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OUR PROGRAM TODAY

Yuval Elizur, Senior Economic Commentator and former Deputy Chief Editor of *Ma'ariv*.

Topic: "Israel's Globalization Challenge."

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

Feb 9: Professor Zvi Jagendorf, English and Theatre Departments
Hebrew University.
Topic: "Shakespeare and the Stranger."

Feb 16: Professor Marshall Devor, Hebrew University
Topic: "Pain -- Don't Suffer in Silence."

Feb 23: Special Meeting the 100 Anniversary day of Rotary International will feature a special program. Members are requested to SAVE THE DATE and invite their spouses.



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 **BENEFCIAL** 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

1. Club Board meeting today - Wednesday February 2, following the regular Club meeting.
2. The special committee charged by the Club Board to select a worthy project of relief to Tsunami victims decided to focus on a proposal submitted by the Rotary Club of Madras Temple City in District 3230 (Tamil Nadu State), India
3. Our meeting on Feb 23, the 100 Anniversary day of RI, will feature a special program. Members are requested to make a notice in their calendars and invite their spouses.

SPECIAL NOTE:

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 310 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

Don Edelstein announced Foundation Greetings to:

P/RAFI and LEAH ALDOR on the occasion of their wedding anniversary January 21st.

THE CLUB STAMP BANK

Art reminds us of our program to give donations to the Club for used stamps. Art will convert each picture stamp into money through a 5 agurot contribution to our Club Foundation. He asks that Rotarians and friends please participate.

WEEK #27 JANUARY 26, 2005

Dr. Amos Salamon of the Israel Geologic Survey. Topic: "Tsunamis and Earthquakes."

Our Guest Speaker was introduced by Rtn. Yaron Amitai.

Dr. Salamon, using a slide presentation, explained how the earth is divided into tectonic plates. When these plates collide we experience the formation of mountain ranges and earthquakes. Plate tectonics tells us that the Earth's rigid outer shell (lithosphere) is broken into a mosaic of oceanic and continental plates which can slide over the plastic asthenosphere, which is the uppermost layer of the mantle. The plates are in constant motion. Where they interact, along their margins, important geological processes take place, such as the formation of mountain belts, earthquakes, and volcanoes.

Some facts about the recent tsunami that hit of December 26, 2004:

The 9.0 Earthquake at 6.58 hours at the epicenter (and in Sri Lanka) led to a sequence of 15 quakes across the Andaman region. While earthquakes could not be predicted in advance, once the earthquake was detected it was possible to give about 3 hours of notice of a potential Tsunami. Such a system of warnings is in place across the Pacific Ocean but not in the Indian Ocean. In addition, coastal dwellers are educated in the Pacific littoral to get to high ground quickly following tremors and waves.

Tsunamis are rarer in the Indian Ocean as the seismic activity is less than in the Pacific. There have been 7 records of Tsunamis set off by Earthquakes near Indonesia, Pakistan and one at Bay of Bengal in the last century. Earthquakes occur when any of the 12 or 13 tectonic plates collide at their boundaries. The present collision is due to compression between the Indian and Burmese plates. The initial eruption happened near the location of the meeting point of the Australian, Indian and Burmese plates. Scientists have shown that this is a region of compression as the Australian plate is rotating counterclockwise into the Indian plate. This means that the region of seismic activity has become extended extending in a region in the South Eastern Indian Ocean. Tsunamis are not entirely unknown in the Indian Ocean. For example, the Tsunami in 1883 generated by the Volcanoes at Krakatoa led to a surge of at least 1 m in Sri Lanka. The damage was much less then.

Once the large amount of pent-up energy in the compression zones of the plate boundaries have been released, it takes another buildup of energy for another event of similar magnitude. This is unlikely in the short-term. However, in the future, Indian Ocean littoral regions should generate and pay attention to earthquake and tsunami warnings.

Dr. Salamon concluded with some facts about earthquakes in our region:

The fault, which stretches from Syria to Mozambique through the Jordan Valley along the eastern border of Israel and is responsible for creation of the Jordan Valley, Lake Kinneret (the Sea of Galilee) and the Dead Sea, has several rifts in the direction of Jerusalem.

History is sure to repeat itself, according to the experts, although no one knows exactly when.

"The average is about one strong event per century," Salamon says. "But the subject of predicting earthquakes is very complicated. We can only say that the location of future earthquakes will be along the Syrian-African fault, that the magnitude could measure up to 7.5 on the Richter Scale; and with 90 percent confidence, that the next major quake will happen within 50 years.

ROTARIAN BILL BROUGHTON FEATURE STORY IN THE JERUSALEM POST

On the occasion of our own Club Member Bill Broughton's 75th birthday, the Jerusalem Post had a wonderful story highlighting Bill's contribution to biblical archeology here. You can find the article on the web at

<http://www.jpost.com/servlet/Satellite?pagename=JPost/JParticle/ShowFull&cid=1106191076044>

ROTARY HUMOUR

Smith climbs to the top of Mt. Sinai to get close enough to talk to God. Looking up, he asks the Lord. .

"God, what does a million years mean to you?"

The Lord replies, "A minute."

Smith asks, "And what does a million dollars mean to you?"

The Lord replies, "A penny."

Smith asks, " Can I have a penny?"

The Lord replies, "In a minute,"

An old man goes to the Wizard to ask him if he can remove a "Curse" he has been living with for the last 40 years. The Wizard says, "Maybe, but you will have to tell me the exact words that were used to put the curse on you." " The old man says without hesitation, "I now pronounce you man and wife,"

John was on his deathbed and gasped pitifully. "Give me one last request, dear," he said.

"Of course, John, " his wife said softly

"Six months after I die," he said, "I want you to marry Bob."

"But I thought you hated Bob," she said.

With his last breath John said, "I do!"

A ROTARY MOMENT

A new global public image campaign is underway. Clubs and districts across the world are participating in a global effort to promote more awareness about Rotary's ideals and humanitarian programs.

The new publicity initiative, officially called the "Humanity in Motion" Global Public Image Campaign, ties in well with grassroots outreach efforts by Rotary clubs.

Rotarians can use a media kit that features a CD-ROM specially produced for the campaign to obtain gratis or low-cost placements with their local media. The CD-ROM contains television and radio public service announcements as well as print, Web, and outdoor ad designs with a polio eradication theme. \

Rotarians can order a free copy of the CD-ROM by sending a fax to the Rotary International warehouse at 847-866-3276 and requesting item #608.