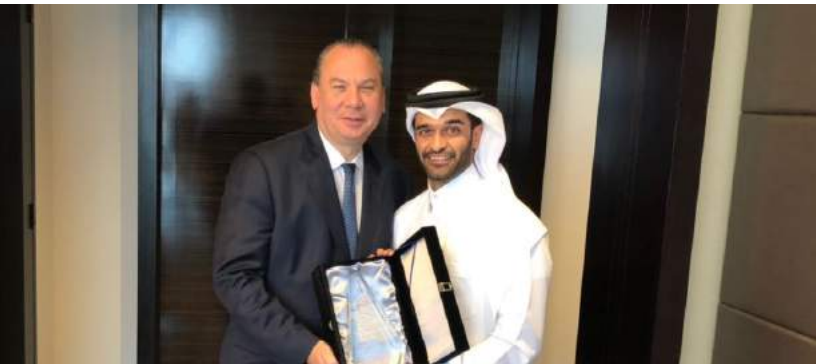
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2018 HIGHLIGHTS







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Dear Friends,

We have the pleasure to share FFEU's 2018 Highlights Brochure which showcases the important contributions the Foundation has made during the past year:

FFEU has deepened its connections with political and religious leaders from the Gulf Region. Rabbi Marc Schneier has worked to build Jewish life in the Gulf. Under his leadership, FFEU brought a delegation from the Hampton Synagogue to Bahrain, the first-ever Jewish congregational mission to an Arabian Gulf state. Rabbi Schneier was later appointed as special advisor to the King Hamad Global Center for Peaceful Coexistence by H.M. King Hamad and the Bahraini Court. Qatar tapped Rabbi Schneier to facilitate kosher food and other amenities to accommodate the Jewish guests who will be visiting the World Cup 2022. Over the last year, Rabbi Schneier worked with the United Arab Emirates leadership to help grow its Jewish community.

FFEU launched its benchmark poll on Muslim-Jewish relations, which found that gaps between Muslim and Jewish communities in the United States are much smaller than previously thought.

In this spirit, we are most grateful to all of our friends, longtime and new partners based in 25 countries who took part in the 10th anniversary of FFEU's International Season of Twinning. Our signature program coordinated by FFEU Executive Director Chris Sacarabany, held with

the theme “Common Faith, Common Fate” was a large success.

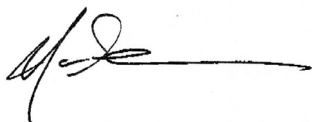
We sponsored young Muslim-Jewish leadership initiatives, such as the promising Muslim-Jewish Interfaith Coalition’s conference. The event brought together 60 young professionals in Essaouira, Morocco, including FFEU European Coordinator Samia Hathroubi, for a five-day program focused on text based interfaith exchange and coalition building.

FFEU produced the film Jinn directed by African Muslim American Nijla Mu’min. The film won an award at the prestigious SXSW Festival and was released in theaters throughout the country. FFEU co-sponsored the first-ever Muslims arts and culture festival (MACFEST), curated by FFEU UK coordinator Qaisra Shahrzad in Manchester.

We continued our trailblazing work in the field of Muslim-Evangelical Christian relations, hosting high profile events on Capitol Hill and group discussions.

The success of 2018 would have not been possible without FFEU’s supporters, partners, board and professional team. It is with your partnership that we look forward to celebrating FFEU’s 30th anniversary in 2019.

Very truly yours,



Rabbi Marc Schneier
President



Chris Sacarabany
Executive Director



“As children of Abraham, Muslims and Jews not only share a common faith but also a common fate. It is our single destiny that must strengthen our bonds of concern, compassion and caring for each other.”

Rabbi Marc Schneier

RABBI MARC SCHNEIER AND IMAM SHAMSI ALI KEYNOTE SPEAKERS IN DOHA, QATAR

FFEU President Rabbi Marc Schneier and Nusantara Foundation President Imam Shamsi Ali addressed the 13th Doha Interfaith conference 2018 on the subject, "religious tolerance and the rejection of religious intolerance." After the conference, the two were invited to discuss their joint work on behalf of enhanced Muslim-Jewish relations, and spiritual journey together over the past decade, at the Hamad Bin Khalifa University's College of Islamic Studies in Doha.



RABBI MARC SCHNEIER AND H.H. SHEIKHA HIND BINT HAMAD AL THANI, HBKU BOARD CHAIRPERSON



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL MISSION TO BAHRAIN

Rabbi Marc Schneier was joined by Ken Sunshine, FFEU Secretary of the Board, in leading the Hampton Synagogue Congregational mission to Bahrain. It was the first-ever congregational mission by a synagogue to an Arab State in the Gulf. The delegation came to Manama at the invitation of the King of Bahrain, King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa. After leaving Bahrain, the delegation traveled to Israel on March 2. They visited Akko, one of Israel's best-known mixed Arab-Jewish cities and met with the city's Mayor Shimon Lankri. There, the delegation attended a recital performance by Muslim and Jewish students.

MUSLIM-JEWISH IFTARARS HELD BY EMBASSIES OF BAHRAIN, QATAR AND THE CONSULATE GENERAL OF ISRAEL

On May 28, Rabbi Marc Schneier and Chris Sacarabany joined H.E. Shaikh Abdulla R. Al Khalifa, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Bahrain to the United States at an iftar hosted by the Bahraini Embassy in Washington, D.C. Rabbi Schneier, alongside Imam Mohamed Hag Magid of the All Dulles Area Muslim Society (ADAMS center) and Reverend Jonnie Moore of United States Commission on International Religious Freedom, spoke about Bahrain's leadership on interfaith relations.



AMBASSADOR AL KHALIFA GREETES FFEU EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CHRIS SACARABANY

On June 8, Rabbi Schneier and Chris Sacarabany were invited to a private iftar reception in Washington, D.C. hosted by the Ambassador of Qatar, H.E. Meshal bin Hamad Al Thani.

On June 13, Rabbi Marc Schneier attended an iftar dinner hosted by H.E. Dani Dayan, Consul General of Israel in New York, alongside FFEU board member Ali Naqvi; as well as prominent NYC Muslim leaders Sheikh Musa Drammeh, Imam Alhajdie Souleymane Konate, Det. Mohamed Amen, Agha Shaukat Jafri, Mohammad Razvi and other distinguished guests.



RABBI MARC SCHNEIER AND FFEU TRUSTEE ALI NAQVI JOINED MUSLIM AND JEWISH LEADERS AT THE IFTAR HOSTED BY ISRAELI CONSUL GENERAL DANI DAYAN IN NEW YORK

MEETING WITH UAE MINISTER OF TOLERANCE

Rabbi Marc Schneier met with UAE Minister of Tolerance H.E. Sheikh Nahayan Mabarak Al Nahayan at his palace in Abu Dhabi, as well as with Dr. Hamad Al Shaikh Ahmad Al Shaibani, Chairman of the Higher Committee of the World Tolerance Summit in Dubai. During his visit to the UAE, Rabbi Schneier discussed ways to support the growing Jewish communities in UAE. He was then invited to participate in a conclave of world religious leaders in Abu Dhabi during the upcoming visit of Pope Francis to the UAE in February 2019; which will be the first ever Papal mission to the Arabian Peninsula.



UAE MINISTER OF TOLERANCE H.E. SHEIKH NAHAYAN MABARAK AL NAHYAN AND RABBI MARC SCHNEIER

SPECIAL ADVISOR TO THE KING OF BAHRAIN

H.M. King Hamad Bin Isa Al Khalifa, King of Bahrain, and the Bahrain Royal Court appointed Rabbi Marc Schneier as special advisor to the King Hamad Global Centre for Peaceful Coexistence under the leadership of H.E. Shaikh Khalid Bin Khalifa Al Khalifa. The appointment, announced on the 7th anniversary of Rabbi Schneier's first visit to the King's palace in Manama in 2011, served as a gesture of appreciation by the Government of Bahrain to Rabbi Schneier for his significant contribution to building Jewish life in Bahrain and throughout the Gulf. Rabbi Schneier, accompanied by Chris Sacarabany, later met with H.E. Shaikh Khalid Al Khalifa and Ahmed Al Dusooqi in Washington, D.C. to discuss joint FFEU-Bahraini initiatives for 2019.



WITH H.E. SHAIKH KHALID BIN KHALIFA AL KHALIFA, CHAIRMAN OF THE KING HAMAD GLOBAL CENTRE FOR PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE

SPECIAL APPOINTMENT BY THE REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN

The Baku Center for Interfaith Cooperation (BCIC), led by His Virtue Sheikh-ul-Islam Allahshukur Pashazade, Chairman of the Caucasus Muslims' Board, appointed Rabbi Schneier to be a trustee of the prominent interfaith center, which is under the patronage of H.E. President Ilham Aliyev, President of the Republic of Azerbaijan. Rabbi Schneier addressed a gathering of world religious leaders in Berlin, organized by the BCIC and government of the Federal Republic of Germany.



WITH SHEIKH-UL-ISLAM ALLASHUKUR PASHAZADE, CHAIRMAN OF THE CAUCASUS MUSLIMS BOARD



WITH H.E. HASSAN AL-THAWADI, SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE WORLD CUP 2022

ADVISOR TO THE QATAR WORLD CUP 2022

Rabbi Marc Schneier has been invited by the Secretary General of World Cup 2022 H.E. Hassan Al-Thawadi to advise him on hosting thousands of Jewish fans expected at the games, which will be held in Qatar. The Rabbi and Secretary General Al-Thawadi have been in conversation for the last several months about initiatives Qatar would like to implement to welcome and accommodate the many Jewish visitors anticipated at the World Cup, including providing them with access to top-of-the-line kosher food.

FFEU LEADERSHIP DISCUSS EVANGELICAL CHRISTIAN-MUSLIM RELATIONS WITH KAICIID SECRETARY-GENERAL

Rabbi Schneier, who serves on the Advisory Board of the King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz International Centre for Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue (KAICIID) in Vienna, alongside FFEU Executive Director Chris Sacarabany met in New York City with KAICIID Secretary General H.E. Faisal Bin Muaammar. They discussed FFEU initiative launched in 2016 to strengthen relations between Evangelical Christians and Muslims, and explored potential interest from KAICIID in bringing joint Evangelical-Muslim missions to the Gulf.



HONORING AZERBAIJAN ON CAPITOL HILL: A SHINING EXAMPLE OF BRINGING TOGETHER MUSLIM, JEWS AND EVANGELICAL CHRISTIANS

FFEU President Rabbi Marc Schneier, Eagles' Wings Founder Bishop Robert Stearns and Founding Pastor of NorthWood Church Bob Roberts, gathered Jews, Christians and Muslims at a celebration event on Capitol Hill in the presence of Congressional Azerbaijan Caucus Co-Chair Congressman Steve Cohen (D-TN), Congressman Henry Cuellar (D-TX) and H.E. Elin Suleymanov, Ambassador of the Republic of Azerbaijan. The event was held in honor of Azerbaijani-Israeli relations on the eve of the 70th Anniversary of the State of Israel and celebrated Jewish-Muslim-Christian friendship in the U.S., Azerbaijan and around the world.

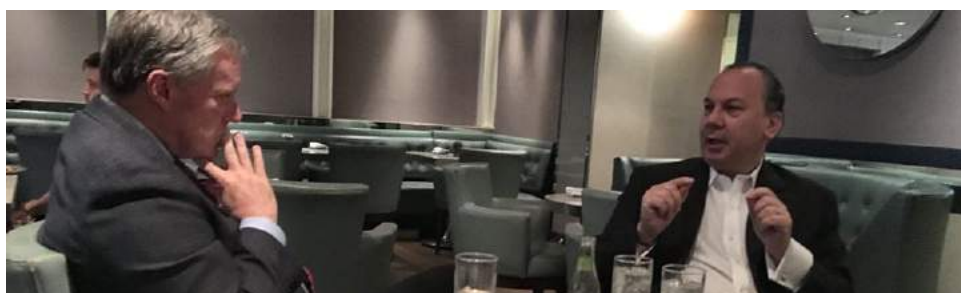


L-R: BISHOP STEARNS, REP. COHEN, AMB. SULEYMANOV, RABBI SCHNEIER AND PASTOR ROBERTS, KEYNOTE SPEAKERS AT FFEU'S EVENT ON CAPITOL HILL

As a result of the successful event, FFEU and Eagles' Wings decided to bring a delegation of Evangelical Christians leaders to Azerbaijan in March 2019 to meet with political and religious leaders there and to further the dialogue between Evangelicals and the Muslim world.

RABBI MARC SCHNEIER ADDRESSES CONGRESSMAN MARK MEADOWS ON STRENGTHENING EVANGELICAL-MUSLIM RELATIONS

Rabbi Marc Schneier met with Congressman Mark Meadows, Chair of the House Freedom Caucus, to share new initiatives to build relations between American Muslims and U.S. Evangelical Christians. They discussed their perspectives on one of the greatest interfaith challenge in our country.



RABBI MARC SCHNEIER JOINS REV. JESSE JACKSON AT THE 21ST ANNUAL RAINBOW PUSH COALITION

FFEU President Rabbi Marc Schneier delivered remarks at the National Ministers Luncheon of the 21st Annual Rainbow PUSH Wall Street Project Economic Summit hosted by Reverend Jesse Jackson. Rabbi Schneier and Rev. Jackson marked 30 years of friendship and collaboration on a wide variety of national programs to strengthen Black-Jewish relations in the United States.



REFLECTIONS ON THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

For Rabbi March Schneier, the 50th anniversary of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., was a moment for Jews and African-Americans to solemnly reflect on the meaning of Dr. King's life and to honor his memory by vowing to stand up for each other if Jews, Blacks, Muslims or any community is victimized by bigotry or hate crimes.

On the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of Dr. King's death, Rabbi Schneier penned an op-ed article on Dr. King's only visit to Jerusalem as a young pastor in 1959, and how that uplifting and impactful visit to the Holy City helped give Dr. King the fortitude to sustain his leadership of the civil rights movement during the tumultuous struggles of the 1960s.



RABBI MARC SCHNEIER AND MARTIN LUTHER KING III

CHRIS SACARABANY AT THE JEWISH AFRICA CONFERENCE

On January 28, 2019, FFEU Executive Director Chris Sacarabany joined Elmehti Boudra, President of Mimouna Association and Dr. Ephraim Isaac, Director of the Institute of Semitic Studies at Princeton, at the Jewish Africa Conference - Past, Present, and Future sponsored by the American Sephardi Federation and Mimouna Association.

The event, which was held at the Center for Jewish History in New York, was an opportunity to explore the ethno-religious diversity of the African continent. The conference also looked at the still little-known but growing phenomenon of people in sub-Saharan African countries who are practicing Judaism.



ELMEHTI BOUDRA, PRESIDENT OF MIMOUNA ASSOCIATION AND FFEU EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CHRIS SACARABANY

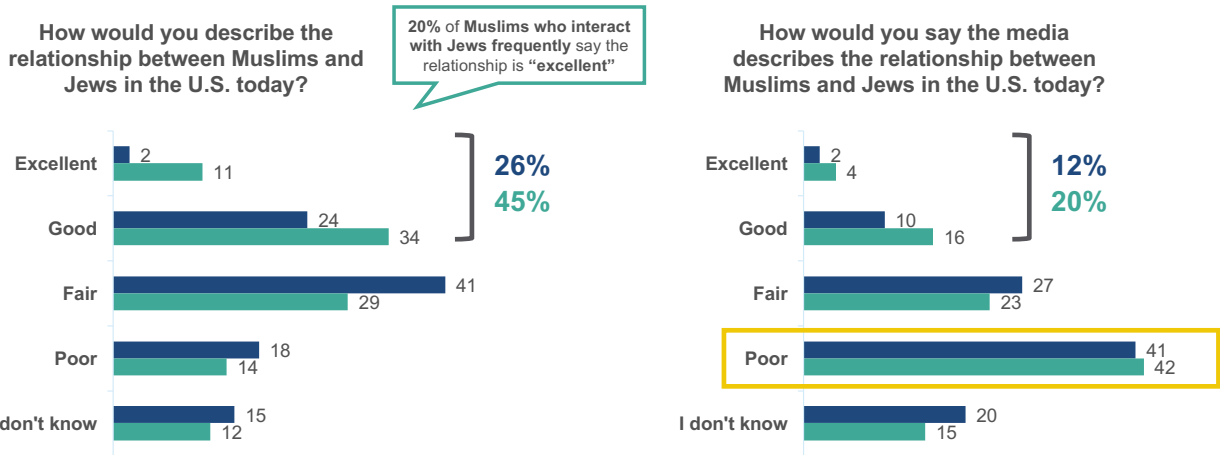
FFEU LANDMARK SURVEY ON MUSLIM-JEWISH RELATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES

FFEU released a first-of-its-kind study that provided a national benchmark for measuring opinions and behaviors of Jewish and Muslim Americans. The study showed that political and cultural differences between the two faith communities are considerably less than commonly perceived, and that the more devout the person is, the more they sympathize with adherents of the other religion.

The study also examined geopolitical issues that unite and divide the two faiths:

- Trump's Travel Ban – The majority of both faiths oppose it.
- Israeli-Palestinian Conflict – Jews and Muslims who interact with the other faith are more optimistic about a mutual solution to the conflict.
- U.S. Policy on Israel – A plurality of Jews are content with current policy but half of Muslims say the U.S. supports Israel too much.
- Jerusalem – The two religions are divided on the issue of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel, and even Jews are divided among themselves.
- Muslims Speaking Out Against Extremism – Both communities agree that Muslims speaking out can have an impact by promoting open-minded understanding and improve perceptions of Muslims and Islam in the U.S.

American Muslims and Jews believe their relationship is mostly positive, but that the media's depictions are more negative



RABBI SCHNEIER AND DR. SYEED OF ISNA PRESENT THE RESULTS OF THE POLL AT THE AJPA 2018 CONVENTION

Rabbi Schneier alongside FFEU's longtime partner Dr. Sayyid M. Syeed from the Islamic Society of North America (ISNA) presented the poll at the American Jewish Press Association annual conference in Cleveland where top North American Anglo-Jewish media editors and publishers gathered to exchange with keynote speakers.

During the conference, Andrew Tobin of the Times of Israel received the Foundation for Ethnic Understanding Award for Excellence in Interfaith Relations Reporting for his article entitled "The First Medic to Respond to the Temple Mount Terror Attack was Muslim".



RABBI MARC SCHNEIER AND FFEU CO-PRODUCE AWARD-WINNING FILM “JINN”

As part of its #MuslimsAreSpeakingOut campaign, FFEU leadership decided in 2017 to produce the movie Jinn in order to address the issue of anti-Muslim bigotry in a film geared toward a primarily Millennial audience. The Foundation is proud of the overwhelmingly positive critical and audience response to Jinn, and of the many awards the film has garnered.

Jinn was directed by Nijla Mu'min, a young African-American Muslim filmmaker, who is a recipient of the 2012 Princess Grace Foundation-Cary Grant Film Award and the first-prize winner of the Islamic Scholarship Fund's Film Grant for 2016.

In March 2018, FFEU and its president Rabbi Marc Schneier debuted the world premiere of Jinn at the prestigious SXSW Film Festival in Austin, TX. The film won the SXSW Film Festival award for Best Narrative Feature Film. In November, the film was released in theatres. A special FFEU screening event for Jinn was held in New York City in December, with the participation of Hisham Tawfiq, one of the stars of the film.

The film was produced in conjunction with FFEU Board Member Jason Kampf and actor and Foundation supporter Mike C. Manning.



JINN FILM DIRECTOR NIJLA MU'MIN



JINN CO-PRODUCER AND FFEU BOARD MEMBER JASON KAMPF



L-R: JINN ACTRESS ASHLEI FOUSHEE ALONGSIDE CO-PRODUCERS RABBI MARC SCHNEIER, AVRIL SPEAKS AND MIKE C. MANNING

Nijla Mu'min in VICE (Feb 24, 2017): "This Story Was Not New To Me—in Many Ways I'd Been Living And Crafting This Narrative, Which Deals With African American Muslim Identity, For Many Years".

Simone Missick on BET: "She (Nijla Mu'min) wrote this movie as a love poem, almost, to Islam," "[It's] also a story very close to her. It's similar to her own relationship with the religion".



L-R: JINN ACTOR HISHAM TAWFIQ, WISE FOUNDER DAISY KHAN, RABBI MARC SCHNEIER, NUSANTARA FOUNDATION PRESIDENT IMAM SHAMSI ALI, FFEU BOARD SECRETARY KEN SUNSHINE AND CHRIS SACARABANY AT THE MOVIE PREMIERE AT THE LANDMARK THEATER, NYC.

FFEU CO-SPONSORS THE MUSLIM ARTS AND CULTURE FESTIVAL IN THE UK

FFEU was a proud supporter of MACFEST, the groundbreaking Muslim Arts and Culture Festival held from November 17th-25th, 2018 in Manchester, England. MACFEST was founded and curated by FFEU UK Coordinator Qaisra Shahraz, who was recently featured in the Power 100 list of the most influential Muslims in the United Kingdom. The festival brought together Muslim and non-Muslim communities throughout to promote social inclusion and to break down barriers, fight anti-Muslim bigotry, anti-Semitism and extremism. Thousands of Mancunians (residents of

Manchester) attended 50 separate events during the 9-day Festival, celebrating art, music, culture and the heritage of the Muslim diaspora. FFEU European Coordinator Samia Hathroubi joined the Festival as a keynote speaker on a panel about "Promoting World Peace & Muslim Representation in the Media".

On February 19, 2019 Qaisra Shahraz and MACFEST won the British Muslim Award 2019 under the category of 'Leading light of the year.'



This year the Foundation for Ethnic Understanding and its partners worked with young leaders and students from countries around the world, including Georgia, Saudi Arabia, Pakistan, Indonesia, France, Germany, etc.

January

FFEU European Coordinator Samia Hathroubi organized a reception day for Dutch CEOs of the Avicenna Program to highlight the diversity of faiths in France. Hathroubi discussed projects she has spearheaded in coordination with FFEU including the youth program, "Sadaqa/Tsedaka"; a gathering of young French Jews and Muslims to serve people in need.

February

Nusantara Foundation President Imam Shamsi Ali and Rabbi Schneier met a cadre of young Muslim leaders from the Republic of Georgia at the behest of the US Department of State's International Visitor Leadership Program. They discussed their 13 year of collaboration as the global voice of Muslim Jewish relations and highlighted their joint commitment to fight extremism.

FFEU UK Coordinator Qaisra Shahraz met with law students from Kinnaird College for Women in Lahore, Pakistan to discuss women's rights, spreading peace and saying 'No' to hate at a conference held in the school. She was a special guest at Mirpur University of Science and Technology and at the University of Azad Jammu & Kashmir

in Muzaffarabad. At both universities, Shahraz addressed more than 300 students about her comprehensive research on Muslim women's stereotypes; as well as on her work as an international advocate for strengthening relations between Muslims, Jews, Christians and diverse faith and ethnic communities.

April

Imam Shamsi Ali and Rabbi Marc Schneier hosted a delegation from Saudi Arabia in New York. The international visitors were invited to the US to discuss interreligious dialogue and to learn about the successful model thereof created and implemented in America.

FFEU European Coordinator Samia Hathroubi was invited by Rebecca Lillian of the Open Skåne organization to Malmo, Sweden to share her expertise in the field of Muslim-Jewish relations with young activists from across Europe and North America.

June

FFEU Executive Director Chris Sacarabany and Michelle Koch, Executive Director of the New York Muslim-Jewish Solidarity Committee, met with a delegation of young French students from the 18th District in Paris led by the French association, Espoir 18. Sacarabany and Koch shared with the group their experience in Muslim-Jewish relations and spoke about the common vision of Muslim-Jewish brotherhood animating both FFEU and NYMJSC.





July

FFEU UK Coordinator Qaisra Shahraz met in Heidelberg, Germany with students and educators at Heidelberg University of Education, Karlsruhe University of Education and Landrat-Lucas-Gymnasium school. Shahraz led discussions on numerous topics; including building bridges of peace and tolerance between diverse different communities; respecting traditional norms and ways of life, saying no to hate, challenging extremism in all contexts, and raising awareness about Muslim women and the issue of the veil.

August

FFEU co-sponsored the successful Muslim-Jewish Interfaith Coalition conference held in Essaouira, Morocco. Sixty young Muslim and Jewish professionals from 17 countries gathered in for five days for a first-ever text based interfaith exchange and coalition building. The conference, which was attended by FFEU European Coordinator Samia Hathroubi, was convened by the Muslim-Jewish Interfaith Coalition in partnership with Maimouna Association under the patronage of André Azoulay, senior advisor to Morocco's King Mohammed VI.

September

FFEU's partner in Israel, the Interfaith Encounter Association (IEA), organized several encounters of its Mt. Scopus Youth group bringing together 25 Israelis and Palestinians to

discuss a book entitled Ana Minn Elihud.

October

The IEA chapter at Bar Ilan University offered an accredited academic course entitled "Jewish-Arab Religious Dialogue" with 30 Bar Ilan students from around the world, including China, Colombia, Italy, France, the United States.

FFEU European Coordinator Samia Hathroubi was the keynote speaker at a meeting organized by the German Marshall Fund in Paris. She shared with the new German Marshall Fund Fellowship members personal experiences from her years of work with FFEU in fostering understanding through interfaith relations.

November

Nusantara Foundation President Imam Shamsi Ali, FFEU President Rabbi Schneier and FFEU Executive Director Chris Sacarabany addressed a group of students from Indonesia visiting the United States. Rabbi Schneier and Imam Ali shared insights from their book, "Sons of Abraham, a Candid Conversation about the Issues that Divide and Unite Jews and Muslims," to highlight how Jews and Muslims share a common faith and a common fate. They then reflected on the 80th anniversary of Kristallnacht, the rise of anti-Semitism and Islamophobia and the importance of standing up for each other.

MUSLIM-JEWISH PROGRAMS AROUND THE WORLD

Throughout the year, under the leadership of Executive Director Chris Sacarabany, FFEU partnered with numerous Muslim and Jewish organizations around the world. These organizations, and thousands of individuals in 25 countries,

participated in events extending from October 2018 to February 2019 marking the 10th year anniversary of FFEU's International Season of Twinning, with the theme "Common Faith, Common Fate."

THANK YOU TO ALL FFEU PARTNERS AROUND THE WORLD FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE 10TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE SEASON OF TWINNING



Australia
Azerbaijan
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Bosnia and Herzegovina
Brazil

Canada
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France
Georgia
Germany

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India
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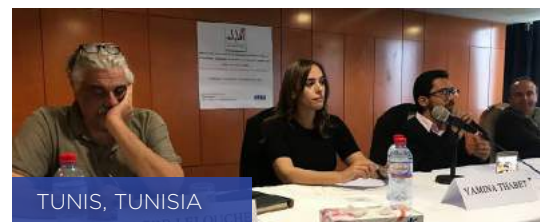
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2018 SEASON OF TWINNING
10-year anniversary of FFEU's grassroots signature program

Muslims and Jews around the world will come together to hold joint initiatives and events under the theme, **"Common Faith, Common Fate"**

November 11th, 2018 (10:30am-11:30pm) "Feeding the Hungry event" hosted by the Brotherhood Synagogue (28 Gramercy Park 3, New York, NY 10003)

Share your stories/pictures by tagging us at @ffeu and at the hashtag #SeasonofTwinning2018

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PARIS, FRANCE



MONTREAL, CANADA

AUSTRALIA

Sydney

Jeremy Jones, Rabbi Jacqueline Ninio and Imam Amin Hady led a "Three Faiths - Three Candles" twinning event during Chanukah at the Emanuel Synagogue in Sydney.

AZERBAIJAN

Baku

FFEU partner in Sweden, UMAF (Young People Against Antisemitism and Xenophobia) led by Siavosh Derakhti and Samer Alazawie, brought a delegation of Swedish students to Azerbaijan who visited the synagogue of Baku and the Jewish community of the "Red Village" in Guba and learned about Muslim-Jewish coexistence in Azerbaijan.

BELGIUM

Brussels

The European Jewish Community Center (EJCC) joined FFEU's Season of Twinning in hosting a Dialogue & Diversity women group meeting. The goal of EJCC's women meeting is to confront stereotypes and misconceptions about one another.

BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA

Sarajevo

Muslims, Jews and Christians joined an interfaith twinning workshop and panel hosted by the Jewish community of Sarajevo (Jevrejska Opstina Sarajevo).

BRAZIL

Sao Paulo

FFEU partner in Brazil, Sheila Mann, hosted a "Peace on the table" twinning event in São Paulo. Representatives of the three Abrahamic faiths, Raoul Meyer, Sheikh Houssam Al Boustani and Emilio Gonzalez Ferrin, spoke about women's contribution to peaceful coexistence in each religion.

CANADA

Montreal

The Center for Research-Action on Race Relations (CRARR) organized an interfaith commemoration at

Concordia University in Montreal of the first anniversary of the massacre at the Islamic Cultural Centre of Quebec City.

Montreal, Toronto

JSpaceCanada and the Canadian Association of Jews and Muslims (CAJM) hosted Samah Salaime and Vered Marom of Wahat al-Salam - Neve Shalom for discussions about working for peace and cooperation between Israelis and Palestinians.

FINLAND

Helsinki

FFEU European Coordinator Samia Hathroubi joined Peace Education Institute in Helsinki and offered her thoughts on the benefits and challenges of interfaith dialogue in elementary and high schools.

FRANCE

Paris

Espoir 18 unveiled their online training on racism and anti-Semitism. Following a meeting of a delegation of Espoir18 with FFEU Executive Director Chris Sacarabany in New York, FFEU decided to co-sponsor the French NGO's launch event, which brought together more than 100 Muslim and Jewish young people in Paris.

Villers-lès-Nancy

Samia Hathroubi spoke at the Festival "République en tête" and stressed FFEU's role in promoting better understanding and advocating for more diverse and pluralistic societies.

GEORGIA

Tbilissi

Under the coordination of Marine Solomonishvili, the Union of Azerbaijani Women of Georgia, the Council of Jewish Women in Georgia and the Union of Azerbaijani Youth in Georgia teamed up to organize a panel on interfaith dialogue and cooperation among different cultures

GERMANY

Berlin

FFEU European Coordinator Samia Hathroubi joined German Jews and Muslims in Berlin who rode tandem

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bicycles around the German capital in a protest against growing anti-Semitism and attacks on Muslims in Berlin and throughout Germany. The ride started at Berlin's Holocaust Memorial and ended near the Synagogue and Mosque of Kreuzberg.

Samia Hathroubi organized the first of a series of Muslim-Jewish events with young Muslim and Jews of Berlin. NGO professionals and young scholars met and celebrated the holidays of Mawlid Annabi and Chanukah.

GHANA

Accra

After being introduced by FFEU Executive Director Chris Sacarabany, Alhaji Khuzaima M. Osman, advisor to the National Chief Imam of Ghana, Executive Secretary of the Islamic Peace and Security Council (IPASEC) and Executive Secretary of the Tijjaniya Muslims Movement of Ghana to Rabbi Noach Majesky, Executive Director of Chabad Ghana, had their first meeting in Accra in November and plan to hold joint initiatives in 2019.

INDIA

Kolkata

Under the leadership of Ovais Aslam, the Indian Pluralism Foundation and Jewish Girls School of Kolkata gathered more than 250 participants, students, religious scholars and community leaders at a twinning event in Kolkata.

ISRAEL

Beit Hashita

The Interfaith Encounter Association (IEA) in Israel led by Yehuda Stolov gathered participants from Jenin, Nablus and Jezreel Valley to visit Idan Technology, an educational center near the Gevasol factory, which allows children and adults to directly experience a high-tech environment.

Haifa

Muslim and Jewish members of IEA's women's group in Haifa gathered for a tour of Jerusalem and took part in joint cultural activities.

Hilf

IEA organized a trip to Hilf, a Bedouin village north of Kiryat

Tiv'on, to participate at the Sheikh Abreq Festival, which launched the Hilf arts space, meant to host art and sports activities to the village for both Jews and Arabs.

Jerusalem

IEA co-organized an interfaith meeting joined by Jews, Christians and Muslims including Yahya Cholil Staquf, Secretary General of the world's largest Muslim organization (Nahdlatul Ulama). The gathering was followed by a Kulam musical celebration in which 1000 people participated.

Ma'ale Gilboa

IEA launched its 98th affiliate, the Lower Galilee Rabbis and Sheikhs group, with a vibrant encounter at the Ma'ale Gilboa Yeshiva, at which participants discussed various topics relating to Judaism and Islam.

ITALY

Florence

The Florence School of Dialogue led by President Rabbi Joseph Levi and Vice President Izzeldin Elzir, organized a conference on the theme; "The Right of Places of Worship in the World".

Turin

Imam Yahya Pallavicini, President of the Islamic Religious Communities in Italy (Coreis) and Ariel di Porto, Rabbi of Turin, were the keynote speakers at a seminar on "Time and Revelation, Eternity, Vision of Time, Prophets".

KOSOVO

Prizren

The Jewish Community of Kosovo led by Votim Demiri, held a twinning event in the city of Prizren to celebrate Shabbat and Chanukah. The event was featured in Kosovo media and was praised by the Speaker of Parliament of Kosovo.

NEW ZEALAND

Auckland and Wellington

Paul Morris, UNESCO Chair in Inter-Religious Understanding and Relations in New Zealand and the Pacific, and Professor of Religious Studies at Victoria University of Wellington,



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hosted workshops with Jewish and Muslim university students in Auckland and Wellington.

PAKISTAN

Karachi

FFEU UK Coordinator Qaisra Shahraz was a guest speaker at the Karachi Literature Festival. During her three-day visit, Shahraz held numerous dialogues at universities around the city to discuss women's rights, interfaith work, peace and tolerance.

POLAND

Krakow

The Jewish Community Center of Krakow and the Muslim Center of Krakow co-hosted an artistic encounter at the JCC. Participants joined together to create two beautiful paintings decorated with Islamic and Jewish symbols. One of the paintings representing peace and reconciliation between Jews and Muslims, now hangs in the JCC and the other in the Muslim Center.

SPAIN

Mallorca

Members of the Muslim Jewish Forum of Greater Manchester visited the Abdur Rahman Mosque in Palma, the Almudaina Palace (Moorish Palace), and the old Jewish quarter in Call Major, Palma, (where the Jewish community settled in the year 1300 C.E.)

SWEDEN

Malmö

FFEU's partner in Sweden, UMAF (Young People Against Antisemitism and Xenophobia), held an inspiring youth event at which Stefan Zablocki, a Holocaust survivor residing in Sweden, was the keynote speaker.

The group later attended an assembly of the Jewish

community of Malmö to discuss strategies to fight anti-Semitism, a major issue in the city. Finally, UMAF hosted a youth workshop with representatives of the Public Affairs Section of the U.S. Embassy in Sweden on Anti-Semitism, Islamophobia and other challenges in Malmö.

SWITZERLAND

Geneva

FFEU friends Hafid Ouardiri, Director of Fondation pour l'entre-connaissance and Vice President of the Interreligious Platform of Geneva, Rabbi François Garai, Rabbi of Communauté Juive Libérale de Genève (the liberal Synagogue of Geneva) and Mr. Ventz Sabev, Vice President of the Spiritual Appeal of Geneva, were hosted by the Grand Mosque of Geneva during FFEU's Season of Twinning. They were welcomed by H.E. Sofiyon El-Fahd Director General of the Mosque, Prof. Mohamed Lavrak, Communication Director and Assistant of the Secretary-General of the World Muslim League, and Imam Sofiane Mhajri. The encounter was featured in an article in Tribune de Genève.

TUNISIA

Djerba

FFEU European Coordinator Samia Hathroubi participated in the annual Lag b'Omer pilgrimage in Djerba, Tunisia.

Tunis

In May, The Tunisian Association for the Support of Minorities (TANF) held a seminar in La Medina of Tunis in the diocesan library in partnership with FFEU.

During Ramadan, TANF hosted an interfaith Iftar dinner, in cooperation with H.E. Mehdi Ben Gharbia, the Tunisian Minister of Relations with Constitutional Bodies, Civil Society and Human Rights attended by Cheikh Othman Battikh, Grand Mufti of Tunisia, Sheikh Hicham Ben Mahmoud, Head Imam of the Zitouna Mosque, Haim Bittan, Chief Rabbi of Tunis and other religious leaders.

In December, TANF organized an event in commemoration

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of Tunisian Jews deported by Nazis during World War II. Rabbi Daniel Cohen lighted Chanukah candles, seizing the opportunity to explain the significance of Chanukah to a largely non-Jewish audience.

UKRAINE

Kiev, Lviv

As a result of a meeting in New York City between FFEU Executive Director Chris Sacarabany and Pavel Feldblyum, Chairman of the Board of the Union of Jewish Religious Organizations of Ukraine, FFEU supported the "Jewslims Orchestra," a musical festival which was held in the western Ukrainian city of Lviv and then in the capital city of Kiev. Attending the festival were Ukrainian Jews and Crimean Tatars. The Mayor of Lviv, Andriy Sadovyi was one of the distinguished attendees.

UNITED KINGDOM

Manchester

In January, FFEU partner FN4M (Faith Network for Manchester) led by Qaisra Shahraz, celebrated "Women of Faith" with 50 women from different religions who talked about their important work in promoting peace and harmony.

Later in March, FN4M, Didsbury and Khizra mosques and the Menorah Synagogue in Gatley gathered women of different faiths to celebrate the Season of Twinning and the International Women's week.

In May, FFEU UK Coordinator Qaisra Shahraz attended the memorial service marking the first anniversary of the Manchester Arena Bombing. Thousands of people came to remember the victims of the attack, which left 23 dead and 139 wounded.

Muslim Jewish Forum of Greater Manchester (MJFGM) organized its annual Iftar at Khizra Mosque. All of the speakers shared their perspectives about the need for unity. Each welcomed the rich tapestry and diversity of people who have made Manchester their home over the last couple of centuries and in recent decades.

In June, FN4M held a multifaith iftar at Manchester Central Mosque gathering over 100 attendees.

In July, Bosnian survivors of the 1995 genocide were special guests at FN4M's annual "We Remember Srebrenica" memorial at Khizra Mosque.

Qaisra Shahraz later addressed the Trafford Women in Business event, a gathering of successful women entrepreneurs and then spoke at a Counter Terrorism Conference in Manchester with Afzal Khan MP about standing united in the face of extremism and replacing hatred with love.

In October, MJFGM visited the National Holocaust Center and the Museum in Nottinghamshire and organized a lawyers panel on Education in Muslim and Jewish schools.

Finally, in November, Muslim and Jewish women gathered joined Qaisra Shahraz at the Khizra Mosque to celebrate their shared heritage and discuss on the topic of arts, women, and cultural taboos.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Kissimmee, FL

FFEU partner, Zamir Hassan, founder of Muslims Against Hunger, celebrated the Season of Twinning by uniting people of different backgrounds and faiths to pack and distribute 5,000 meals to the homeless.

Los Angeles

American Muslims for Sustainability, Temple Beth Ohr, LA Mirada Masjid, and Star Power offering Peace and Prosperity organized a twinning event starting at the LA Mirada Masjid for the Friday prayers and then at sunset, Muslims and Jewish participant attended the Shabbat services hosted at the Temple Beth Ohr.

New York

In March, the New York Muslim-Jewish Solidarity Committee (NYCMJSC) organized their 3rd Annual "Passover In A Mosque" at the Islamic Society of Mid-Manhattan, a unique interfaith Passover Seder combining the traditional Haggadah reading and rituals with Muslim-Jewish group discussions.

This was later followed in June by the 4th Annual Iftar at Temple Emanu-el Synagogue, which was NYCMJSC's biggest and most successful iftar and was covered by I24 News.

In October, during the preparation of the Season of Twinning, FFEU Executive Director Chris Sacarabany met with Dr.

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Djelloul Seddiki of La Grande Mosquée de Paris to discuss Muslim-Jewish relations in France, U.S.A, and North Africa, as well as FFEU's programs.

In November, Chris Sacarabany joined Rabbi Daniel Adler of the Brotherhood synagogue, Zamir Hassan, of Muslims Against Hunger, Maryam Zakiyah of the Nusantara Foundation, students from the Islamic Center at New York University and a delegation of Indonesian students visiting the US in packing more than 7,000 meals to be delivered to various shelters and senior centers around New York City.

Monmouth Junction, NJ

FFEU partner Muslims Against Hunger led by Zamir Hassan held a Feeding the Hungry event hosted by the Islamic Society of Central Jersey. Volunteers worked together to make over 12,000 meals for the victims of Hurricane Florence in North Carolina.

Washington DC

In January, the Greater Washington Muslim Jewish Forum led by Walter Ruby, co-sponsored with FFEU and the All Dulles Area Muslim Society (ADAMS Center) an inspiring luncheon hosting 2 visiting doctors, Dr. Khadra Hasan and Dr. Adi Leiba on behalf of Project Rozana, who work on building bridges between Israeli and Palestinians through health care.

In March, Muslims, Jews and allies took part in a spirited meeting of JAMAAT (Jews and Muslims-Acting Together) at the Washington Hebrew Congregation to decide on actions that Jews and Muslims across the Greater Washington Area can take part in together during the coming year.

JAMAAT held its 2nd General Assembly meeting in June, where participants discussed strategies for the coming months focused on strengthening Muslim-Jewish solidarity in Greater Washington, including efforts to fight the 'Zero

Tolerance' policy toward refugees seeking asylum at the U.S., southern border and advocating for the oppressed Rohingya Muslim community.

As a follow up, FFEU co-sponsored an event organized by JAMAAT , entitled "Envisioning Peace/Salaam/Shalom Between Israelis and Palestinians" that drew more than 100 people of all faith backgrounds to the Unitarian Universalist Church in Arlington, VA. Speakers from Muslim, Jewish, Christian and secular backgrounds shared their personal visions of peace between Palestinians and Israelis, and the group discussed ways that the respective communities can work together to support groups in Israel-Palestine promoting communication, reconciliation and cooperation between the two communities.

In November, FFEU co-sponsored an interfaith dinner in McLean, VA, hosted by Dr. Maqsood and Nadira Chaudhry and presenting the Project Rozana, a NGO that brings together Palestinian and Israeli health care providers to save the lives of ill Palestinian Children and adults by bringing them to Israeli hospitals. More than a 100 people, both Muslims and Jews, came together to raise funds for Rozana.

The same month, All-Dulles Area Muslim Society (ADAMS Center) led by Imam Mohamed Magid and the Northern Virginia Hebrew Congregation led by Rabbi Michael Holzman celebrated the Season of Twinning together.

In December, the 5th Annual Summit of Washington Area Imams, Rabbis, hosted by Temple Shalom in Chevy Chase brought together approximately 100 Muslims, Jews, and Allies. The imams, rabbis, and activists in attendance heard a presentation by Andy Hanauer, director of the One America Movement on the theme of Polarization, Difficult Conversations and the Promise of Moral Leadership. Walter Ruby and Rashid Telbisoglu gave a report on the growth of JAMAAT over the past 12 months.



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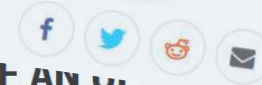
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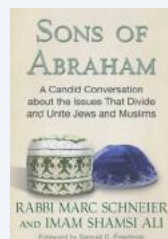
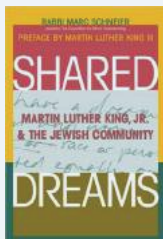
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