



JERUSALEM ROTARY CLUB (District 2490)

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OUR PROGRAM TODAY

Professor Zvi Jagendorf, English and Theatre Departments, Hebrew University.

Topic: "Shakespeare and the Stranger."

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

February 16th: Professor Marshall Devor, Hebrew University.

Topic: "Pain -- Don't Suffer in Silence."

February 23rd: **12:30 PM** Special Meeting the 100 Anniversary day of Rotary International will feature a special program. Members are reminded to **SAVE THE DATE** and invite your spouses and other guests .

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

GUEST ROTARIAN: Sture Palmquist, Rotary Club of Goteborg, Sweden (District 2360.)

CLUB FOUNDATION MEETING:
The Club Foundation Board will meet February 9th immediately following the regular Club meeting.

INTERNATIONAL TOAST: P/P Georges Baum asked us all to raise a glass in honor to the Rotary Club of Tallin, Estonia (District 1720) on the occasions of that country's national day January 22.

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

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 255 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

Marilyn Farber announced Foundation Greetings to: Lilian Landau on her birthday February 4; P/P Don Shrensky's birthday on January 30 and Joan Shrensky's birthday on February 2.

Don Shrensky livened up the occasion by serving wine at the tables in honor of the birthdays. This most welcome gesture might well become a Club tradition.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL!!

WEEK #28 February 2, 2005

Yuval Elizur, Senior Economic Commentator and former Deputy Chief Editor of *Ma'ariv*. **Topic: "Israel's Globalization Challenge."**

Yuval was born in Jerusalem. After serving in the *Palmach* and the Israeli Air Force, he received his BA in economics from the Hebrew University and his Masters degree from the Graduate School of Journalism at Columbia University. In 1954 he joined the staff of *Haaretz* newspaper and soon after became the Financial Editor of *Ma'ariv* newspaper. He has also served as the Israeli correspondent of the Washington Post and Boston Globe. He also served two tours with the Israeli Foreign Ministry specializing on Israel's defense against the Arab boycott. Since 1992 he has written several books on Israeli economics. Material from Yuval's latest book, "Israel's Global Challenge" (Carmel Publishers), which reports on how globalization is affecting the Israel economy and society is the subject of today's talk.

Israel has rapidly integrated into the global economy. Israelis have invested over \$10 billion USD in worldwide projects. One reason for this has been the removal of government barriers. Today there are no restrictions on overseas bank accounts. Import and export is an integral part of Israeli life. In fact, it can be argued that Jews are the forefathers of globalization. This is due in large part to the Ottoman Empire trade policies that encouraged trade between countries that helped to establish and expand the international Rothschild banking concerns and investments in the pioneering era of settlement in Israel in the late 1800's. Jewish investors were involved in the establishment one of the first global enterprises, the Dutch East India Company. The Israeli political leaders Pinchas Sapir and Levi Eshkol encouraged entrance into the European economies starting with the agricultural and textile industries. Israeli investors are typically innovative and creative. Over the last 10 years this has been particularly true in the hi-tech and medical sectors.

The rapid globalization of the Israeli economy also has a price – while many are getting wealthy in the process – there are losers who become unemployed as a result.

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.

ROTARY HUMOUR

I promise you cannot read these and not laugh out loud! These are real notes written from parents in a Mississippi school district. (Spellings have been left intact.)

My son is under a doctor's care and should not take P.E. today. Please execute him.

Please excuse Lisa for being absent She was sick and I had her shot.

Dear School: Please excuse John being absent on Jan. 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, and also 33

Please excuse Gloria from Jim today. She is administrating

Please excuse Roland from P.E. for a few days. Yesterday he fell out of a tree and misplaced his hip.

John has been absent because he had two teeth taken out of his face.

Carlos was absent yesterday because he was playing football. He was hurt in the growing part.

Megan could not come to school today because she has been bothered by very close veins.

Chris will not be in school cus he has an acre in his side

Please excuse Ray Friday from school. He has very loose vowels.

Please excuse Pedro from being absent yesterday. He had (diahre)(dyrea)(direathe) the shits. [Words were crossed out in the ()'s}

Please excuse Tommy for being absent yesterday. He had diarrhea and his boots leak.

I kept Billie home because she had to go Christmas shopping because I don't know what size she wear.

Please excuse Jennifer for missing school yesterday. We forgot to get the Sunday paper off the porch, and when we found it Monday, we thought it was Sunday.

Sally won't be in school a week from Friday. We have to attend her funeral.

ROTARY MOMENT

Rotarians around the world have launched a free PC to PC telephone community affiliated with the Rotarians on the Internet (ROTI) Fellowship using the very effective SKYPE computer telephone service. This is an opportunity for Rotarians to talk to each other about their club activities, help promote Rotary objectives and share in general fellowship conversations.

The technical requires include:

1. Downloading the free SKYPE (rhymes with ripe or hype) software at www.skype.com
2. You need a working microphone and speakers.
3. You get the best quality with a DSL connection – a dialup connection works but is not a good.

If you would like to subscribe to this group:

1. visit

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Rotarians-on-Skype/join>

-OR-

2. send email to Rotarians-on-Skype-subscribe@yahogroups.com