CONTENTS

Acknowledgments

ix

Introduction

Discursive Spaces for Peace

1. Peacemaking Topoi

Cultural Iterations of Relational and Moral Needs 20

2. The Power of Sweet Persuasion

Cultural Inflections of Interpersonal Şulḥ Rhetorics 53

3. We the Reconciled

The Convergence of Şulḥ and Human Rights 81

4. From the Egyptian People's Assembly to the Israeli Knesset

al-Sādāt's Knesset Address, Ṣulḥ, and Diplomacy

112

5. To Gather at Court

Sulh as Rhetorical Method 161

Conclusion

The Gift of Possibility 192

Notes

201

Works Cited

221

Index

239