



## JERUSALEM ROTARY CLUB (District 2490)

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### THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL PROGRAM:

RINGING THE ROTARY INTERNATIONAL  
CENTENNIAL BELL IN JERUSALEM –

### UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

**19 November:** Avner Fuks, Candidate for District Governor

**26 November:** Marilyn Farber & Mark Zober, Rotarians, "Economic Empowerment of Women in India" – their personal experiences based on 6 weeks in India

**3 December:** Greer Fay Cashman, Journalist and Columnist at the Jerusalem Post "So long as you spell my name right"

**10 December:** (Tentative Program) Debate Y. Beilin and B. Netanyahu (To Be Confirmed).



BELLS RING IN  
JERUSALEM – An  
Historical Perspective.  
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### CALL FOR SPEAKERS AND PROGRAMS

Program Chair, Jean-Michel Rykner is asking all Rotarians to suggest speakers for our weekly programs. Please contact him at e-mail: [JMR@workmail.com](mailto:JMR@workmail.com)

## Report of Meetings # 17 and # 18 29 October and 5 November 2003

### Announcements – President Don Shrensky

Reminder of the 12 November Centennial Bell Ceremony at the Dan Panorama Hotel at 7:00 PM. Among the honored guests will be the Mayor of Jerusalem, Uri Lupoliansky.

There will be an Arbitration Seminar on the 14th of November in Ramat Hasharon, coordinated by P/P Abraham Taubehouse.

P/P Ruth Harris announced the date for the Annual Cake and Treasures Sale -- Wednesday 17 December at the YMCA. All members are asked to help collect treasures and pitch in during that day. A handout in English and Hebrew was passed out with explicit details.

The Ethics Discussion Group, led by P/P Moshe Kelman, will hold its monthly meeting on Sunday, 9 November in the YMCA Library.

P/P Rizak Abusharr reminded us about the District Conference to be held this year in Jerusalem on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of June, 2004.

A new Sign-In Sheet is now in use. Please advise if there are any missing names.

On Friday, 31 October, from 8:30-13:30, there will be a District Conference. The subject is Rotary International.

### INTERNATIONAL TOAST

On October 29<sup>th</sup> the International Toast was dedicated to the Rotary Club of Monaco (District 1730, Zone 11). The Club was founded in 1937, has 64 members and meets every Tuesday at 7:15 at the Hotel Mirabeau.

### FOUNDATION GREETINGS

Birthdays:

Nesim Aciman (November 9)

P/P Sandi Darmon (November 11)

### SAVE THE DATE

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 17

Our Club Annual Cake and Treasures Sale...Support our Scholarship Fund and other projects.

The Centennial Bell Comes to Jerusalem: **Rotarians Ring in 75 years of Rotary in Israel.**



### INVOCATION

Rtn. Len Wilson presented the weekly *Passuk Hashavua*:

“But we are not among those who shrink back and so are lost, but among those who have faith and so are saved (Hebrews 10:39).

## OCTOBER 29<sup>th</sup> 2003 PROGRAM

### The Life of a Jewish Hero: Colonel Ilan Ramon

**Guest Speaker:** Alan D. Abbey, Executive Director of the Jerusalem Post Internet Edition.

**Introduced by:** Rtn. Art Braunstein

Alan spoke about Ilan Ramon, Israel's ill-fated first astronaut. Ramon, we were told, was a quiet hero and a family man who went about his work and never sought publicity. Twenty years before the fatal space mission, he had been the youngest member of the team that bombed the nuclear reactor in Iraq, but remained unknown to the public at large, until the tragic re-entry before the eyes of the world, made Ilan Ramon a household name. He had carried Jewish artifacts with him into space, an envoy of world Jewry as well as of Israel.

He made, in the words of the speaker, "an Israeli journey to Jewishness."

**Vote of Thanks** given by Immediate-Past President David Seligman

## NOVEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup> 2003 PROGRAM

### Bringing Music to Children's Hospital

**Guest Speaker:** Anna Emmanuelle, International Artistic Director of "God Bless the Children."

**Introduced by:** Rtn. Jean-Michel Rykner

Emmanuelle made a fashion statement in colorful avant-garde retro-separates. She was accompanied by Arnie Lawrence, a veteran musician toting a large, gleaming brass saxophone which he immediately began to play, explaining that he had an urgent appointment to keep. The Blues number, beautifully preformed, soon had the members tapping their feet, and when he followed with "When the Saints Come Marching In," they were stomping in the aisles – almost. John Johnson, a cameraman from Los Angeles, followed every move with his camera.

The artistic director of "God Bless the Children" endeavors to educate people about peace, tolerance and mutual understanding. Their organization brings performing artists together to offer this message to a wide public audience; if Arnie Lawrence is anything to go by, they surely get heard.

# **THE ARRIVAL OF THE CENTENNIAL BELL IN JERUSALEM – THE HOLY CITY**

On Wednesday night November 12<sup>th</sup> 2003 our Jerusalem Rotary Clubs commemorate the centenary of the modest beginnings of the Rotary ideal and the vast organization we know today – Rotary International. Today we gather together to see the Centennial Bell and hear it rung for the first time.

But along side this anniversary bell is another older bell, a cherished friend that greets every week of the year – the bell of the Rotary Club of Jerusalem. It is also an anniversary bell, for it arrived in the Holy City for the twenty-fifth anniversary of Rotary's founding here; a gift from the newly established Cairo Club to the even newer Jerusalem Club, the first club in Palestine.

There are several mutually contradictory myths surrounding the date, the season, the place, the initiator of the first meeting, and the individuals present. These myths emerged many years after the events of 1929, when the memories of the aging members betrayed them. With the arrival of the Centennial Bell, it is time to clear the mists of memory and recall what actually did happen in January 1929.

James W. Davidson was a member and Past-President of the Calgary, Alberta Rotary Club, with an outstanding record of service to Rotary. In 1928, accompanied by his wife and daughter, he set out as Rotary International Commissioner on a mission to carry the Rotary ideal to Asia. Dogged by failing health, it took him three years to complete his task, covering 12,000 miles from the Mediterranean Sea to the shores of the Pacific. Asian Rotary owes much to Davidson. His first stop was Cairo where he established a new club on the second day of 1929. Then he continued by train to Jerusalem joining Dr. Edward Wicher, A Rotarian from San Anselmo, California. The Rotary Application form dated 29 January 1929, stated that the founding meeting took place the previous day at St. John's Hotel, Jerusalem. J.W. Crawford was elected President and Vladimir Wolfson, Secretary. There were 21 Charter Members:

J.W. Crawford, E.Keith-Roach, Herbert Danby, V. Wolfson, L. Le Rouvier, R.H. Drayton, D. J. Strathearn, Ruhl Bey Alidulliadi, Norman Beniwich, E. W. Blatchford, J.G. Gilman, A. Goldwater, Dr. A. C. Hart, Colonel G. Heron, A.M. Hymenson, A.E. Mulford, K.L. Reynolds, K.W. Steed, Maj. W. F. Wainwright, Col E.R. Sawyer, Hugo Bergman.

In this case, facts prove to be more interesting than fiction.

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