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Meeting No. 13 – 13 October, 2004

OUR PROGRAM TODAY

George Szpiro, mathematician and foreign correspondent, on: "Bible Codes: The (not so) Final Report".

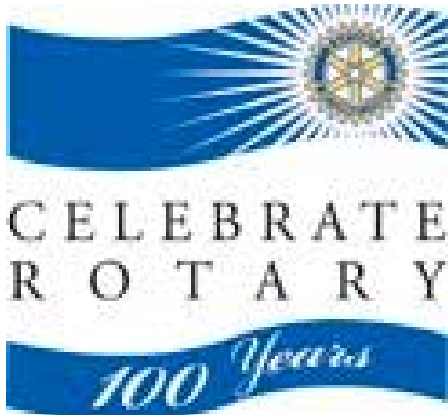
(NOTE: Meeting a Beit Shmuel today only)

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

October 20 – Field Trip to Ben Gurion Airport – Details to follow.

October 27 – P/P Benad Avital
Topic: France-Phood and Philosophy

November 3 - Dror Ortass-Spiegel, Director General of Young Entrepreneurs Israel
Topic: Junior Achievement patterned entrepreneurship courses in Israel high school.



Help Wanted

Our Club Bulletin Editor, Mark Zober, is recruiting a team to assist with content and layout. Let him know you will lend a hand (see contact information above.)

SEEKING GUEST SPEAKERS

Suggestions Welcome for Upcoming Programs
Contact Club Programme Chairman P/P Benad Avital with your ideas for upcoming guest speakers at (02) 658-0250.

You cannot do a kindness too soon, for you never know how soon it will be too late.
-Ralph Waldo Emerson { 1803-1882 American Poet & Essayist }

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Welcome Back

Nesim (Mimi) Aciman
Arnold Prais
William Margulies
Jose Metzger

- Visiting Rotarians

Scott Simonds (Saco, Maine)
Gert Cohen Stuart (Rhoan-Berendrecht)

- Guests

Catherine Ono
Bob Pelletreau

- Club Outing

Wednesday October 20th we have a club outing to Ben Gurion Airport to visit the new terminal #3. A sign up sheet was passed around

- Club Board Meeting is scheduled for today Wednesday, October 13th immediately following the regular meeting.

- Meeting Venue Change

On Wednesday October 13th we will be meeting at Beit Shmuel and return to the YMCA on October 20th.

- Good and Welfare

P/P Georges Baum has been scheduled for an operation on September 22. We wish him full recovery.

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FOUNDATION GREETINGS

September 19th

Happy Birthday to **Ronit Zwebner**.

October 2nd

Happy Birthday to **Arna Raz**.

BEST WISHES TO ALL!

CLUB RAFFLE

Aviva Lee conducted another very successful raffle. Thanks to the generosity of our members, we raised 300 NIS. Monies raised to the Rotary Foundation to honor Paul Harris Fellows.

INVOCATION

Helene Stuart offered the weekly invocation by quoting Elizabeth Wadsworth (1840-1932)

If all good people where clever and all clever people were good, the world would be nicer than every we thought it possible would.

But somehow 'tis seldom or never the two hit it off as they should; the good are so harsh to the clever and the clever so rude to the good!

Foundation Corner News

Contributors since July 1,2004

The total response to the Foundation's New Year Appeal:

NIS 2210

Latest Contributors:

Nescim Aciman
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ROTARY 4-WAY TEST

"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?"**

WEEK # 13- September 22, 2004

Guest Speaker: Dr. Alon Liel, former Director General of the Foreign Ministry
Topic: Demo Islam – A new Regime in Turkey

P/P Benad Avital introduced Ambassador Alon Liel

Ambassador Liel spoke about Turkey and its unique geopolitical role in the Muslim and Middle East world. He specifically talked about the unit “Kamalist” form of government in that country.

The excerpts from Haaretz Daily of October 5, 2004 highlight Dr. Liel’s message.

The entry of Turkey into the EU will significantly strengthen Europe's influence in the Middle East, a region that blatantly exposed the union's political weakness. Brussels will become for the Middle East a center of political gravity no less important than Washington.

Bringing Turkey into Europe will further democracy in the Middle East much more than the actions of George Bush in Iraq. With Turkey in its ranks, Europe will prove that democracy may be advanced in the Middle East also through dialogue.

The Americans are aware of the impact of the political change on the eastern borders of Europe. In Washington they argue that there are two parallel developments currently taking place in Turkey - one of them good and the other bad. The good thing: "Turkey is joining Europe." The bad thing: "Turkey is joining Europe." Indeed, losing the alliance between Washington and Ankara is bad for the United States on the bilateral level, but good on the global stage.

Making Turkey European surely fits Bush's vision of a democratic Middle East. The official stance of the United States is too noble - by choosing the global over the narrow, national interest, Washington is enthusiastically supporting the entry of Turkey into the European Union.

What about the Jews? Is it good or bad for them? Our situation is similar to that of the Americans: Turkey's entry into Europe does not suit us on a bilateral level, but it is good on a regional and global level. The Turco-Israeli romance that began in the mid-1990s, will reach its end with the start of negotiations for Turkey's accession to the EU. No European country can have "special ties" with Israel and Turkey will surely behave more and more like the leading European capitals. On the other hand, the entry of Turkey to Europe promises Israel that some 85 million neighboring Muslims will live from 2015 as full partners within a modern and democratic context.

Turkey's acceptance into Europe will be the ultimate proof that democracy is possible in a Muslim country. It will be proof that even a country where believers pray in mosques - and not in churches or synagogues - can be part of the developed world. This is an important lesson for Arab countries. Turkey's entry into Europe is therefore good for democracy and peace and good for the Israel that believes in democracy and peace.

Most Israelis will surely assert that the political empowerment of Europe, with its further expansion in the coming decade, is bad news. The Israeli public has been spoiled in recent years by the automatic American support, and on the face of it "benefits" from Europe's political weakness. Have mercy from such "benefit." Just look at where we are under the aegis of the American umbrella - the peace process is completely still.

HUMOR CORNER

Accept that some days you're the pigeon,
and some days you're the statue.

Always keep your words soft and sweet,
just in case you have to eat them.

Always read stuff that will make you look
good if you die in the middle of it.

Drive carefully. It's not only cars that
can be recalled by their maker.

If you can't be kind, at least have the
decency to be vague.

If you lend someone \$20, and never see
that person again, it was probably worth it.

It may be that your sole purpose in life
is simply to serve as a warning to others.

Never buy a car you can't push.

Never put both feet in your mouth at the
same time, because then you don't
have a leg to stand on.

Nobody cares if you can't dance well.
Just get up and dance.

The early worm gets eaten by the bird,
so sleep late.

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