

## Interviewees



### Rodef Shalom Eliyahu McLean

Eliyahu McLean is the director of the Jerusalem Peacemakers, a group of religious leaders and grassroots peacebuilders in Jerusalem and the Holy Land. Eliyahu organizes monthly inter-religious Israeli-Palestinian peace gatherings in East and West Jerusalem and coordinates the Abrahamic Reunion, a group of Christian, Jewish, Muslim and Druze religious leaders working together to re-claim religion as a source for peace. Eliyahu is also a board member and interfaith advisor for the Sulha Peace Project, which hosts an annual event which brings together thousands of Israelis and Palestinians. Eliyahu was initiated as a 'Rodef Shalom,' 'Peace Pursuer' by Reb Zalman Schachter Shalomi. Eliyahu's work with Palestinian Sufis is written about in the book "At the Entrance to the Garden of Eden: A Jew's Search for God with the Christians and Muslims in the Holy Land" by Yossi Klein Halevi.

#### Videos Featuring Rodef Shalom Eliyahu McLean

##### [Encountering the Other](#)

Jerusalem Peacemaker Rodef Shalom Eliyahu McLean describes how engaging deeply with someone of a different spiritual tradition can strengthen your own roots.

(1 min 27 sec)

##### [Two Wings to Fly](#)

Jerusalem Peacemaker Rodef Shalom Eliyahu McLean suggests that the strife in the Holy Land presents a unique opportunity to experiment with ideas of unity.

(2 min 59 sec)

##### [A Heart Centered Approach to Peacemaking](#)

Jerusalem Peacemaker Rodef Shalom Eliyahu McLean describes a heart-centered approach to peacemaking that takes into account the deep wounds of both Israelis and Palestinians.

(3 min 47 sec)

##### [The Four Fold Song](#)

Jerusalem Peacemaker Rodef Shalom Eliyahu McLean shares a mystic teaching, called the Four Fold Song, as an example of a narrative that embraces both our individuality and our interconnectedness.

(5 min 44 sec)

##### [Bearing Witness](#)

Jerusalem Peacemaker Rodef Shalom Eliyahu McLean says that people in the Holy Land need other members of the human family to bear witness to their pain and help them learn to come together.

(1 min 43 sec)

##### [Finding a Non-Violent Solution](#)

Jerusalem Peacemaker Rodef Shalom Eliyahu McLean discusses the merits of a non-violent solution in the Holy Land. Eliyahu suggests that religious and spiritual traditions may have a significant role to play in finding peace.

(2 min 41 sec)

##### [The Role of the Mystic](#)

Jerusalem Peacemaker Rodef Shalom Eliyahu McLean says that we forget the true goal of our spiritual and religious traditions when we get caught in the forms and structures that they teach. Mystics, he says, can remind us of the common inner dimension at the core of every tradition and help us wake up to the unity within diverse beliefs.

(4 min 46 sec)

*"I think if someone is deeply rooted in their own story, in their own spiritual practice, in their own culture, then they have nothing to fear by encountering the other."*

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