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**Rev. Dr. George Edayadiyil, CMI** is a member of the congregation of Carmelites of Mary Immaculate. At present he teaches Sacred Scripture at the Pontifical Athenaeum, Dharmaram Vidya Kshetram, Bangalore and also serves as the director of its Distance Education. He further gives spiritual animation and retreats and is the founder of Karunyagiri Ashram, Pullikanam, Vagamon, Kerala, India. He has a Masters degrees in Mathematics (Kerala University, India) and Sociology (Mahatma Gandhi University, Kerala) has a Licentiate and Doctorate in Biblical Studies from St. Thomas Aquinas University, Rome. He has served as the director of Darsana Cultural Centre, Kottayam, Kerala, for many years and was also the founder editor of *Vachanam Belivediyil* (A Malayalam Homiletic monthly). In 2003 he was in Tantur for three months doing research work on the historical nature of the Exodus and subsequently published the book in 2007 titled, *Exodus: its Historical Kernel*. The present study, *Beyond Exodus: Exodus as a Paradigm of Interpretation of Bible and History*, Bangalore: ATC, 2011 is his third research publication on the Exodus of the Bible.

The Author's trilogy on the Exodus Event is an outstanding scientific contribution to the study of the Exodus from a historical, exegetical, theological and a spiritual perspective. Through this classical work the author masterfully succeeds in relating the foundational event of the Bible to the other key events in the Bible and to the context of the contemporary world. This helps the reader to look at salvation history with a new perspective and provides a rich insight and creative ideas regarding the struggle for total liberation at the individual, social, political and religious levels.

**Gershon Baskin Ph.D (Greenwich University, UK)** is the Israeli Co-Director and founder of the Israel/Palestine Centre for Research & Information ([www.ipcri.org](http://www.ipcri.org)). He founded IPCRI in 1988 following ten years of work in the field of Jewish-Arab relations within Israel.

He has also served as the Coordinator of Education for Jewish- Arab Sectors at the Ministry of Education for Jewish-Arab Coexistence and as an outside policy advisor on the Israeli- Palestinian peace process during the premiership of the late Yitzhak Rabin. Dr Baskin is currently a member of the steering committee of the Palestinian-Israeli Peace NGO Forum, a member of the Editorial Board of the Palestinian Israeli journal. He regularly meets officials from the diplomatic community and members of international organizations. Of note, Gershon was the Israeli academic who played a critical role in the release of Israeli soldier Gilad Shalid in October 2011

Dr. Gershon Baskin is coming to the US and Canada in February 2012 on a cross country speaking tour. If you would like to invite him to speak at your campus, organization, mosque, church, synagogue etc he can be contacted on [gershonbaskin@gmail.com](mailto:gershonbaskin@gmail.com)

**Dr. Saliba Sarsar**, born and raised in Jerusalem, is Associate Vice President for Global Initiatives and Professor of Political Science at Monmouth University. He is a specialist and author of several works on Middle East affairs. Sarsar has two books of poetry to his name.

The first, titled *Crosswinds*, was published by Mellen Poetry Press. The poems include impressions of a teenager experiencing Jerusalem under Jordanian and Israeli rule, and maturing in a land of "between war and peace."

The second, *Seven Gates of Jerusalem*, was published in a bilingual (English/Arabic) edition by Kul-Shee in Haifa. Sarsar's individual poems have also appeared in a variety of venues, including the *Monmouth Review*, *Upstate Magazine*, *Voice of the Shore*, *The New York Times*, *This Broken Shore*, *Asbury Park Press*, and *Tiferet: A Journal of Spiritual Literature*.

Dr. Saliba has also contributed many fine poems about Tantur, which we put up on the Tantur Ecumenical Institute Facebook Page on a monthly basis. Many deal with his time here and how beauty is often intertwined with the conflict of the region. Most importantly of all his poems about Tantur are about renewal and hope