



## The Joseph Interfaith Foundation

*United in a Vision for Truth*

The Joseph Interfaith Foundation is a national joint Muslim-Jewish interfaith organisation. We are committed to fostering engagement through constructive and realistic dialogue and social interaction between the Muslim and Jewish communities in Britain. The Foundation also aims to promote a deeper understanding of both faiths among the general public.

The Foundation's work is focused on three major areas, namely, the **university campuses**, **academics** and **religious leadership**.

At the reception, called 'Together in Service', the national celebration of faith-based social action, **Baroness Warsi, Minister for Faith and Communities**, named the **Joseph Interfaith Foundation as one of the three national organisations "leading the way in the country"**

**For full details of our programmes please see our website:**  
[www.josephinterfaithfoundation.org](http://www.josephinterfaithfoundation.org) **and facebook:**  
<https://www.facebook.com/JosephInterfaithFoundation>



### **Nation Councils of Imams and Rabbis**

This is the first time that a leading group of senior Imams and Rabbis from across the religious spectrum of both communities have come together and committed themselves to working on matters of mutual interest as well as issues of tension and disagreement. The Council communicates its opinion to the Home Secretary.



### **Confronting anti-Semitism and Islamophobia: An exploration of their socio-historic and theological roots and similarities**

The Conference, held at SOAS, was the first attempt at:

- approaching the two concepts together
- positing the notion that anti-Semitism and Islamophobia should be explored together
- that they are two sides of the same coin of racism and xenophobia

The Foundation has published a book of the proceedings of the conference



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### Council of Muslim and Jewish Physicians

On Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November the Foundation officially launched its ground breaking new forum, the Council of Muslim and Jewish Physicians. It has respected doctors and healthcare professionals from a wide range of Muslim and Jewish backgrounds and traditions. Baroness Warsi, Minister for Faith & Communities welcomed it as “a practical and outcome-focused partnership between the two communities”. Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon gave the opening remarks at the House of Lords



### Unique Interfaith Card for the Diamond Jubilee

To celebrate the Queen's diamond Jubilee, the Foundation initiated the project “Interfaith Card for the Jubilee”. 60 Muslim, Jewish and Christian children aged 11-12, each one representing one year of the Queen's reign, worked together in mixed faith groups to create a unique Jubilee congratulation card for the Queen. The card was received on behalf of Her Majesty at St James's Palace



### Annual University Seminars

JIF initiated these seminars, which we organise in association with The Islamic and Jewish Societies. **We are committed to freedom of expression and individual's right to privacy. We believe that “interfaith” should not necessarily only apply to the sharing of the lowest common denominator**

- Over 250 Jewish and Muslim students attended our university seminars in 2012/13
- Over 90% stated that the seminars positively challenged their opinion on the topic discussed and asked the Foundation to continue organising the annual seminars