



JERUSALEM ROTARY CLUB (District 2490)

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OUR PROGRAM TODAY

Professor Marshall Devor, Hebrew University.
Topic: "Pain -- Don't Suffer in Silence."

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

February 23rd: **12:30 PM** Special Meeting. In celebration of the 100th Anniversary of Rotary International, we will feature a special program. Members are reminded to **SAVE THE DATE** and invite your spouses and other guests. Contact David Seligman if you are bringing guests.

February 25 (Friday): Visit and participate in the Paul Harris Forest Annual Tree Planting (near Sfed): See P/P for further details.

March 2nd: We shall visit the Dormition Abbey on Mt. Zion as guests of Abbot and Rotarian Benedikt Lindemann. Details to be announced.



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

GUESTS: Yosef Bagun, Margolit Banbaji, Amram and Jaqueline Miller, and Shirley Seligman

INVOCATION by Helen Stuart

But men must know that in this theatre of man's life, it is reserved only for God and angels to be lookers on.

Sir Francis Bacon (1561-1626)

INTERNATIONAL TOAST

P/P Georges Baum asked us to raise a toast in honor of the Independence day of the Dominican Republic (February 27th) to the Rotary Club of Santo Domingo – Belle Vista (District 4060).

TSUNAMI RELIEF: Members who have not yet handed in their pledges for the Tsunami relief campaign, please do so this week or next.

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION:

We shall be meeting at 12:30 (not at 13:00) on the 23rd and will start with the screening of the film. Members are requested to arrive in time. Lunch will be served at 13:30.

The film is titled "The Last Jews in Yemen" and shows the remnants of the Jewish community and the arrival of some of them in Israel. Script and photography: Jacques Ungar; Director and Producer: Larry Frisch.

ANNUAL BAZAAR AND TREASURE SALE – MAY 4, 2005

Our 6th Annual Rotary Club Annual Bazaar and Treasures Sale will be held this year on Wednesday, May 4, 2005. It is the major Club fundraiser helping support our programs and projects.

In preparation for this very special event we need boxes, newspapers and above all you and your friend's unwanted items for the sale. No junk please!

Items and furniture may be brought to the Library of the Jerusalem International YMCA Monday through Thursday from 8 AM to 1 PM.

CLUB RAFFLE

Aviva Lee, thanks to the tremendous generosity of our Club members and visitors, organized another **successful Raffle raising 250 NIS**. There were 2 Raffle prizes given away.

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

45th DISTRICT CONFERENCE - CRUISE - MAY 20-22, 2005

All Aboard!!! The Rotary Boat is about to sail.

This year's District Convention will be held on the cruise ship Princess from Friday May 20th to Sunday May 22nd. Registration including the opportunity to pay in installments starts immediately.

The Princess will sail from Haifa to Larnaca. All meals and a land excursion in Cyprus are included in the price of the package. Cabin choices on three decks. Prices per person range from \$180 - \$290 USD.

Contact District Secretary Ze'ev Yaffe (054) 775-0113 for further details.

FOUNDATION GREETINGS

P/P Don Edelstein announced Foundation Greetings to:

Alex and Dana Zvielli on the occasion of the Wedding Anniversary February 12th

Yaron and Laura Amitai on the occasion of their Wedding Anniversary February 15th

Sandra Prais birthday February 6th

Benjamin Landau birthday February 9th

P/P Don Edelstein birthday February 10th

WEEK #29 February 9, 2005

Professor Zvi Jagendorf, English and Theatre Departments, Hebrew University.
Topic: "Shakespeare and the Stranger."

P/P Moshe Kelman introduced the guest speaker: Professor Jagendorf was born in Vienna and escaped just in time with his family to England. He was educated in England where he studied English at Oxford. He immigrated to Israel in 1958. He has served as a Professor English at the Hebrew University and as a radio journalist, theatre critic and actor.

Professor Jagendorf spoke about how Jews were portrayed as strangers in Shakespeare's plays. During the time that Shakespeare was writing, stories of blood libel against Jews were prevalent. One example was Chaucer, who was included in the English curriculum in the 1950's with blatantly anti-Semitic references.

As the works of Shakespeare appear on stage worldwide, they have a powerful influence on how we view the stranger in our midst. Three plays in particular are troubling when it comes to strangers- The Merchant of Venice, Othello and The Tempest. In each case, there is a prominent character who is substantially alien to the general public – Shylock the money lender, Othello the black Muslim and the aborigine Caliban. The way society looks at the strangers in these plays has changed over time as we become more sensitive and tolerant to differences and to strangers in our cultures.

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF ROTARY – FEBRUARY 23RD

Save the Date – Wednesday, February 23rd from 12:30 to 15:00 at our usual venue the Jerusalem International YMCA our club will be celebrating the founding of Rotary International on that day in 1905 – a CENTENNIAL OF SERVICE. You can look forward to a special meal, wine at the tables and other festivities. This is a marvelous opportunity to invite your spouses and guests. We will have the honor of the premier showing of a documentary by our own Jacques Ungar at 12:30 about the Jews of Yemen followed by a special lunch and gala meeting.

TSUNAMI RELIEF FUND

Thanks to the generosity of most of our Club members, we will be able to assist in the repair of fishing boats in Tamil Nadu, India that were damaged by the Tsunami on December 26th. We are working in partnership with the Madras Temple City Rotary Club in Chennai (formerly known as Madras) to assure that the money is used effectively. The project is truly at the highest level of social justice as we are giving fishermen back their opportunity to make a living so they once again can support their families and communities.

If you have not made or paid your pledge to date, please see P/P David Seligman to settle your account. You do not want to miss this opportunity to lend a hand in this time of great need.

To date, we have raised nearly 2,500 NIS from the membership that will be matched by the Club to support Tsunami Relief. See the back page for Rotary International President, Glenn Estess' comments on Rotary's role in this effort.

ROTARY HUMOUR

TRIVIA FROM THE BIBLE

Q. Who was the greatest financier in the Bible?

A. Noah. He was floating his stock while everyone else was in liquidation.

Q. Who was the greatest female financier in the Bible?

A. Pharaoh's daughter. She went down to the bank of the Nile and drew out a little prophet.

Q. What kind of motor vehicles are in the Bible?

A. God drove Adam and Eve out of the Garden in a Fury. David's Triumph was heard throughout the land. Also, probably a Honda, because the apostles were all in one Accord.

Q. Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible?

A. Samson. He brought the house down.

Q. What excuse did Adam give to his children as to why he no longer lived in Eden?

A. Your mother ate us out of house and home.

Q. Which area of Canaan was especially wealthy?

A. The area around Jordan River. The banks were always overflowing.

Q. Who is the greatest baby sitter mentioned in the Bible?

A. David. He rocked Goliath to a very deep sleep.

Q. Which Bible character had no parents?

A. Joshua, son of Nun.

Q. Why didn't they play cards on the Ark?

A. Because Noah was standing on the deck.

P.S. Did you know it's wrong for the woman to make coffee?

Yup, it's in the Bible: "Hebrews"

ROTARY MOMENT

Rotary International President Glenn Estess Praises Tsunami Relief

Rotary would never have the capabilities to respond to this catastrophe, which is beyond imagination, at the same comprehensive level that governments or global relief organizations can provide. As with other disasters, we rely on the proven initiative of clubs and districts, which have already shown excellent results.

Help needs to be sustained. Currently, there are a lot of relief organizations on location. Rotary should have a long-term perspective. We should concentrate on those needs that will remain in half a year or a year from now — to rebuild infrastructure, schools, hospitals, and affordable homes.

A gift from the Rotary Foundation to the South Asia Solidarity Fund will be used to support recovery projects in Sri Lanka, Indonesia, India, and Thailand. There are other Foundation programs that can offer support. The easiest is Matching Grants. Any club that wants to help can check the various forms of assistance listed on the RI Web site. I would like to thank all Rotarians who have already responded for their great services.