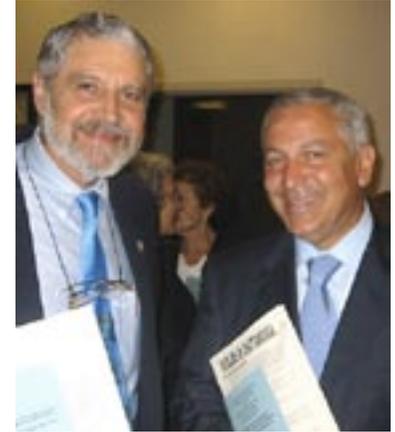




Councilman Yusuf Hakeem, Michael Dzik, Rose-Lynn Fisher, H.E. Aziz Mekouar, and Abdou Kattih at the photograph exhibit "Drinking From the Same Well" at the Jewish Cultural Center.



Robert Siskin, Aziz Mekouar Morocco's ambassador to the United States.

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THE JEWISH Community Federation of Greater Chattanooga and the Islamic Education and Services Institute co-hosted an opening reception for the photographic exhibit "Drinking From the Same Well" at the Jewish Cultural Center. The exhibit, photographed by Los Angeles artist **Rose-Lynn Fisher**, documents the peaceful co-existence between Jews and Muslims in Morocco, according to Rachel Schulson, director of communications at the Federation.

"Bringing this powerful exhibit to our city has also helped establish a relationship between the Jewish and Muslim communities in Chattanooga," said **Michael Dzik**, executive director of the Jewish Federation.

Mr. Dzik worked with **Abdou Kattih**, director of the Islamic Education and Services Institute, to make the exhibit a reality, Ms. Schulson said.

"Chattanooga was honored to host **His Excellency Aziz Mekouar**, the Kingdom of Morocco's ambassador to the United States at the opening reception," she said.

Other dignitaries at the opening were **Sir Charles Dahan**, president of Morocco Jewish Federation in Washington, D.C., and Chattanooga City Councilman **Yusuf Hakeem**.

Mr. Hakeem, on behalf of **Mayor Bob Corker**, presented Mr. Dzik and Mr. Kattih with proclamations that declared the day of the reception, Sept. 12, as "**Drinking From the Same Well Day**" in Chattanooga.

Another proclamation made Ms. Fisher and Mr. Mekouar honorary citizens of the city.

Ms. Schulson said that in addition to the Jewish and Muslim agencies, the exhibit was sponsored by Allied Arts, represented by **Marilyn Harrison**. The exhibit, which runs through Nov. 14, was also made possible by generous gifts from **Merv and Helen Pregulman, Robert and Pris Siskin, Eron and Valerie Epstein**, and **Mort and Marilyn Center**.

Also in attendance at the opening reception were **Ahmad and Tracy Abdullah, Bassam Issa, Estelle Frank, Paul McDaniel Jr., Alvin and Clara Shoenig**, and **Saleh Acarbulat**.