

Interfaith Encounters:

A Discussion with

Yehuda Stolov

Director, Interfaith Encounter Association



When: Friday, April 24, 2009, 4:30-5:30pm

Where: Emory University, Center for Ethics, Room 162

Yehuda Stolov is the Executive Director of the Interfaith Encounter Association (IEA). IEA works for sustainable peaceful inter-communal coexistence, through the interactive interfaith encounter approach, in order to foster respectful and friendly relations between people and communities in Israel and the Middle East. IEA brings together Christian, Jewish, and Muslim Israelis, Druze, and Christian and Muslim Palestinians for dialogue sessions and weekend seminars. Dr. Stolov's work facilitates interaction between communities and encourages individuals to confront their own prejudices about and fears of the other side. He deems what he calls the "human infrastructure" as the core of any successful peace process. Before founding the Interfaith Encounter Association, Yehuda Stolov participated in other interfaith dialogue organizations in Israel. He says he found his inspiration to pursue interfaith work in the writings of Rabbi Kook, whom he calls, "inclusive in spirit towards opinions and people." Dr. Stolov is the 2006 recipient of the Immortal Chaplains Foundation Prize for Humanity. He has a B.Sc. and an M.Sc. in Physics and a Ph.D. from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

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