



Dr. Rizek Abusharr

## ***Palestine & Israel: Current Reality & the Future***

**Speakers: Dr. Rizek Abusharr and  
Rabbi Brant Rosen**



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### **KEARNEY & OMAHA EVENTS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

**Kearney, Wednesday, October 28, 2015, 7:00 p.m.**

**University of Nebraska at Kearney, Copeland Hall, Room 142**

**Sponsors: Department of Political Science and Department of Social Work**

**Omaha, Thursday, October 29, 2015, noon**

**College of St. Mary, Gross Conference Center (Hill Macaluso Science Building)**

**(Bring your own lunch; water will be provided)**

**Sponsors: College of St. Mary and Sisters of Mercy West Midwest Community**

**Dr. Rizek Abusharr** retired as Director General of the Jerusalem International YMCA in 2001, having worked there for 46 years in many capacities. He served as a consultant for the Y/USA from 2002 to 2006 and, in 2007, was inducted in the YMCA Hall of Fame. In 1992, the Jerusalem International YMCA was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize by the Austrian Parliament as a result of work initiated by Dr. Abusharr working with Jewish and Arab youth towards peaceful coexistence in that troubled land. He served for 30 years as Session Clerk; he also served as Clerk of the Presbytery of Jerusalem of the Church of Scotland and as chair of the Tabet Church of Scotland School Board in Jaffa. Among his many community service activities, he was a past president and Paul Harris Fellow of the Jerusalem Rotary Club. Elder Abusharr was educated at the Terra Sancta College in Jerusalem and later in Nazareth. He attended George Williams College in Chicago between 1958 and 1961. In 2004, Springfield College awarded him an Honorary Doctorate in Humanics.

**Rabbi Brant Rosen** is the Midwest Regional Director of the American Friends Service Committee and the founder and rabbi of Tzedek Chicago. He has served as the co-chair of the Rabbinical Council of Jewish Voice for Peace. He received his BA in history from UCLA. He earned a Masters in Hebrew Letters from the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College and received his rabbinical ordination from there. He has been a rabbi for 20 years. Rabbi Rosen is a longtime advocate for social justice and human rights and is the author of the book, *Wrestling in the Daylight*, published in 2012 by Just World Books.