



JERUSALEM ROTARY CLUB (District 2490)

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TODAY'S PROGRAM:

28 January - Pietro Sambì, Archbishop and Ambassador from the Holy See will speak on "Inter-religious Dialogue and Peace"

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

4 February - Ben Ofarim, from the "Coalition for the Preservation of the Jerusalem Hills". Topic: "The 'Safdie Plan' to build 25,000 housing units west of Jerusalem."

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



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

The Official Board Election Results

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ATTENTION ALL INTERNET ENABLED CLUB MEMBERS

Our Membership Phone List is now available to view and download on our Club website at www.rotaryclubjerusalem.homestead.com. Contact Webmaster Mark Zober for instructions and the required password.

Announcements – January 14, 2004 – Don Shrensky presiding.

Welcome to:

Guest: Fabio Sokolowicz

P/E Rafi Aldor reported on the most recent Mid-year District Conference held in Rehovoth on January 9th. We had good attendance from the Club. There were over 440 Rotarians and another 40 Interact and Rotaract members in attendance. The President of the Weizmann Institute provided an update on recent scientific research. The Convention delegates elected Avner Fuks the District Governor for 2005/06.

P/P Rizek Abusharr, Chair of the District Convention Committee, reported that the venue and date have been set: the Crown Plaza in Jerusalem on Thursday and Friday June 3 and 4. **SAVE THE DATE!**

Good and Welfare:

Rtn. Bernice Beare Rosenberg is not feeling well. We wish her full recovery. In her absence we will not conduct the weekly raffle today.

P/P Benad Avital visited P/P Moshe Kelman at home and reports he is in good spirits after cancer surgery. He appreciates calls and visits early in the week, before his therapy treatments on Tuesdays.

INTERNATIONAL TOAST

P/P Georges Baum asked us to raise a toast to the Rotary Club of Perth, Western Australia, (District 9450) in honor of Australia Day on January 15th. The Club was founded in 1927, has 125 members and meets on Fridays at 12:45 for lunch at the Parmelia Hilton Hotel. "G'day Mate, no worries."

FOUNDATION GREETINGS

Mazal Tov on the Wedding Anniversary of Arnold and Sandra Prais on January 15th.

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

Four Way Test

The 4-Way Test was adopted by Rotary in 1943 and has been translated into more than a hundred languages and published in thousands of ways...

"Of the things we think, say or do:

- 1. Is it the truth?**
- 2. Is it fair to all concerned?**
- 3. Will it build goodwill and better friendships?**
- 4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?"**

INVOCATION

Art Braunstein gave the weekly *Passuk*:

"For out of Zion shall go forth the Law, and the Word of The Lord from Jerusalem. And He shall judge between many peoples, and shall decide concerning mighty nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more." (Micah 4:1-3)

SAVE THE DATE

Our District Convention –
Celebrating 75 years of
Rotary in Israel
Thursday and Friday June 3- 4
Crown Plaza Hotel (Jerusalem)

JANUARY 14TH PROGRAM: THE COSTS OF LONG TERM CARE



Jay Shames (left) and Steve Jacob presented information on long term nursing care in Israel.

Two representatives from the insurance company Rimonim shared with the club facts and figures on the costs of long term care in Israel. Jay Shames gave the presentation and answered questions.

Jay informed us that the costs of long term care are rising rapidly and that insurance premiums will be going up soon.

His Colleague, Steve Jacob, offered members private consultations for the purchase of long term care insurance immediately after the meeting.

CLUB 75TH ANNIVERSARY EVENTS SCHEDULE

Rtn. Kern Wisman, Chair of the Club 75th Anniversary Committee, announced the developing plans for celebrating our Rotary Club's 75th Anniversary (our Club founded on March 11, 1929) at today's (January 14th) Club meeting.

ROTARY FAMILY RETREAT

Our next event, given sufficient interest, will be a family style retreat at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Ein Bokek. The tentative dates for the Rotary Retreat will be **Thursday- Saturday February 26, 27, 28.** Kern needs to know how many of you would like to attend. Based on our level of interest, Kern and the committee, will finalize the program and negotiate for possible lower prices than those estimates listed below. **Please let Kern know you are interested in attending the retreat -- kern@bwc.org**

75th ANNIVERSARY FESTIVE CLUB LUNCHEON MARCH 17th

We will hold a special 75th Anniversary Luncheon meeting at the YMCA at the usual time on March 17th. This will be an opportunity to bring your spouses, families and guests to reminisce and learn about the history of our Club. We plan to have a very special meal on this occasion.

CLUB PICNIC in MAY (date to be determined)

In May, when the weather begins to warm up, we will hold a family-oriented Club Picnic as part of the festivities. The date in May is still to be decided.

DISTRICT CONVENTION JUNE 3-4

The District Convention will be held in Jerusalem this coming June as the District Governor this year is our own Irene Lewitt. This will be a very special occasion - an opportunity for all of our 1500 Rotarians in Israel and their spouses to celebrate 75 years of Rotary service and fellowship here. [You will see some of the emerging details in Kern's report below.]

Save the dates of Thursday and Friday, June 3 and 4, 2004 and plan to attend the very special event that will be held at the **Crown Plaza Hotel.**

OFFICIAL CLUB ELECTION RESULTS

Below are the official election results for the Rotary Club Board of Directors for 2004/05. The Chairman of the Election Committee is P/P Rizek Abusharr and the committee included Rtns. Yossi Eisenberg and Kern Wisman.

From the Presidents' List: From the General Membership List:

Rizek Abusharr
Ruth Harris
Richard Fain

Kern Wisman Jose Metzger
Marilyn Farber Jean-Michel Rykner
Mark Zober Bob Engelsman

Runners Up:

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David Seligman
Benad Avital
Sandi Darmon

Helene Stuart
Art Braunstein
Shlomo Khayat

HUMOR CORNER

Two U.S. astronauts make the first manned flight to Mars. Upon landing and exiting their craft they find themselves face-to-face with a couple of little green Martians.

"How do we make contact?" asks the first astronaut.

"Gee, I dunno." Says the second. "Hey, I've got an idea! They look pretty primitive. Let's impress 'em with some of our advanced technology."

"Sure!" says the first. "After all, it worked with the Indians." So he reaches into the pocket of his spacesuit and pulls out a shiny silver cigarette lighter.

The Martians look interested. "I think it's working-light it!" says the second.

The astronaut turns the wheel and a flame shoots out. Immediately the faces of the Martians turn from green to bright red.

"Wow!" says the first. "They must really be impressed."

Then one of the Martians reaches out his little green hand, points a finger at the men, frowns, and says very sternly:

"Shabbat!"

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