



# JERUSALEM ROTARY CLUB (District 2490)

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## Meeting No. 29 - 4 February, 2004

### TODAY'S PROGRAM:

BEN OFARIM from the Coalition for the Preservation of the Jerusalem Hills. Topic: The Safdie Plan to develop the Jerusalem Hills – the potential impact.

### UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

11 February - Greer Fay Cashman, Journalist and Columnist at the Jerusalem Post, Topic: "So long as you spell my name right."

18 February: David Landau, Chief Editor from Haaretz English Edition, Tentative topic: "The Israel situation to day."

25 February: Naomi Tsur, Head of the Nature Protection Society in Jerusalem, Topic: "Assuring a Sustainable Jerusalem."

3 March: Max Livnat, former Senior Deputy Director General of the Ministry of Industry and Trade in charge of investment promotion, Topic: "Cultural differences in negotiations between nations - A Case Study: Japan and Israel."



February is Rotary World  
Understanding Month

Message from the RI President  
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### CALL FOR SPEAKERS AND PROGRAMS

Program Chair, Jean-Michel Rykner asks all Rotarians to suggest speakers for our weekly programs. Please contact him at e-mail: [JMR@workmail.com](mailto:JMR@workmail.com)

## Announcements – January 28, 2004 – Don Shrensky presiding.

Visiting Rotarians: P/P Shimon Samuel, Cornelius Horning, P/E Steven Minitz, Adrian Moody.

Guest: Ilana Sumka, AJWS

- The happening of the day was the celebration of President Don Shrensky's birthday with wine all our tables for lunch – Many more to come, Don!
- Our second special event was the induction of our newest member Aviva Leon. Welcome aboard Aviva!
- A letter from the General Secretary of rotary International, Ed Futa, was read about the success of the worldwide RI Polio Eradication Program. Between 1988 and 2002 the number of polio cases worldwide dropped by 99%. For the past year Rotarians around the world have raised over \$111 million toward assuring that no child will every again know the crippling effects of polio.
- The Paul Harris Peace Forest Society, a non-profit organization established by our District and located in Safad, will hold its annual tree planning dedicating on Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM. All District Rotarians are invited to the Forest Visitors Center in Safad. Contact person: Ya'acov Maimon (04) 697-2984.
- New Member Orientation: P/P Ruth Harris has scheduled a "tea" at her home on February 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM to orient new members to the Foundation and to interest them in its support.
- All Clubs in the District are invited to submit any resolutions to the District Resolution Committee by March 15, 2004. All resolutions will be considered at the District Convention on June 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Jerusalem.
- The Club Retreat that was scheduled for Friday-Saturday February 27-28 has been postponed due to the conflict with the Paul Harris Forest event (see above) and a new date will be announced.
- The Beer Yaakov Rotary Club will be holding it Annual Seder Tu B'Shvat on Saturday night February 7<sup>th</sup> starting at 8:30 PM at Beit Gil Ha'Zahav 12, Hazon Ish Street in Beer Yaakov The charge is 35 NIS to cover expenses. Contact Club President Bracha Fester for further information at (08) 928-2575 or (052) 655-652

## INTERNATIONAL TOAST

P/P Georges Baum asked all club members to raise a glass to toast the Rotary Club of Colombo Metropolitan (District 3220, Sri Lanka). The club was founded in 1989 and today has 49 members. Meetings are held at the Hilton Hotel on Tuesdays at 7:00 PM. Their president is Rotarian Damitha Dharmasena.

The Toast is in honor of the Independence Day of Sri Lanka on February 4<sup>th</sup>.

## FOUNDATION GREETINGS

Mazal Tov on the wedding anniversary of Rafi and Leah Aldor.

*Donations in honor of birthdays, anniversaries and others happy events go to the Club Foundation.*



American Jewish World Service (AJWS) Visitor

AJWS Technical Coordinator, Ilana Sumka, flanked by Marilyn Farber and Mark Zober [former AJWS Volunteers] visited our Club and asked club members to consider short-term service opportunities.

## INVOCATION

President-elect, Rafi Aldor, gave the weekly *Passuk* (Jeremiah, 46:27)

*Do not fear, O Jacob my servant, do not be dismayed, O Israel. I will surely save you out of a distant place, your descendants from the land of their exile, Jacob will again have peace and security, and no one will make him afraid.*

## WEEKLY RAFFLE

The weekly Raffle resumed after a short hiatus and was conducted by Bernice Beare Rosenberg. One of the prize winners was Marilyn Farber who was thrilled to get a wall clock. The raffle raised a whopping 315 NIS. Well Done!

## Guest Speaker Archbishop Pietro Sambì: "Inter-religious Dialogue and Peace"



Archbishop Sambì (left) spoke about the purpose of peace and the centrality and importance of Jerusalem as the "City of Peace." He pointed out that today we live in a world of conflict where religion should serve as an instrument of peace.

He is dedicated to encouraging dialogue as a method for reducing conflict. The first step in effective dialogue is to understand your own identity then to understand and respect the identity of the other as he sees himself. The next step is to find common points of action in the world today. He said, "we must create spiritual and human conditions for peace."

### February is Rotary World Understanding Month (Message from RI President, Jonathan Majiyagbe)

This month is an opportunity for Rotarians everywhere to reflect on the fourth point of the Object of Rotary: "The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service."

It is very important to remember the connection between humanitarian service and peace. Hunger, poverty, and ignorance breed despair, anger, and fear - the emotions that too often lead to intolerance, conflict, and war. People who suffer the ravages of abject poverty feel cut off from hope for a decent future and they are the ones most vulnerable to the rhetoric of violence.

But through the wide array of humanitarian and educational opportunities offered by Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation - from Group Study Exchange to World Community Service to Matching Grants, just to name a few - people's lives improve, and that improvement spawns hope.

One very important Rotary program contributes directly to the goal of achieving world peace and understanding. Our seven Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution are now in their second year of training outstanding, committed scholars, men and women who will become skilled agents for peace after they complete the two-year, postgraduate program. Their potential is great, and we must do all we can to support them and recruit new candidates of the highest caliber. We can only imagine what these Rotary World Peace Scholars will accomplish in the years to come.

Indeed, the need for peace and understanding has never been greater. The world seems to have a surplus of hate and a shortage of tolerance. For many of us, it is hard to open a newspaper without becoming over-whelmed by the gravity of it all.

But remember: When we LEND A HAND by working together in Rotary service, we encourage each other and continue to build hope for the future, both in ourselves and in the families and communities that benefit from our efforts.

With hope, anything is possible.

[Rtn. Mark Zober is active in the establishment of the Rotary Peace Fellowship (in formation). You can learn more at [www.rotarypeacebuilding.homestead.com](http://www.rotarypeacebuilding.homestead.com) .]

## HOMOUR CORNER

Joan, who was a rather well proportioned secretary, spent almost all of her vacation sunbathing on the roof of her hotel.

She wore a bathing suit the first day, but on the second, she decided that no one could see her way up there, and she slipped out of it for an overall tan.

She'd hardly begun when she heard someone running up the stairs. She was lying on her stomach, so she just pulled a towel over her rear.

"Excuse me, miss," said the flustered assistant manager of the hotel, out of breath from running up the stairs. "The Hilton doesn't mind your sunbathing on the roof, but we would very much appreciate your wearing a bathing suit as you did yesterday."

"What difference does it make?" Joan asked rather calmly. "No one can see me up here, and besides, I'm covered with a towel."

"Not exactly," said the embarrassed man. "You're lying on the dining room skylight."

### A THOUGHT TO CONSIDER

Reasonable people adapt themselves to the world. Unreasonable people attempt to adapt the world to themselves. All progress, therefore, depends on unreasonable people.

- George Bernard Shaw, 1856-1950, Irish-born British Dramatist

### ALLOCATIONS COMMITTEE HOLDS FIRST MEETING

The Club Allocations Committee made up of Kern Wisman (chair), Sam Fisher, Helene Stuart, Perry Roded and Mark Zober met on Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup> immediately following our Club meeting. The charge of the Committee is make recommendations to the Club Board for annual allocations. The first order of business was to review our prior history of allocations and request from our members what charities they would recommending for support this year. If you are involved in a Jerusalem charity and would like to see our Club providing support, please inform one of the members of the Committee.

**SAVE THE DATE OF MARCH 10<sup>TH</sup> FOR OUR FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS-** immediately following our regular club meeting

### VISIT OUR CLUB WEBSITE

Did you know that our Rotary Club Website was visited by over 2,400 Rotarians and friends in 2003? Join the fun and visit this constantly updated site where you can read the latest Club Bulletins, learn about Club projects, look at our photo albums and much more.

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