



## JERUSALEM ROTARY CLUB (District 2490)

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# Today's Program

**“AROUND THE WORLD WITH  
ROTARY: An Inspiring Journey”**

Club Members: Marilyn Farber and Mark Zober

# Upcoming Programs



**Lend a Hand**

**CLUB MOURNS PASSING  
OF P/P Ernst Siedner (See  
page #2)**

**23 July**

Prof. [Gerald M. Steinberg](#), Director, Program on  
Conflict Management and Negotiation Political Studies,  
Bar Ilan University  
Topic: **"The Anti-Israel Political Agenda of the NGO  
Community"**.

Club Board Meeting to follow at 14:30

**30 July:** Business Meeting

**6 August**

[Mrs. Batsheva Mink](#), Curator, Jerusalem Botanical  
Garden, Topic: **"The Jerusalem Botanical Garden:  
An island of green in town"**

## Report of Meeting #2, 9 July, 2003

[Letter from Mrs. Hannah Siedner (9 July 2003)]:

President  
1964 – 65

Cofounder  
Foundation

Ernst Siedner  
1905 - 2003

Dear Mr. President,  
Dear Fellow Rotarians,

I am sad to announcement that my husband, Past President and honorary member of your club, has passed away on July 6<sup>th</sup> 2003. My husband and I have been married for 68 years in a century haunted by terrible wars and tragedies, but also personal achievements and satisfaction.

In a letter I found, written by Ernst on 19<sup>th</sup> March 1995 to former President R/Don Edelstein, my husband wrote:

*“In Rotary I have discovered myself and that has greatly influenced my life.”*

In gratitude

Yours in Rotary,

R/A Hannah Siedner  
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### INTERNATIONAL TOAST

Rtn. Perry Roded lead the toast to the first club from his home town, **the Albany Rotary Club in District 7190** (upstate New York). Founded in 1913. They have 130 members and meet Thursdays at 12:15.

### VISITING ROTARIANS

Rtn. Ilan Migdali, Rc Newbury Park (California, USA)  
Rtn. Julius and Lorraine Civin RC Bedfordview (South Africa)  
Rtn. Cornilus Hoernig, RC Kitzingern (Baveria, Germany)

### GUEST

Abbot Benedict Leiderman

### FOUNDATION GREETINGS

Art Braustein:  
July

10<sup>th</sup> Bob and Hettie Engelsman

Anniversary

12<sup>th</sup> P/P David Seligman's Birthday

14<sup>th</sup> Paula Edelstein' Birthday

### PICTURE OF THE WEEK

Flag exchange: President Don with Rtn. Ilan Migdali (Thousand Oaks, CA, USA) 9 July 2003



### INVOCATION

Alex Zvielli from Yehezkiel (13:10)  
“Because they have seduced my people, saying peace and there was no peace: and they built up a wall, and, lo, daubed it with untempered mortar.

### WEEKLY RAFFLE

In the absence of Moshe Kelman, Arnold Praise ran our raffle and raised a handsome sum. **We raised NIS 165.** Thanks to all who participated.

## LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

**Guest Speaker: Judy Lash Balint, Senior Correspondent, The Media Line**  
*“Jewish Diaspora Dynamics: How the World Views Israel”*

**Introduction:** Jean-Michel Rykner

Judy is an award-winning, Jerusalem-based Journalist and author of Jerusalem Diaries: In Tense Times. (Gefen, 2002). Ms. Balint is the recipient of the 2003 Rockower Award of the American Jewish Press Association and a 2003 Jerusalem Foundation Writers Award. She has written for the N.Y. Post, The Forward, Christian Science Monitor, Jerusalem Post and numerous other publications.

Highlights:

- There are strong emotional/spiritual ties between Israel and Diaspora Jews. It is felt that whatever happens in Israel will effect their lives.
- Even the most assimilated Jews are “forced” to relate to Israel - Pro or con.
- Israel is seen as a “safe haven” for Jews in distress (e.g. Argentina, Ethiopia).
- Zionist Education is declining in the Diaspora. This is accompanied by decline in visitors to Israel.
- Despite the growing number of youth visitors (e.g. Birthright), 73% of North American Jews have never visited Israel.
- According to the recent United Jewish Communities National Jewish Population Survey, inter-marriage rates are at an all time high.
- Israel should stress its cultural richness and events to present compelling reasons to visit and establish meaningful connections.

**Thank you:** Art Braunstein

### A WORD FROM OUR WEB MASTER – Mark Zober

Did you know that our Club has a web site? It has been on the internet for more than a year now. You can find this at [www.rotaryclubjerusalem.homestead.com](http://www.rotaryclubjerusalem.homestead.com) . You will find our weekly Bulletin on the web site. However, you will need Adobe Acrobat 5.0 or higher to read this. This is a FREE download at <http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/alternate.html#60uxall> Call or email Mark at (02) 673-3882 [mzober@netvision.net.il](mailto:mzober@netvision.net.il)

## QUOTES TO PONDER

....."Nobody sees a flower really, it is so small. We haven't time, and to see takes time ? like to have a friend takes time." --Georgia O'Keeffe

....."If indeed you must be candid, be candid beautifully."--Kahlil Gibran

....."A truly strong and sound mind is the mind that can equally embrace great things and small."-- Samuel Johnson

....."Nothing is a waste of time if you use the experience wisely."--Auguste Rodin

....."Learn all you can from the mistakes of others. You won't have time to make them all yourself."-- Alfred Sheinwold

....."Do you know the difference between education and experience? Education is when you read the fine print; experience is what you get when you don't."--Pete Seeger

....."I like long walks--especially when they're taken by people who annoy me." -- Anon

....."Dream no small dreams for they have no power to move the hearts of men."-- Johann Wolfgang von Goethe ~~

.....It is not good enough to have a good mind; the main thing is to use it well.-- Rene Descartes

.....When choosing between two evils, I always like to try the one I've never tried before.-- Mae West

.....Never try to teach a pig to sing. It wastes your time and annoys the pig.-- Anonymous

## ROTARY - DID YOU KNOW...?

There are over 31,000 Rotary Clubs and 1.25 million Rotarians worldwide

There are 530 Rotary International (RI) Districts. Our District is 2490 (all of the 58 Clubs and 1550 members in Israel). *[Note: our Club, the first in Israel, was chartered on March 11, 1929.]*

There are 34 Rotary Zones.

Our District is in Zone 14 along with Austria, Belarus, Croatia, Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Macedonia, Moldova, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Ukraine. *[NOTE: The other Middle Eastern countries (e.g. Jordan, Egypt, Lebanon, Greece, Turkey) are in Zone 10.]*

Rotary is found in 166 countries...the two most recent countries: Afghanistan and East Timor.

The current President of RI is Jonathan B. Majiyagbe. He is from Nigeria and the first RI President from Africa. Glenn Estess (Shades Valley, Alabama, USA) is RI President-Elect.

The next Rotary International Convention will be held in Osaka, Japan, May 23-26 2004.

The RI Centennial Convention will be held in Chicago 19-22 June 2005.

Learn more by visiting the Rotary International Web Site at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org).