

Interfaith Service Day, September 21, 2025

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Elias Farah, Executive Director
Jerusalem Peacebuilders



Dr. Elias Farah brings more than 24 years of experience as an educator, having taught in a high school in Nazareth, Israel. Since 2016, he has also served as a lecturer in the B.A. and M.Ed. programs at Oranim Academic College of Education in Tivon, near Haifa.

As CEO of Retorika for Multiculturalism, Dr. Farah co-founded the EXCEL Institute, a peacebuilding and language enrichment initiative for English teachers, with Fr. Nicholas Porter. He also established and directed one of Israel's largest Model United Nations (MUN) conferences, which convened 400 students from across the diverse sectors of Israeli society.

In recognition of his contributions to the educational community, Dr. Farah was awarded the Rothschild Prize for Education at the Israeli Knesset in 2017. In 2022, Oranim College honored him as a distinguished graduate who has left a significant imprint on Israeli society, as part of its 70th anniversary celebrations.

Dr. Farah holds a Ph.D. in English Literature, as well as LLB and LLM degrees. He recently served as Chief Inspector of English for Israeli high schools. On August 1, he assumed the role of Executive Director of Jerusalem Peacebuilders.



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