



JERUSALEM ROTARY CLUB (District 2490)

Meets Wednesdays at 1 PM at the Jerusalem International YMCA

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OUR PROGRAM TODAY

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

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

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

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

January 12 - Dr. Menachem Klein, Department of Political
Science, Bar Ilan University
Topic: "Implications of the Palestinian Elections"



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

ANNUAL BAZAAR/TREASURER SALE

P/P Ruth Harris Announced the this year's Bazaar will be held before Passover. Our partner the YMCA has provided storage space. We urgently need volunteers to help pick up donations.

THEATRE FUNDRAISER

Thursday January 20th (see back page) our Club will be holding a fundraiser – The Play “The Two Charlottes” will be performed at the Hadassah College of Technology. Rafi asks each member to be responsible to buy/sell at least 4 tickets.

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 Receives Shield of Tolerance

P/P David Seligman reported that 20 Club members will be going to Beit HaGefen (Haifa) to watch Rizek receive the Shield of Tolerance.

See Photos at:

www.marilynandmark.photosite.com/Tolerance

CLUB BOARD MEETING

Rotary Club Board meeting will meet on Jan 5 at 2:30 PM immediately following the regular meeting.

CLUB RAFFLE

Aviva Lee, thanks to the tremendous generosity of our Club members and visitors, organized another **successful Raffle raising 400 NIS.** There were 3 Raffle prizes given away.

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

INVOCATION

P/P and Club Secretary David Seligman gave the weekly *Passuk*.

Ignorance of the law excuses no man: Not that all men know the law, but because 'tis an excuse every man will plead, and no man can tell how to refute him.--John Selden. English antiquarian & jurist (1584 - 1654).

Selden was considered one of the most erudite men of his time.

FOUNDATION GREETINGS

P/P Don Edelstein announced the special occasion of the birthday of Rachel Cohen, wife of P/P Avraham Cohen, on December 27th.

MAZAL TOV

INTERNATIONAL TOAST

P/P Felix Jaffe asked us to raise a toast in honor of the Rotary Club of Nagoya (District 2760) in honor of the National Day of Japan on December 23rd.

The Club was founded in 1985, has 95 members and meets at 12:30 for lunch at the Tokyo Hotel.

Nagoya (nä'gō'yä) , city (1990 pop. 2,154,793), capital of Aichi prefecture, central Honshu, Japan, on Ise Bay.

WEEK #23 DECEMBER 22, 2004

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

P/P Werner Loyal introduced the Ambassador

Approximately 1,200 Jews live in Guatemala today, and the majority of them reside in the capital Guatemala City. The community comprises three main groups: the German, the Sephardi, and the East European, each with its own institutions, the Sociedad Israelita de Guatemala and Bet-El (Reform), Maguen David, and Centro Hebreo (Conservative/liberal Orthodox) respectively, each also with their own synagogue. Other organizations, unified under the Comite Central, include B'nai B'rith, Wizo, and two youth groups, the Maccabi, and Gualty, a Reform youth movement. The Organizacion Sionista de Guatemala comprises all Zionist groups. A Jewish school, called Instituto Albert Einstein, founded in 1957, is authorized by the Ministry of Education and has an enrollment of 100 children from kindergarten through preparatory levels. The Jewish press is all but nonexistent. The Spanish-language monthly, which appeared previously, ceased publication, and only a single communal information bulletin is published occasionally.

Guatemala can boast of two firsts in Israeli history. It was the first country to announce its recognition of Israel, by Jorge Garcia Granados in the UN immediately after the proclamation of the state. Guatemala was also the first country to open an embassy in Jerusalem, under the same Garcia Cranados. Later, under international pressure, the embassy was moved to Tel Aviv.

P/E Kern Wisman gave the vote of thanks.

ROTARY QUOTE

"Rotary is like a tree. It always seems to be relaxed and calm. It does not oppose anything though it experiences everything. A tree provides home and shelter for everyone without discriminating between animals and humans or between the stronger and the weaker and is thankful to others for giving it an opportunity to serve them. That is who we are. Rotary is a beautiful experience. So, Be Proud to be a Rotarian and Celebrate Rotary." - *Rtn. Benjamin Cherian, District Governor Dist3230, Chennai. Tamil Nadu, INDIA*

THE OBSTACLES IN OUR PATH

In ancient times, a King had a boulder placed on a roadway. Then he hid himself and watched to see if anyone would remove the huge rock. Some of the king's wealthiest merchants and courtiers came by and simply walked around it. Many loudly blamed the King for not keeping the roads clear, but none did anything about getting the stone out of the way. Then a peasant came along carrying a load of vegetables. Upon approaching the boulder, the peasant laid down his burden and tried to move the stone to the side of the road. After much pushing and straining, he finally succeeded. After the peasant picked up his load of vegetables, he noticed a purse lying in the road where the boulder had been. The purse contained many gold coins and a note from the King indicating that the gold was for the person who removed the boulder from the roadway. The peasant learned what many of us never understand!

LESSON: Every obstacle presents an opportunity to improve our condition.



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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