



JERUSALEM ROTARY CLUB (District 2490)

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Professor Eli Pollak, Chairman of "Israel's Media Watch" *Lada'at Topic*: "The struggle for a fair and ethical media in Israel".

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

April 28th Sherwin Pomerantz, Chairperson, Atid EDI Ltd (a Jerusalem based economic development consulting firm) Topic: *"Israel as an American economic beachhead in the Eastern Mediterranean."*

THURSDAY May 6 at 8:00 PM

SPECIAL EVENING JOINT MEETING
WITH THE JERUSALEM WEST ROTARY CLUB AT THE DAN PANORAMA HOTEL

GUEST SPEAKER: IN-COMING ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR (Name to be announced.)



MEETING CHANGE

Our regular Club meeting on Wednesday May 5th has been moved to THURSDAY May 6th at 8:00 PM at the Dan Panorama Hotel. We will have as our guest a member of the Rotary International Board.

CALL FOR GUEST SPEAKERS AND PROGRAMS

Club Program Chair, Jean-Michel Rykner asks all Rotarians to suggest Guest Speakers for our weekly programs. Please contact him at JMR@workmail.com

Announcements – April 14, 2004 –President Don Shrensky:

Visiting Rotarians:

Geert Cohen Stuart, Rotary Club of Rhoon-Barendrecht (District 1600) The Netherlands.

Guests: Miriam Avital, Roley Horowitz, Arna Raz, Shirley Seligman, and Barbara Shaw.

- P/P Sandi Darmon asks ALL of our Club members to register NOW for the District Convention that will be held in Jerusalem on Thursday and Friday June 3-4 at the Crown Plaza Hotel. See Sandi for Registration Form and further details. SEE YOU THERE!
- P/P Ruth Harris asks ALL Club members to make a contribution of 70 NIS each to cover costs for a full page ad in the District Convention Brochure/Ad Book.
- DISTRICT PICNIC – Save the Date of Friday May 7th – All club members, spouses and friends are invited to this family affair in Binyamina – We will return well before Shabbat.
- Note the May 5th Regular Club Meeting moved to Thursday May 6th at 8:00 PM at the Dan Panorama – Special Guest.

FOUNDATION GREETINGS

Art Braunstein, on behalf of the Rotary Foundation. Wishes MAZAL TOV on the following special occasions.

The wedding Anniversaries of Jose and Maya Metzger and Art and Nannie Braunstein on April 16th. HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Alex Zvielli on April 19th.

A ROTARY MOMENT

Ambassadorial Scholarships

The Rotary Foundation is a major player in providing scholarships, ranking alongside prestigious names such as Fulbright, Carnegie, Luce, and Gates.

The Rotary Foundation's oldest and best-known program is Ambassadorial Scholarships. Since 1947 more than 30,000 men and women from 100 nations have studied abroad under its auspices. Today it is the world's largest privately funded international scholarships program.

More than 1,100 scholarships were awarded for study in 2002-03. Through grants totaling approximately US\$26 million, recipients from some 69 countries studied in more than 64 nations.

INTERNATIONAL TOAST

P/P Georges Baum asked us to raise a toast to the Rotary Club of Kellyville, NSW (Australia) District 9680. The RC Kellyville honored us with an international toast on January 19th of this year.

INVOCATION

Jean-Michel Rykner gave the weekly *Passuk* from Psalm 118:

“Give thanks to HaSham for he is good, His kindness endures forever.”

**HIS EXCELLENCY R.S. JASSAL:
STRONG ISRAEL – INDIA RELATIONSHIP**



Last Wednesday was a very special occasion for all in attendance. We had the distinct honor and pleasure to hear and learn from the most articulate, friendly and knowledgeable Ambassador of India Raminder Singh Jassal. He spoke on the most natural and mutually beneficial relationship between Israel and his country. He referred to this as a “natural state of affairs.”

He started off by saying there are three types of Israelis: those who have been to India, those who are in India now and those who should go to India.

Full diplomatic relations were established between the two countries 11 years ago. Trade between the two nations has increased ten fold to \$1.6 billion USD over that period.

Other areas of cooperation between these two “natural partners” includes a political understanding, defense, biotechnology, the space industry, nano-technology, counter-terrorism, agriculture and much more.

He pointed out many historical similarities including the dates of our independence from the United Kingdom, our effective national movements, our visionary founding leaders and our commitment to investment in human resources.

Ambassador Jassal reported that every year India graduates 400,000 engineers and that India has a very strong defense industries sector.

India, like Israel, is a robust democracy – albeit of different magnitude. In India 680 million citizens are eligible to vote. Voter turnout is 59-61% - truly a massive exercise in democracy.

We were all enthralled by the Ambassador’s energy and enthusiasm when he spoke of our mutual relations.

Ambassador Benad Avital gave a most warm and welcoming thank you to close the meeting.

HUMOR CORNER

Golda Meir and Henry Kissinger

When Golda Meir held the office of Prime Minister, she tried to encourage Henry Kissinger to make Israel a top priority.

He sent her a letter:

"I would like to inform you that I'm first! an American citizen; second, Secretary of State; and third, a Jew."

She responded, "In Israel, we read from right to left".

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Buying a horse

A rich man was trying to find his daughter a birthday gift when he saw a poor man with a beautiful white horse.

He told the man that he would give him \$500 for the horse. The poor man replied, "I don't know mister, it don't look so good," and walked away.

The next day the rich man came back and offered the poor man \$1000 for the horse. The poor man said, "I don't know mister, it don't look so good."

On the third day the rich man offered the poor man \$2000 for the horse, and said he wouldn't take no for an answer. The poor man agreed, and the rich man took the horse home.

The rich man's daughter loved her present. She climbed onto the horse, then galloped right into a tree.

The rich man rushed back over to the poor man's house, demanding an explanation for the horse's blindness.

The poor man replied, "I told you it don't look so good."

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