

Invitation

MOUNT ZION AWARD 2021/2022



*The Mount Zion Foundation is honored to invite you
to the presentation of the Mount Zion Award 2021/2022 to*

Prof. Dr. em. Israel Jacob Yuval

and an Honorary Award for life's work of Yehuda Bacon

SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2022, 5:00 PM ♦ GERMAN HOSPICE ST. CHARLES, JERUSALEM

The MOUNT ZION AWARD 2021/2022 goes to
PROF. DR. EM.

Israel Jacob Yuval

Israel Jacob Yuval was born in 1949 in a kibbutz in northern Israel, Sde Eliyahu near Bet She'an, founded by German-Jewish refugees. He is Professor emeritus of Jewish History at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, where he held the Teddy Kollek Chair for Cultural Studies and was the founding director of the Mandel Scholion Interdisciplinary Research Center in the Humanities and Jewish Studies and the Mandel School for Advanced Studies in the Humanities.

Professor Yuval's work focuses on the mutual perception of Jews and Christians in late antiquity, the Middle Ages and modern times. From 1998–2008, Yuval was responsible for the Germania-Judaica research project. In his book, *Two Nations in Your Womb: Perceptions of Jews and Christians in Late Antiquity and the Middle Ages* (Hebrew: 2000, English: 2006; German: 2007; French: 2012), he describes how the relationship between Jews and Christians shaped the formation of different identities in history, liturgy, and theology. Despite the history of conflict between Judaism and Christianity, he speaks of “sister religions”. For this book he received the Bialik Award (2002) and the Pierre A. Bernheim Award of the Académie des Inscriptions et Belles-Lettres (2013). Professor Yuval is one of the most innovative researchers in the field of Jewish-Christian relations.

For many years, Prof. Yuval has been active in Israeli-German reconciliation and has links with several universities in Germany. In 2016, he was awarded the Cross of Merit on Ribbon of the Federal Republic of Germany and in 2021, the Austrian Cross of Honour for Science and Art. Israel Yuval is committed to Israeli-Palestinian understanding and, from his office in the Mandel School on Mt. Scopus, created a “Good Neighbor” program to help enrich the educational opportunities of the youth of the adjacent Palestinian village of Issawiya.



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IN HONOR OF THE LIFE'S WORK of

Yehuda Bacon

"Those who have been in hell know that there is no alternative to good."

Y. Bacon

Yehuda Bacon was born in 1929 into a Hasidic family in Moravská Ostrava (Moravian Ostrava), Czechoslovakia. His youth was overshadowed by the Shoah: in 1942 he was deported to the Theresienstadt ghetto, a year later to the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp, where, at the risk of his life, he made sketches of the atrocities. That made him an important witness in the Eichmann trial and the Auschwitz trials. In 1945, he was sent on a death march that led to the Mauthausen, followed by another one to Gunskirchen concentration camp, where he was liberated on May 5, 1945. In 1946, Bacon immigrated to Palestine and studied at the Bezalel Academy of Art in Jerusalem, where he was appointed professor of graphic arts and drawing in 1959.

In his work, Bacon draws on the experiences of his childhood and youth in the concentration camps. His parents and sister died in the death camps. As a survivor of the Shoah, Yehuda Bacon decided to tell his story in pictures, to convey to future generations the responsibility for the present and the future. Bacon, a painter of international standing, chose art as a way of Jewish-Christian dialogue and German-Israeli reconciliation. In 2013, he was awarded the Cross of Merit on Ribbon of the Federal Republic of Germany. It is a great honour for the Mount Zion Foundation to recognize Mr. Yehuda Bacon for his life's work as a witness to international understanding and Jewish-Christian encounter.

Presentation of the *Mount Zion Award 2021/2022*

The ceremony will take place on
Sunday, May 1, 2022, 5:00 pm
at the **German Hospice St. Charles, Jerusalem.**

Program

Music

Salutation

Abbot Bernhard M. Alter OSB
Dormition Abbey, Jerusalem, Israel

The Mount Zion Foundation
and its Founder Rev. Dr. Wilhelm Salberg

Prof. Dr. Verena Lenzen
*Institute for Jewish-Christian Research,
Lucerne, Switzerland*

An Honorary Award
for the work of the life of Yehuda Bacon

Abbot Bernhard M. Alter OSB
Prof. Dr. Verena Lenzen

Music

Laudatio

Prof. Dr. Daniel R. Schwartz
*Department of Jewish History and
Contemporary Jewry, The Hebrew
University of Jerusalem, Israel*

Music

Award Ceremony

Abbot Bernhard M. Alter OSB
Prof. Dr. Verena Lenzen
Fr. Markus Muff OSB

Speech of Thanks by the Laureate

Prof. Dr. em. Israel Jacob Yuval

Music

Reception

The *Mount Zion Award* has been bestowed upon

- 1987 Dr. Mahmoud Abassi (Al-Masreq Publishing House, Shfar'am)
Sr. Rose-Therese Sant (Religious of Our Lady of Sion, Jerusalem)
- 1989 David Grossman (Writer, Mevasseret Zion)
- 1991 Elisheva Hemker (Pastoralreferentin, Haifa & Nahariya)
- 1993 Dr. Kirsten Stoffregen-Pedersen – Sr. Abraham (Jerusalem)
- 1995 Elias and Heyam Jabbour (Social worker, Shfar'am)
Yeheskel and Dalia Landau (Social worker, Ramle / Jerusalem)
- 1997 Sumaya Farhat-Nasser (Professor, University Birseit)
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 (Jerusalem)
Kifaya Jada for deceased Omri Jada (Habla / Qalqilya)
- 2003 Keren Assaf, Breaking Barriers (Tel Aviv & Jerusalem)
- 2005 Rabbi Dr. David Rosen (Interreligious Coordinating Council, Israel)
- 2007 Saint Louis Hospital (Sr. Monika Düllmann, Jerusalem)
- 2009 Dr. Nedal Rashed Jayousi (Palestinian House for Professionals Solutions, Ramallah)
Daniel Rossing (Jerusalem Center for Jewish-Christian Relations, Jerusalem)
- 2011 Friends of the Earth Middle East (Gidon Bromberg [Israel]
Munqeth Meyhar [Jordan], Nader Al-Khateeb [Palestine])
- 2013 Yisca Harani (Tel Aviv), Margaret Karram (Jerusalem)
- 2015 The Coordination for Pastoral among Migrants (Rev. Dr. David Neuhaus sj)
- 2017 Amos Oz, writer, intellectual, professor of literature at Ben-Gurion University in Beersheba
- 2019 Tag Meir – Dr. Gadi Gvaryahu, Jerusalem
Honorary Award for life's work: Dr. Michael Krupp

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Place of the award ceremony

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