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U.S. Ambassador James B. Cunningham Meets with Community Coalition Experts



Ambassador James B. Cunningham hosted NGO leaders at the U.S. Embassy and invited them to exchange views with Rabbi Robert Kaplan and Mohammad Razvi on "Community Coalition Building: A Tool for Conflict Resolution in Multi-Cultural Societies." The two speakers spent a week in Israel where they visited community leaders in Akko, Jaffo, Jerusalem, Lod and Ramle. They discussed how those communities are utilizing their tested community-building tools and adapting them for local use. The speakers were deeply

impressed with the ability of the Israeli participants to observe, learn, apply and adapt in their communities the lessons shared in the workshops.

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Rabbi Kaplan addresses community in Akko.

Rabbi Robert Kaplan is the founding Director of Cause-NY. Cause-NY is the central coordinating and resource body for 62 major Jewish organizations in the metropolitan New York area. Rabbi Kaplan has travelled under the auspices of the European Union, the U.S. Dept. of State, and the Israeli Foreign Ministry to address issues of diversity, ethnic media, coalition and community building, and community organizing. IN March 2009, he and Mohammad Razvi travelled to Israel to conduct workshops in mixed cities under the auspices of the U.S. Embassy.



Mohammad Razvi in Akko, January 2010.

Mohammad Razvi is the Executive Director of the Council of Peoples Organization (COPO) which assists low income immigrant families, particularly South Asians and Muslims, to reach their full potential are residents of New York City. Born in Pakistan, he immigrated to the U.S. and settled in the New York area with his family in the 1980s. For his relentless service to the immigrant community, Razvi was elected a member of the Board of the New York Immigration Coalition and has received many awards.

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