



JERUSALEM ROTARY CLUB (District 2490)

Meets Wednesdays at 1 PM at the Jerusalem International YMCA

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OUR PROGRAM TODAY

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

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

Feb 2: Yuval Elizur, senior economic commentator and former Deputy Chief Editor of *Ma'ariv*.
Topic: "Israel's Globalization Challenge."

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 **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

1. Club Board meeting Feb 2, following 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. We sadly announced the passing away of Dola Wittmann at the age of 103. Her late husband, Max Wittmann, was a longtime member of our Club and was President in 1978/79. Dola was a daughter of Eliezer Ben Yehuda, the well known renovator of the Hebrew language.
4. 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. Details will be forthcoming at next week's meeting.

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 275 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 President Rafi Aldor for further details.

FOUNDATION GREETINGS

Art Braunstein announced Foundation Greetings to:

Jose Metzger on the occasion of his birthday January 8th; and **Arnold and Sandra Prais** on their wedding anniversary January 15th.

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 #26 JANUARY 12, 2005

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

Dr. Menachem Klein is a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Political Science at Bar-Ilan University, Israel, and a Senior Research fellow at the Jerusalem Institute for Israel Studies and is a board member of B'etselem, The Israeli Information Center for Human Rights in the Occupied Territories.

Dr. Klein explained that the winner of the recent Palestinian presidential election Mahmoud Abbas' challenge will be to show that the establishment of a Palestinian state can be achieved without the use of violence. Palestinians will be convinced if they see a real political horizon.

"We at this stage are against the militarization of the Intifada because we want to negotiate," Abbas said last month while visiting Saudi Arabia. "And because we want to negotiate, the atmosphere should be calm in preparation for political action."

"The main reason Fatah supported Abbas is because he has an open door in Jerusalem and Washington," Klein said. "By moving ahead politically he can neutralize the legitimacy of armed struggle."

The vote of thanks was given by P/P Rizek Abusharr.

Excerpts from our Club's Board Meeting of January 5, 2005

Membership

The Board was reminded that acceptance of all new members is conditional on their being screened by the Membership Committee followed by the usual procedures. This applies as well to members who have resigned from the club and wish to be readmitted.

Projects

Gan Shalom:

- a) The meeting with David Barzilai of the Seven Springs Rotary Club, (District 6950, Odessa, Florida, USA), took place on 05 January. P/ Rafi Aldor, P/E Kern Wisman and P/P David Seligman participated.
- b) The proposed Matching Grant for \$50,000 would cover playground equipment, soft flooring and scholarships
- c) The application with all relevant detail including equipment, works and costing breakdown to be ready for submission to Rotary International by 01 July 2005 to ensure consideration at the start of the project submission process for 2005/06.

Rotary Children's Playground:

- a) All the required forms have been submitted and there has been a positive response from Rotary International.
- b) A detailed financial breakdown has been requested and this is being dealt with.
- c) A letter is required from the our Rotary Club is required that the Municipality of Jerusalem is a reliable partner!!

Tsunami Disaster Relief:

- a) There is no District initiative and clubs have been instructed to make links with clubs in the affected area on local disaster relief projects.
- b) Immediate relief has already been funded by the international organizations and worldwide private donations. It is recommended that our Club should identify a project to which it can contribute.
- c) A sub-committee consisting of the club President, Secretary and Treasurer to action the collection and the identification of an appropriate project.

ROTARY HUMOUR

Words To Live By...

Accept that some days you're the pigeon, and some days you're the statue.

Always keep your words soft and sweet, just in case you have to eat them.

Always read stuff that will make you look good if you die in the middle of it.

Drive carefully. It's not only cars that can be recalled by their maker.

If you can't be kind, at least have the decency to be vague.

If you lend someone \$20, and never see that person again, it was probably worth it.

Never buy a car you can't push.

Never put both feet in your mouth at the same time, because then you don't have a leg to stand on.

Nobody cares if you can't dance well. Just get up and dance.

The early worm gets eaten by the bird, so sleep late.

When everything's coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.

Ever notice that the people who are late are often much jollier than the people who have to wait for them?

If ignorance is bliss, why aren't more people happy?

You may be only one person in the world, but you may also be the world to one person.

Some mistakes are too much fun to only make once.

We could learn a lot from crayons: some are sharp, some are pretty, some are dull, some have weird names, and all are different colors but they all have to learn to live in the same box.

A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour.

Happiness comes through doors you didn't even know you left open.