



JERUSALEM ROTARY CLUB (District 2490)

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TODAY'S PROGRAM: Marilyn Farber and Mark Zober, Rotarians, "Empowerment of Women in India: A Personal Perspective."

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

3 December – Avner Fuks – Candidate for District Governor.

10 December – Topic: "The Most Fun Place", speaker S. D.

17 December - Annual Cake and Treasures Sale Bazaar at the YMCA. (8:00 AM - 5:00 PM)

24 December - Visit, lunch and lecture at the Foreign Ministry

31 of December - Jan Willem van der Hoeven, Director International Christian Zionist Center: "The crucial importance of the Temple Mount as seen by the prophets of Israel"



SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER

The Rescuing of Ethiopian Jews

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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

Announcement – November 19, 2003 – Don Shrensky – Don Shrensky presiding.

P/P Avner Fuks who was to be our guest speaker this week will not be able to attend as his is sitting *shiva*.

There will be an *Eshcol* (Sub-district) meeting at Modiin Thursday, November 20th, at 20:00. Members are encouraged to attend.

Kern Wisman is encouraging all those members who are interested in hosting Fireside social evenings to let him know as the program is starting for this year.

Visiting Rotarians: Jaques Ungar and Herbert Hillman.

Guests: Aviva Lee, Ambassador Asher and Mrs. Hilda Naim.

P/P Ruth Harris thanked P/P Werner and Pamela Loyal for their generous donations to the Cake and Treasures Bazaar and reminded all that she will be calling on us for help on December 17 – the day of the event.

Good and Welfare:
We wish Past Presidents Moshe Kelman and Dick Fain full recovery after operations.

INTERNATIONAL TOAST

P/P Georges Baum raised a toast to the Rotary Club Nouadhibou-Flamants of District 9010 (chartered in 1989), in honor of the National Day of Mauritania 28 November. They meet on Tuesdays at 18:30 at the Club Premises. They have 18 members.

FOUNDATION GREETINGS

President Don and Joan Shrensky are celebrating their wedding anniversary on November 25th.

SAVE THE DATE

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 17

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

Rtn. Herbert M. Hillman (left), Rotary Club of Thiensville Sunrise (D6270) visited our Club on 19 November and exchanged banners with President Don Shrensky. Herbert is a CPA from Milwaukee, Wisconsin. His Rotary Club meets on Fridays at 7:00 AM.



INVOCATION

The weekly *Passuk* was given by Rtn Fred Cats.

"Simon his son (of Rabban Gamaliel) said : All my days I have grown up amongst the wise, and I have found nought of better service than silence." (Avot 1.17)

Week # 20 Program

Ambassador Asher Naim: Saving the Lost Tribe: The Rescue and Redemption of the Ethiopian Jews

Introduced by P/P Werner Loyal



P/P Werner Loyal (left) and Ambassador Asher Naim sitting at the Head table at the Rotary Club of Jerusalem.

Ambassador Naim shared with the club his exciting and historic involvement in and commitment to the rescue of Ethiopian Jews.

For nearly 3000 years the Jews of Ethiopia maintained their faith and identity in the face of multiple challenges. In May 1991, 14,200 Ethiopian Jews, in Operation Solomon, were miraculously brought to Israel. The thrilling story is told in his recent book, *Saving the Lost Tribe*.

Ambassador Naim wrote a book to tell the complete history of the Jews of Ethiopia, known as the Falashas, and their flight to Israel. His book, “Saving The Lost Tribe”, is a story of hope in the face of chaos, redemption on the brink of disaster, and the realization of the Falashas’ three-thousand-year-old dream of returning to Jerusalem.

Ambassador Asher Naim immigrated to Palestine from Tripoli, Libya in 1944. He is a graduate of the Hebrew University, Jerusalem, with a Master of Jurisprudence. He served in the Israeli Foreign Service in Japan, Kenya, Korea, USA, Finland and Ethiopia. Asher Naim was the Ambassador of Israel to Ethiopia (1990-91) at the time of “Operation Solomon.” He was instrumental in negotiations to help Ethiopian refugees fleeing the turmoil of internal war that plagued Ethiopia.

Asher Naim was appointed Ambassador to the UN (1991) in charge of the Third Committee of the United Nations. He was instrumental in repealing the UN resolution equating Zionism with Racism.

After retiring from the Foreign Service in September 1995, Ambassador Naim continues his activities on behalf of the new immigrant community of Ethiopia, its absorption and integration in Israel society, on a voluntary basis.

[Ambassador Naim’s book *Saving The Lost Tribe* is published by Ballantine Books (2003) is a must read – a story of hope in the face of chaos and redemption on the brink of disaster.]

PDG SUPREME COURT JUSTICE SALIM JOUBRAN'S ADDRESS TO THE CENTENNIAL BELL MEETING

[Presented Wednesday evening, November 12, 2003 at the Dan Panorama Hotel, Jerusalem]

Supreme Court Judge and Past District Governor of District 2490, Salim Joubran, was Guest of Honour. He was introduced by P/P Benad Avital as an outstanding representative of the Rotary values of truth, tolerance and peaceful coexistence, who had been appointed to the highest court in the land.

Judge Joubran spoke nostalgically of his law student days in Jerusalem, and the help his Orthodox Jewish flat-mates gave him in mastering the Hebrew language. Their use of the Talmud for this purpose had imbued him with the finer subtleties of Hebrew and also a close acquaintance with the Jewish legal sources and concepts, which proved very helpful in the course of his career.

He then turned to the present, to the economic recession and the poor, the principal sufferers. He told his audience that helping those most in need is precisely what Rotary is about, and that we can all find ways of doing this, on an individual basis, as one who can help, to one who cannot help himself. To illustrate his point, he recounted the story of the boy on a mountainside with his father. When he shouted, the shout was returned; when he called out in anger, his words were flung back at him in anger. When he complained to this father, he was advised to boldly proclaim, "You are brave and beautiful and wise." When those words, too, came back to him, his father explained how echo works. "It is your own words, bouncing back at you. Echo is like life; what you do is what is done to you. Do good and good will be done to you."

Finally, Salim Joubran looked to the future. His message was that Rotary clubs can achieve much more by seeking out needed projects and joining with clubs in other countries, to secure matching grants from Rotary International. If every club in Israel initiated just one project each year, the resulting 300 new projects over five years, could improve dramatically the situation in the pools of poverty and hardship that fester everywhere.

[Notes written by P/P Benad Avital.]

HOW MANY DOGS DOES IT TAKE TO CHANGE A LIGHT BULB?

DACHSHUND: You know I can't reach that stupid lamp! **ROTTWEILER:** Make me!!
JACK RUSSELL TERRIER: I'll just pop it in while I'm bouncing off the walls and furniture. **GREYHOUND:** If isn't moving? Who cares?

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