



JERUSALEM ROTARY CLUB (District 2490)

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OUR PROGRAM TODAY

H.E. Moises Russ, Ambassador of Guatemala.
Topic: "Guatemala Today."

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

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

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

January 7th (Friday): District Convention. More details to follow.



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:

Heidi Hess (RC Ybor, Tampa, Florida)
George Warszawki

Guests:

Miriam Avital, Hetti Engelsman,
Maureen Fain, Rose Kelman and
Shirley Seligman.

Welcome Back: Sam Fisher, Arnold Prais, Toby Schuster and Len Wilson.

Board Elections: P/P Rizek Abusharr announced our Club Board and Foundation elections. Ballots were handed up for each body. The deadline for voting is Wednesday January 5th. The newly elected board will serve with P/E Kern Wisman starting in July 1, 2005. The Elections Committee also includes, Past Presidents Richard Fain, Ruth Harris and David Seligman.

Rizek to Receive Shield of Tolerance

P/P David Seligman announced that over 20 Club members will be going to Beit HaGefen (Haifa) to watch Rizek receive the Shield of Tolerance (see page #3).

Rotary Moment: P/P Sandi Darmon spoke about Youth Study Exchange – A program of Rotary International. She encouraged all Rotarians with children or grandchildren between 15-22 to consider having them join the summer camp program in Europe in 2005. See Sandi for further details.

Guest Speaker: The newly appointed Editor of the Jerusalem Post, David Horovitz spoke of his vision for the Post in the years to come.

CLUB RAFFLE

Aviva Lee, thanks to the tremendous generosity of our Club members and visitors, organized another **successful Raffle raising 405 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*.

Three times a day, in the AMIDAH, we ask G-d to bless our Father – all one, with the light of your face.

For with the light of your face you have given us the Torah of life and the love of kindness, righteousness and blessings and peace and mercy.

Hanukkah serves as a reminder that Jewish survival is for a purpose to reflect some of that different light unto our neighbors and unto ourselves.

FOUNDATION GREETINGS

P/P Don Edelstein announced the special occasion of the Wedding Anniversary of P/P Amram and Jacqueline Miller on December 18th.

MAZAL TOV and with best wishes for many more anniversaries and other special occasions too come.

INTERNATIONAL TOAST

P/P Georges Baum asked us to raise a toast in honor of the Rotary Club of Nairobi South (District 9200) on the occasion of Kenya's National Day December 12th. They meet on Tuesdays at the Grand Regency Hotel at 12:30 PM. The Club was founded in 1963 and has 35 members.

Our Club members Mark Zober and Marilyn Farber visited and spoke at this Club in August of this year.

WEEK # 22- DECEMBER 15, 2004

TREASURER'S REPORT

.At the Rotary Business Meeting held on Wednesday December 1, I gave a brief report of the finances mentioning a number of points of interest:

- 1.Membership - On a budget of NIS 42,750 we already have collected NIS 22,882. The budget will be made in January.
- 2.Raffle - In five months the raffle raised NIS 3755 on a 12 month budget of 8000.
- 3.We received from the last years treasurer NIS 4,850 as Marylin wound up her accounts. In addition we received NIS 25,000 for the matching grant.
- 4.We have traditionally lost money on meals. So far this year we are NIS 200 in credit.
- 5.District and International dues have been paid up in time and the second payment will be made in January.
- 6.At the end of November our credit balance is NIS 41,000.

P/P RIZEK ABUSHARR ACCEPTANCE SPEECH

It is with a great deal of pleasure and distinct honor that I speak on behalf of all the recipients of the Shield of Tolerance - a brain child of this city Haifa and the Rotary Club.

This city compares so very well with other beautiful and indeed magnificent cities around the world. You Mr. Mayor and indeed your entire City Council are to be congratulated on keeping this city united in all its aspects and mosaic.

We have been greatly honored to have been chosen worthy of the Tolerance prize, particularly as Rotary celebrates its One Hundred Anniversary of Service to the Community and to the World.

What is Tolerance in our society today?

It is permissive or liberal attitude towards beliefs or practices differing from or conflicting with one's own. It is Sympathy for Diversity in thought and in conduct.

We live in a region of the Middle East with about 7 million Israelis and 3 and a half million Palestinians. We need breadth of spirit, we need to share understanding for conduct and ideas which are different.

Tolerance is the absence of fear. Tolerance is the absence of hate. Both fear and hate cause violent behavior and are the antithesis of Tolerance.

Almost every President of Rotary International has chosen a logo or message which points to the tolerant behavior.

Tolerance is also understanding, not only in regional politics, but also in civic, social and cultural affairs. It touches upon every aspect of daily life. It is ethical behavior, which is worthy of human beings. It is moral fiber translated into relationships.

Each and every Rotarian deserves the Shield of Tolerance presented to some of us here today. We shall take the torch of tolerance into our clubs and more importantly into our communities and share it as basis of human conduct and a basis of human relations.

Rizek Abusharr
Rotary Club of Jerusalem
Beit Hagefen, Haifa,
Friday December 17, 2004

For Pictures of the event visit: <http://marilynandmark.photosite.com/Tolerance/>



THEATRE NIGHT: SUPPORT ROTARY

The Jerusalem Rotary Club

Presents...

THE TWO CHARLOTTE

**A play in English by Nora Glickman
Directed by Isaac Benabu**

*“THE TWO CHARLOTTE,” A PLAY THAT HAS BEEN PERFORMED AROUND THE
WORLD, CELEBRATES THE LIVES
OF CHARLOTTE SALOMON, A WELL-KNOWN
JEWISH GERMAN PAINTER, AND CHARLOTTE DELBO, A
CHRISTIAN FRENCH POET, BOTH OF WHOM WERE
IN AUSCHWITZ AT THE SAME TIME.*

**THURSDAY, January 20, 2005
4:30 PM
Gottesman Auditorium
Hadassah College
37 Hanevi'im Street, Jerusalem**

The play will be followed by a discussion with the Director and the Cast

DONATION: 75 NIS, including light refreshments

The General Public is Welcome

Proceeds will go to the multi-cultural Jerusalem International
YMCA Kindergarten

“Gan Shalom” for playground equipment.

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