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Present a Public Seminar

Christians Muslims and Jews in the Middle East:
Is religion the problem or the solution?

Rabbi David Rosen
International Co-President, World Council of Religions for Peace
Former President, International Council of Christians and Jews
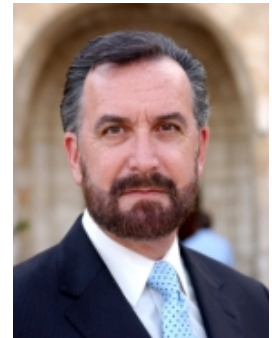Former Chief Rabbi of Ireland

8pm, Wednesday 25 November 2009
Council Chamber, Victoria University of Wellington

Moderator: Archbishop John Dew
Chair: Professor Paul Morris

Since 2001, Rabbi David Rosen has been the Director of the American Jewish Committee's Department for Interreligious Affairs and its Heilbrunn Institute for International Interreligious Understanding, in Jerusalem. He is also the Chair of IJCIC, the International Jewish Committee on Interreligious Consultations; a coalition of Jewish organizations representing world Jewry to other religions. Earlier, Rabbi Rosen was Rabbi of the largest Jewish congregation in Cape Town, South Africa, where he was founder of the Cape Inter-Faith Forum. From 1979-1985 he was Chief Rabbi of Ireland.

He is an International Co-President of Religions for Peace (WCRP); a former President of ICCJ (1998-2002); and is a member of the Advisory Committee of the World Congress of Imams and Rabbis. Rabbi Rosen is a founder of the Interreligious Coordinating Council in Israel (ICCI) that embraces some seventy organizations in Israel involved in interfaith relations. Rabbi Rosen was a member of the Permanent Bilateral Commission of the State of Israel and the Holy See that negotiated the establishment of full diplomatic normalization of relations between the two; and was made a papal knight in November 2005 for his contribution to promoting Catholic-Jewish reconciliation. He will be a keynote speaker at the Parliament of the World's Religions (Melbourne, 3-9 December 2009).