



# JERUSALEM ROTARY CLUB (District 2490)

Meets Wednesdays at 1 PM at the Jerusalem International YMCA

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## Meeting No. 25 – 5 January, 2005

### OUR PROGRAM TODAY

Elana Rozenman & Aida Shibli, Co-Chairs, Interfaith Encounter Association.

Topic: "Israeli Women's Interfaith Encounters"

### UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

January 7 (Friday): District Convention. - Herzliya

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

January 19 – **NO MEETING**: Meeting moved up to Thursday January 20 – All encouraged to attend our Club Fundraiser....

January 20 – 4:30 PM "Two Charlottes" Fundraiser (See back page for details.) This is a major Fundraiser for our Club this year. All members are strongly encouraged to attend and to bring family and other guests.

January 26 – Topic: "Tsunamis and Earthquakes." Guest Speaker TBA

Feb 3: Yuval Elizur, senior economic commentator and former Deputy Chief Editor of *Ma'ariv*. Topic: "Israel's Globalization Challenge".



#### 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](mailto:artb@netmedia.net.il) (052) 383-0804 or (02) 532-7039

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Meeting Presided over by P/P David Seligman

### BANNER EXCHANGES

Rotary Club of Brandenburger Tor  
(District 1940)  
Rotary Club of London (District 1130)

### 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 20<sup>th</sup> (see back page) our Club will be holding a fundraiser – The Play “The Two Charlottes” will be preformed 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 5<sup>th</sup>. 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.

### CLUB BOARD MEETING TODAY

Rotary Club Board meeting will meet today - 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 360 NIS.** There were 2 Raffle prizes given away.

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

## INVOCATION

Aviva Lee gave the weekly *Passuk*.

*And the children of Israel were fruitful, and increased abundantly, and multiplied, and waxed exceeding mighty; and the land was filled with them.*

(Exodus, Chapter 1 Verse 7)

This Bible selection was a timely choice give the topic of today's Guest Speaker – Jewish demography.

## INTERNATIONAL TOAST

Past Presidents David Seligman and Benad Avital asked all Club members and guests to stand in honor and respect to those who lost their lives, loved ones, homes and property in the earthquake off Aceh Indonesia and effective millions in South Asia.

On December 26<sup>th</sup> a huge earthquake off northern Indonesia triggered giant tidal waves and flash floods across western Asia. The quake, one of the largest in history and measuring 8.9 on the Richter scale, struck in the Indian ocean southwest of Aceh province on Sumatra island, unleashing massive destruction throughout the region. South Asia was the worst hit region, with more than 100,000 deaths reported as of 30 December. International aid has begun reaching survivors of tsunamis that swept across the Indian Ocean from Thailand to Somalia and relief workers are now in a race against time to prevent other people from dying of disease and starvation.

The Clubs acknowledged for our International Toast included RC Galle (District 3220, Sri Lanka); RC Madan (District 3400, Indonesia); RC Phuket (District 3330, Thailand) and RC Madras Central (District 3230, India.).

## **WEEK #24 DECEMBER 29, 2004**

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Professor Sergio Della Pergola. Topic: "The Jewish World Demographic Outlook"

P/P Felix Jaffe introduced our guest speaker. Dr. Sergio Della Pergola was born in Italy and has lived in Israel since 1966. He is a professor and the former chair of Population Studies at the Hebrew University, Harman Institute of Contemporary Jewry. He is also a senior fellow at the Jewish People Policy Planning Institute – an independent think tank in Jerusalem.

Interesting Points:

1. There is much reference to Jewish demography in the Jewish Bible. The reference to 70 Jews going from Canaan to Egypt, living there for 400 years and then returning with 600,000 is possible given the reasonable assumptions that each family had 6 children and that the average life span was 40 years.
2. Today there are 13 million Jews worldwide. 5.2 million live in Israel; 5.3 million in the USA; and 8 million in the rest of the world.
2. Eighty percent of all Jews live in 6 metropolitan areas: USA: New York City, Los Angeles and Southern Florida and Israel: Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Haifa.
3. Before the Holocaust there were 17 million Jews. Immediately following the Holocaust there were 11 million Jews. From 1970 to the present there has been zero population growth in the Jewish in the worldwide Jewish population.
4. After the USA and Israel, the largest Jewish populations are in France (500,000); Canada (370,000); the United Kingdom (300,000) and the Former Soviet Union (250,000).
5. There are a number of phenomena that are causing the increase in assimilation of Jews outside Israel including the globalization of culture, communications through the Internet and the freedom of choice to affiliate. There are a growing number of "Jewish Continuity" programs including Birthright Israel, scholarships for Jewish high school students that are supported by organized Jewish communities worldwide.
6. Given the current demographic patterns, over 50% of all Jews will be living in Israel by 2030.

## **ROTARIANS WORLDWIDE RESPONDING TO TSUNAMI DISASTER**

Rotary Clubs in India, Indonesia, Sri Lanka and Thailand have begun to organize disaster relief efforts following the catastrophic earthquake off Aceh in Indonesia that resulted in tidal waves that killed over 150,000 people and destroyed homes, work places, schools and other buildings on the coast throughout the affected area. Our Club Board of Directors will be discussing today how we can lend a hand to rebuilding and resettlement efforts in partnership with fellow Rotarians in these countries.

You can learn more at <http://www.rotary.org/programs/wcs/disaster/reliefforts.html>



**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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