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In 2013, he led eight leading Imams and Muslim leaders from the Middle East and developing world to Auschwitz, and as a result of their experience, the Imams issued a landmark public statement condemning Holocaust Denial and anti-Semitism. Most recently, he was awarded a Ph.D. in Theology, honoris causa from the Angelicum.

A popular speaker and author, Rabbi Bemporad's publications include: *Our Age: The Historic New Era of Christian-Jewish Understanding*; and *The Inner Journey: Views from the Jewish Tradition*, Editor. Rabbi Bemporad also contributed the chapter on "Norms of War in Judaism" for *World Religions and Norms of War*, published by the United Nations University Press. Most recently, he authored the chapter on "Sharing Sacred Spaces: a Jewish Perspective" in *Between Cultural Diversity and Common Heritage*, published by Ashgate, and contributed a memoir of the philosopher Hans Jonas in *Giacobbe E L'Angelo (Jacob and the Angel)*, published in Rome, 2012. Over the years, Rabbi Bemporad has been honored by every major religion, having received the Luminosa award of the Focolare Movement and the Raoul Wallenberg Humanitarian Leadership Award of the Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies at Ramapo College; he also received The Pave the Way Foundation's "Inter-Religious Dialogue" Award, Sri Chinmoy's "Lifting Up the World with a Oneness-Heart" (Hindu) Award, and "The Peace and Tolerance Award" from the (Muslim) Interfaith Dialog Center. Most recently, he was given the "Connecting Our Faiths Award," in Dallas.