



JERUSALEM ROTARY CLUB (District 2490)

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TODAY'S PROGRAM: Business Meeting –
Setting our Course for the Future.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

17 December - Annual Cake and Treasures
Sale Bazaar at the YMCA. (8:00 AM - 5:00
PM). We are all asked to **Lend a Hand!**

24 December - Visit, lunch and lecture at the
Foreign Ministry – More details to follow.

31 of December - Jan Willem van der
Hoeven, Director International Christian
Zionist Center: "The crucial importance of the
Temple Mount as seen by the prophets of
Israel"



Speaker features issues of Tolerance

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CALL FOR SPEAKERS AND PROGRAMS

Program Chair, Jean-Michel Rykner is asking all
Rotarians to suggest speakers for our weekly programs.
Please contact him at e-mail: JMR@workmail.com

Announcement – December 3, 2003 – Don Shrensky presiding.

Immediately following today's regular meeting, the Club Board Meeting will be held from 14:30 – 16:00.

The Club Ethics Seminar will not be held as scheduled on December 14th as P/P Moshe Kelman will not be available . (See "Good and Welfare" below).

The Mid-year District Convention will be held on Januar 9th in Rehovoth. All members are encouraged to consider attending.

Moshe Ivry has notified the Club that he is resigning. He has agreed to continue to send notices of upcoming Club programs to the Jerusalem Post.

The District has launched a project to teach public speaking in schools.

Rtn. Jean Michel Rykner will provide more details on the December 24th visit to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

P/P Ruth Harris reminded the members that their participation is needed at next week's (December 17) Treasurers Sale at the YMCA. The hours will be extended and we need volunteers to serve after 15:00 on that day.

P/P Rizek Abusharr reminded members of the District Conference Committee that there will be a meeting on Wednesday December 10 at 14:30, immediately following the regular meeting.

Visiting Rotarian: W. Ceridalli
Guest: Aviva Lee

Good and Welfare: P/P Moshe Kelman is scheduled to go in for surgery on December 14th. Please do not visit, but calls are welcome.

INTERNATIONAL TOAST

P/P Georges Baum raised the toast to the Rotary Club of Kalajoki (District 1400) in honor of the Independence Day of Finland on December 6th. The Club, chartered in 1984, has 35 member and meets at the Pizzeria Mama Leone on Wednesdays at 18:00.

FOUNDATION GREETINGS

Art Braunstein announced:

Birthdays for Miriam Avital (December 5th) and P/P Avraham Cohen (December 7th).

NEXT WEEK!!!!

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 17

Our Club Annual Cake and Treasures Sale...Support our Scholarship Fund and other projects.



President Don (left) installs Jacques Ungar

Jacques became our newest member on December 3rd. He was born in Basle, Switzerland on July 29, 1945. He has been in Israel since 1985 working as a foreign correspondent for media in Switzerland and Germany. He is married and has three children and 13 grandchildren.

INVOCATION

P/P Ruth Harris gave the weekly *Passuk* – on learning.
If you have acquired knowledge, what do you lack?
If you lack knowledge, what have you acquired?
(From the Midrash - Leviticus, Rabbah 1:6)

Week # 22 Program

Special Guest Speaker – Our own P/P Ambassador Benad Avital on Tolerance



P/P Benad Avital (standing at left), President Don Shrensky and Program Chair, Jean Michel Rykner (right.)

THOUGHTS ON TOLERANCE

P/P Benad Avital

Benad provided personal anecdotes of examples of challenges to tolerance where he had been stationed as an Ambassador.

He suggested applying these lessons he learned to our current situation in the Middle East where there is much room for greater tolerance by all parties.

OUR ROTARY CLUB ETHICS SEMINARS – THOUGHTS ON TOLERANCE

Lead by P/P Moshe Kelman

Definitions of Tolerance: *The liberty given to allow a minority to hold and express their own political or religious opinion.* (Moshe Kelman)

The virtue of refraining from exercising one's power with regard to others' opinion or action although that deviates from one's own over something important and although one morally disapproves of it. (Baroness Mary Warnock.)

Our tolerances are like goal posts. They are moveable. Each person has his/her tolerance boundaries.

In biblical times, there were different boundaries of tolerance. There was lots of violence as a result of intolerance. Coercion sets a boundary. It is not acceptable.

Both John Locke and David Hume felt that freedom of thought and belief is acceptable. However, moving to action is where the problems come in.

QUOTES ON TOLERANCE

He that wrestles with us strengthens our nerves and sharpens our skill. Our antagonist is our helper. – Edmund Burke

Difference of opinion leads to inquiry, and inquiry to truth – Thomas Jefferson

The problem to be faced is: how to combine loyalty to one's own tradition with reverence for different traditions. – Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel

1. Two vultures board an airplane, each carrying two dead raccoons. The stewardess looks at them and says, "I'm sorry, gentlemen. Only one carrion allowed per passenger."
2. Two boll weevils grew up in South Carolina. One went to Hollywood and became a famous actor. The other stayed behind in the cotton fields and never amounted to much. The second one, naturally, became known as the lesser of two weevils.
3. There were two Eskimos sitting in a kayak. They were cold so they lit a fire, and the craft sank. It only proved, once again, that you can't have your kayak and heat it, too.
4. A three-legged dog walks into a saloon in the Old West. He slides up to the bar and announces, "I'm looking for the man who shot my paw."
5. Did you hear about the Buddhist who refused Novocaine during a root canal? He wanted to transcend dental medication.
6. A group of chess enthusiasts checked into a hotel and were standing in the lobby discussing their recent tournament victories. After about an hour, the manager came out of the office and asked them to disperse. "But why?" they asked, as they moved off. "Because," he said, "I can't stand chess nuts boasting in an open foyer."
7. A woman has twins and gives them up for adoption. One of them goes to a family in Egypt and is named "Ahmal." The other goes to a family in Spain and they name him "Juan." Years later, Juan sends a picture of himself to his birth mother. Upon receiving the picture, she tells her husband that she wishes she also had a picture of Ahmal. Her husband responds, "They're twins! If you've seen Juan, you've seen Ahmal."
8. These friars were behind on their belfry payments, so they opened up a small florist shop to raise funds. Since everyone liked to buy flowers from the men of God, a rival florist across town thought the competition was unfair. He asked the good brothers to close down, but they would not. He went back and begged the friars to close. They ignored him. So, the rival florist hired Hugh MacTaggart, the roughest and most vicious thug in town to "persuade" them to close. Hugh beat up the friars and trashed their store, saying he'd be back if they didn't close up shop. Terrified, they did so, thereby proving that Hugh, and only Hugh, can prevent florist friars.
9. Mahatma Gandhi, as you know, walked barefoot most of the time, which produced an impressive set of calluses on his feet. He also ate very little, which made him rather frail and with his odd diet, he suffered from bad breath. This made him... what?
Answer: A super calloused fragile mystic hexed by halitosis.
10. And finally, there was the person who sent ten different puns to friends, with the hope that at least one of the puns would make them laugh.

Unfortunately, no pun in ten did.

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