



JERUSALEM ROTARY CLUB (District 2490)

Meets Wednesdays at the Jerusalem International YMCA
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Meeting No. 7 - 13 August, 2003

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM:

Irene Lewitt, District Governor of Rotary Israel.
Topic: **"The role and challenges of being the District Governor."**

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

20 August :

Reverend Ross Jones, Dean of St. George's Cathedral in Jerusalem
Topic: **"St. George's College Jerusalem."**

27 August:

Immediate Past President David Seligman
Topic: **"Fresh impressions on the Education System in Bangladesh."**

3 September:

Judy Feierstein, CEO of Transitions and Resources Ltd.
Topic: **"Single Mothers and Work in Israel. "**

10 September

Manfred Gerstenfeld, Chairman of the Steering Committee of the Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs (JCPA)
Topic: **"The new anti-Semitism and how to fight it."**

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WHAT IS ROTARACT?

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Report of Meeting #6, 6 August, 2003

President's Announcements: Don Shrensky

First Israel-Austria ROTARACT Exchange. PDG Heinz Buchwald was instrumental in arranging the first Israeli ROTARACT visit to Austria recently. With five participants aged 24-27 (1 Druze, 1 Maronite, 2 Jews and one Christian Arab.) It is hoped that there will be a visit by Austrian ROTARACT members in the near future. (See page #3 for more on ROTARACT.)

P/P Ruth Harris is showing her watercolor paintings at the coffee shop called Magdanit Duvshanit on 42 Rechov Hapalmach from the 6th to the 31st of August. All are welcome to come and see her works.

Maureen Fain is having an exhibition together with two other women at the Jerusalem Theatre and would like to invite all Club members to the opening -- Sunday August 24 at 6pm in the Jerusalem Theatre Gallery. The exhibition is called "Juxtaposition", and runs until September 21.

Welcome Back: Kern Wisman, Ruth Harris Georges Baum and Bill Broughton.

Bon Voyage: Arnold Prais and P/P Shalom Daron.

Guests: Tmima Taubehouse and Mariam Avital

INTERNATIONAL TOAST

P/P Georges Baum toasted the Sopochachi Rotary Club of La Paz, Bolivia in honor their Independence Day August 5th. The Club was founded in 1990, has 7 members, and meets on Wednesdays at 20:30 in club member's homes.

ROTARY MINUTE: The Voluntary Travel Contribution

P/P Shalom Daron, past Chair of our Club Foundation, reminded members of our **Voluntary Travel Contribution**. We encourage all members returning from trips to contribute through this avenue of giving. It strengthens our Club Scholarship Program.

FOUNDATION GREETINGS

Treasurer Marilyn Farber gave birthday greetings to David Zwebner (August 6) and Fred Cats (August 12).

PICTURE OF THE WEEK

President Don Shrensky and P/P Sandi Darmon contemplating some serious executive decisions – or just reading up on how to fix a pair of glasses?



WEEKLY RAFFLE

The winners were P/P Moshe Raz, who won a candlestick, and P/P Ruth Harris who won a Dry Bones Book.

This week the Raffle raised **170 NIS**, a record for this Rotary Year.

LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

THE JERUSALEM BOTANICAL GARDEN: THE LUNG'S OF THE CITY

Mrs. Batsheva Mink, Curator of the Jerusalem Botanical Garden, was our guest speaker. She was introduced by Program Chair, Jean-Michel Rykner.

The idea to establish the University Botanical Garden of Jerusalem by the Hebrew University goes back to the 1920's. The dream was realized in 1954 when the Garden was started at the Givat Ram campus of the Hebrew University with 800 species of plants. In 1974 Jewish National Fund (JNF) financial support became available to expand the Garden when 225 Dunams (nearly 60 acres) were purchased for this purpose.

Today the Garden comprises more than six thousand plant species, brought to Israel from all over the world. They are being preserved for the benefit and enjoyment of the public. The plants are displayed in six sections (Europe, Asia, South Africa, North America, Australia and the Mediterranean Basin), each designed to create a miniature landscape of the region of origin of the plants.

Israel, the crossroads between Africa and Asia, has ideal conditions for growing a wide variety of plants with 3 different climatic zones and 8 kinds of soil.

Batsheva encourages Rotarians to visit the family friendly Gardens in mid March "Natures Crowning Moment" to enjoy the "lungs of the city."

Batsheva enthusiastically gave us many gardening tips.

The Vote of Thanks was given by Toby Schuster, who gave Batsheva a most appropriate certificate of the planting of a tree in the Paul Harris Forest in her honor.

ROTARACT: The Rotary Spirit in Action with Young Adults

ROTARACT is an international organization of service clubs for men and women aged 18-30 that fosters leadership and responsible citizenship, encourages high ethical standards in business and promotes international understanding and peace.

ROTARACT is a program of Rotary International.

ROTARACT Clubs work under the guidance of their local Rotary Club, and take their name from a combination of the words Rotary and action.

Today, there are some 165,000 members in more than 7,000 ROTARACT Clubs in 151 countries. Clubs draw members from the community or are organized as an extracurricular activity for college students.

A WORD FROM OUR BULLETIN EDITOR/WEB MASTER – Mark Zober

We are trying to make the Club Bulletin available via the Internet. However, we seem to be having some technical difficulty. The Bulletin can be seen on our Club web site but you need Adobe Acrobat 5.0 or higher (this is a free download). We also have tried to send the Bulletin in Microsoft Word format. We now realize that some of you do not have this software. Please be patient as we search for a solution.

THE SEVEN WONDERS

A group of students were asked to list what they thought were the present "Seven Wonders of the World." Though there were some disagreements, the following received the most votes:

1.) Egypt's Great Pyramids 2.) Taj Mahal 3.) Grand Canyon 4.) Panama Canal 5.) Empire State Building 6.) St. Peter's Basilica 7.) China's Great Wall

While gathering the votes, the teacher noted that one student had not finished her paper yet. So she asked the girl if she was having trouble with her list.

The girl replied, "Yes, a little. I couldn't quite make up my mind because there were so many."

The teacher said, "Well, tell us what you have, and maybe we can help."

The girl hesitated, then read, "I think the 'Seven Wonders of the World' are to:

1.) SEE 2.) HEAR 3.) TOUCH 4.) TASTE 5.) FEEL 6.) LAUGH and 7.) LOVE."

The room was so quiet you could have heard a pin drop. The things we overlook as simple and ordinary and that we take for granted are truly wondrous! A gentle reminder - that the most precious things in life cannot be built by hand or bought by man. "Each day comes bearing its own gifts. Untie the ribbons."

REMEMBERING ROTARIAN BOB STUART ז"ל

I loved Bob Stuart because he personified the word "*mensch*" for me. I cannot think of a specific incident that I remember best because my every contact with him was memorable. Whether it was merely a hello, how are you, or sharing a bus ride to an outing, or sitting together at a Board meeting, or enjoying a social evening together, his sweet smile, good humour and kindness always made being with him a joy. Even when he was being very serious and responding to a question or when he presented his opinion on a given issue, he impressed one with his depth of thought and generosity of spirit. His anger, when aroused, was obviously based on a bed-rock of ethical standards and was always expressed forcefully, directly and lucidly. He could be deliciously grumpy, but in all the years I knew him I never heard a malicious word escape him. I shall miss Bob Stuart but his memory will always be alive within me because he made the world a better place for me.

P/P Ruth Harris