



JERUSALEM ROTARY CLUB (District 2490)

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OUR PROGRAM TODAY

David Horovitz, Editor-in-Chief, Jerusalem Post
Topic "**The Jerusalem Post -- Present and Future.**"

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

Dec 22 – H.E. Moises Russ, Ambassador of Guatemala.
Topic: Guatemala Today

December 29 - Prof. Sergio Della Pergola, Jewish People
Policy Planning Institute, The Hebrew University.
Topic: "The Jewish World Demographic Outlook"

January 5 - Ms. Elana Rozenman & Ms. Aida Shibli, Co-
Chairs, Interfaith Encounter Association.
Topic: "Israeli Women's Interfaith Encounters"



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?"

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}

SEEKING GUEST SPEAKERS

Suggestions Welcome for Upcoming Programs
Contact Club Programme Chairman Art Braunstein with
your ideas for upcoming guest speakers at
artb@netmedia.net.il (052) 383-0804 or (02) 532-7039

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Meeting Presided over by P/ Rafi Aldor

VISITING ROTARIANS

P/P Ran Linn (Hod HaCarmel)
Guido Cevidalli (Milano, Italy)

WELCOME BACK

P/P Sandi Darmon
Bernice Beare-Rosenberg

P/P Rizek Abusharr to receive Tolerance Shield

Our own beloved Rizek will be one of 8 Rotarians recognized and honored for their work promoting tolerance and inter-faith understanding in Israel. The award ceremony will be held Friday December 17th. A chartered bus will leave from the YMCA at 8 AM. See P/P David Seligman for further details.

P/P Ran Linn Addresses Club

Ran Linn of the Hod HaCarmel Rotary Club is running for District Governor for 206-07. He spoke to the club about his candidacy. Based on a secret ballot that followed, the Club members overwhelmingly chose Ran as our candidate. We will cast our 2 votes for him on January 7 at the District Convention.

Treasurer's Report

P/P Rizek Abusharr reported that the Club is in good financial shape with 35,000 NIS in the bank and well ahead of projected income estimates. We are doing very well with our Raffle income and breaking even on lunch meals expenses. Rizek praised past Treasurer Marilyn Farber for handing him a substantial positive balance of nearly 50, 000 NIS.

CLUB RAFFLE

Aviva Lee, thanks to the tremendous generosity of our Club members and visitors, organized another successful Raffle raising 260 NIS. There were 3 Raffle prizes given away.

We are reminded to continue to bring in Raffle prizes each week.

INVOCATION

Helene Stuart gave the weekly *Passuk* from the Jewish Prayer Book:

They established the eight days of Hanukkah to give thanks and praise to Your great name.

VISIT OUR CLUB WEBSITE

You are all encouraged to visit our Club website to keep up with Club activities, read the Club Bulletins, learn more about Rotary and to just enjoy.

You are invited to visit at:

WWW.ROTARYCLUBJERUSALEM.HOMESTEAD.COM

INTERNATIONAL TOAST

P/P Georges Baum asked us to raise a toast in honor of the Rotary Club of Helsinki International in honor of Finland's National Day December 6th. Helsinki International is in District 1420 and was founded in 1990. The Club has 48 members, meets on Thursdays at 11:30 AM at the Radisson SAS Hotel.

WEEK # 21- DECEMBER 8, 2004

CLUB ROTARY FOUNDATION REPORT

P/P Ruth Harris, Chair of our Rotary Club Foundation, reported on the status of the foundation today. Since April 2004, a total of 10,985 NIS has been received in donations. Of that amount, 5,205 NIS has been designed to the Lucien Harris Fund, 200 NIS came for Voluntary Travel Contribution (VTC) donations. The remaining 5,580 NIS was designated directly to the Foundation. One new, full scholarship was donated by Helene Stuart in memory of her husband Bob. Not included in these figures are the two pledged grants totaling \$4,500 USD.

The Scholarship Awards Ceremony for 2005 is scheduled for Wednesday March 16th. At its next meeting, the number of scholarships to be awarded will be determined by the Foundation Board. Hi-Tech businessman and former Mayoral candidate Nir Barkat has been named to give the keynote address at the event. He will speak on the topic, "What is Success?" A large audience is expected and we will need all Club members to lend a hand as welcomers and ushers. Please mark your calendars and bring friends and family to this very special event.

DECEMBER IS FAMILY OF ROTARY MONTH

We are all part of the Family of Rotary, a unique group that encompasses not only our 1.2 million members but also their spouses and other family members who provide such critically important support to Rotary's service efforts. Our partners-in-service organizations — Rotaract, Interact, and Rotary Community Corps — are also part of this broad Rotary family dedicated to improving life in their communities and throughout the world.

Although we come from more than 160 countries of the world and speak dozens of different languages, we share a common concern for each other's well being. Like most families, the Rotary family provides a haven where we can gather the strength and encouragement to face the challenges of the world. It offers comforting traditions, asking that we honor those who came before us and celebrate our newest arrivals. Our clubs are where we find the core of our Rotary family, and we should find more ways to create and nurture that atmosphere of warmth and caring.

One way we can do this is to extend our caring reach beyond each Rotarian to include that Rotarian's spouse and children. Throughout the Rotary world, our younger members tell us that they don't like to feel that Rotary time competes with family time. If we support opportunities to include families in fellowship and service events, then there is no conflict. In such an atmosphere of family and caring, the death of a Rotarian should not be the end of Rotary's relationship with his or her family — certainly there are ample opportunities to include a deceased Rotarian's family in Rotary sponsored events.

Family of Rotary will help us find even more ways to foster a family atmosphere within our clubs — because such an atmosphere makes our good work outside of our clubs possible. It will also support our ongoing mission to grow and strengthen our membership. We have ample evidence from our membership campaigns that we are quite good at attracting new members. But we have some work to do when it comes to retaining them. And that work is critical, because our organization depends on committed, knowledgeable, and seasoned members.

HUMOUR CORNER

Moses calls a staff meeting

Moses: Well, how are we going to get across the sea? We need a fast solution. The Egyptians are close behind us.

The General of the Armies: Normally, I'd recommend that we build a pontoon bridge to carry us across. But there's not enough time - the Egyptians are too close.

The Admiral of the Navy: Normally, I'd recommend that we build barges to carry us across. But time is too short.

Moses: Does anyone have a solution?

Just then, his Public Relations man raises his hand.

Moses: You! You have a solution?

The PR Man: No, but I can promise you this: If you can find a way out of this one, I can get you two or three pages in the Old Testament!

Ten Things a Cat Thinks About

1. I could have sworn I heard the can opener.
2. Is there something I'm not getting when humans make noise with their mouths?
3. Why doesn't the government do something about dogs?
4. I wonder if Morris really liked 9-Lives, or did he have ulterior motives?
5. Hmmm ... If dogs serve humans, and humans serve cats, why can't we cats ever get these stupid dogs to do anything for us?
6. This looks like a good spot for a nap.
7. Hey -- no kidding, I'm sure that's the can opener.
8. Would humans have built a vast and complex civilization of their own if we cats hadn't given them a reason to invent sofas and can openers in the first place?
9. How can God allow neutering?
10. If that really was the can opener, I'll play finicky just to let them know who's boss!

Railway Humour – A Indian *Rotajoke!!!*

Two men (Rotarians, if you like) shared a coupe on an overnight train journey. One had the habit of snoring while sleeping. On reaching the destination, he asked the other.

“ Hope you had a sound sleep? ”

The answer “I had sound, you had sleep!”