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OUR PROGRAM TODAY

Field Trip to Ben Gurion Airport – Terminal #3
and Lunch to follow at 1:30 at the YMCA in
Jerusalem

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

October 27 – P/P Benad Avital

Topic: France-Phood and Philosophy

**November 3 - Dror Ortass-Spiegel, Director
General of Young Entrepreneurs Israel.**

Topic: Junior Achievement patterned
entrepreneurship courses in Israel high school.

November 10 - Yosef Goell, journalist.

Topic : The US elections – Lessons for Israel.



Help Wanted

Our Club Bulletin Editor, Mark Zober, is recruiting a team to assist with content and layout. Let him know you will lend a hand (see contact information above.)

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

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 }

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- **Visiting Rotarians**
Gert Cohen Stuart (Rhoan-Berendrecht)
Katsushige Ikeda, Kochi R.C. (Japan)

Marcia Brous (New Jersey)
Rick Brous (New Jersey)
Sam Gordon (Florida)

(Special Note: Rotarian Sam Gordon has been a Rotarian for 60 years!)
- **Guests**

Karen Bentian
George Sjoquist
Fortuna Szpiro
Noriko Ikeda
Mildred Gordon
- **Club Outing**
Wednesday October 20th we have a club outing to Ben Gurion Airport to visit the new terminal #3. We will leave from the YMCA at 9:45 AM. The cost for the outing is 20 NIS.

There will be a Club meeting at 1:30 PM at the YMCA.

Club Board Meeting is scheduled for today Wednesday, October 13th immediately following the regular meeting.
- **Rotary TV** on Channel 25 (Cable). Programs will show once a month. Our Club joint visit with Dalet HaCarmel to the Supreme Court will be shown on November 1st.
- P/E Kern Wisman announced that we are beginning our Fireside Program and is seeking hosts and attendees. Contact Kern or P/P Sandi Darmon.

FOUNDATION GREETINGS

Art Braunstein announced that the the Taubehouse family has two special occasions – October 1st is the wedding anniversary of Tmima and P/P Abraham and October 2nd is Abraham's Birthday.

October 15th is the wedding anniversary of P/P Benad and Miriam Avital.

P/P Richard Fain has a birthday on the same day. Y

P/P Yossi Cassuto will be celebrating his birthday on October 17th and

P/P Moshe Raz has his birthday on October 19th.

MAZAL TOV to ALL!!!

INVOCATION

P/P Sandi Darmon offered the weekly invocation by quoting Helen Keller.

It is not what we see and touch or that which others do for us that makes us happy; it is that which we think and feel and do first for the other fellow and then for ourselves.

Foundation Corner News

Responses to the New Year's Appeal keep coming in!

New Contributors:

Felix Jaffe
Ruth Joy and Frank Moser
Werner Loyal

New Total = NIS 2. 910

WEEK # 13- October 13, 2004

George Szpiro, mathematician and foreign correspondent, on: "Bible Codes: The (not so) Final Report".

Jacques Ungar introduced our guest speaker spoke about the provocative book and its fascinating impact and worldwide reactions.

Michael Drosnin's book "The Bible Code" offers the thesis that the Old Testament correctly predicted -- via a hidden code -- several events in history, including the assassination of former Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and the Holocaust.

The book soared onto bestseller lists in the United States by attracting legions of readers with its provocative prophecies, such as a "cataclysmic" earthquake in Los Angeles in 2010.

But some of the book's conclusions have been challenged by the Israeli mathematician who led a research team that discovered what he says is the hidden code in the Hebrew Bible, or Torah, on which the book is based.

Orthodox Jews call the first five books of the Bible the Torah.

Eliyahu Rips of Hebrew University says it is true that the Bible has predicted various historical events that have come to pass. But he disagrees that the code can be used to predict future events. "The central claim that you will find in Michael Drosnin's book, and really the whole basis for the book, is ... the idea of him predicting Yitzhak Rabin's assassination and the implication is that you can use this idea, the hidden code in the Torah, to make predictions of the future," Rips said Wednesday through a translator.

"It is literally impossible to make future predictions based on codes. Mr. Drosnin's book does have some examples of codes that are statistically significant, and some that aren't, and the problem is that any layman reading that book will have no way of making a distinction."

Drosnin, speaking on CNN, defended his work.

"I am not saying that 'The Bible Code' is a crystal ball. You can not say 'Bible, please tell me the future' and find out anything. You have to know what you are looking for to find anything at all. "And none of us, neither Dr. Rips nor his colleagues, would claim to know the code well enough, to understand it completely enough, that we can be certain about what it says about the future." Drosnin, a former reporter for The Wall Street Journal and The Washington Post, met with Rips after he heard about his work and did some of his own analysis of the code before completing his book, which is published by Simon & Schuster.

To find the code, Rips first eliminated all spaces between words and turned the original version of the Bible into one continuous strand, 304,805 letters long.

The vote of thanks was given by P/P Benad Avital.

ROTARY MOMENT

Don't delay your plans to attend what promises to be Rotary's greatest celebration ever. At the 96th Annual RI Convention in Chicago, Illinois, USA, 18-22 June 2005, Rotarians from around the globe will celebrate the Rotary Centennial in the city where the first club was founded.

HUMOR CORNER

SOME PUNS

1. Evidence has been found that William Tell and his family were avid bowlers. However, all the league records were unfortunately destroyed in a fire. Thus we'll never know for whom the Tells bowled.
2. A man rushed into the doctor's office and shouted, "Doctor! I think I'm shrinking!!" The doctor calmly responded, "Now, settle down. You'll just have to be a little patient."
3. A marine biologist developed a race of genetically engineered dolphins that could live forever if they were fed a steady diet of seagulls. One day his supply of the birds ran out, so he had to go out and trap some more.
On the way back, he spied two lions asleep on the road. Afraid to wake them, he gingerly stepped over them. Immediately, he was arrested and charged with transporting gulls across sedate lions for immortal porpoises.
4. A skeptical anthropologist was cataloging South American folk remedies with the assistance of a tribal brujo who indicated that the leaves of a particular fern were a sure cure for any case of constipation. When the anthropologist expressed his doubts, the brujo looked him in the eye and said, "Let me tell you, with fronds like these, who need enemas?"
5. Back in the 1800s the Tates Watch Company of Massachusetts wanted to produce other products and since they already made the cases for pocket watches, decided to market compasses for the pioneers traveling West. It turned out that although their watches were of finest quality, their compasses were so bad that people often ended up in Canada or Mexico rather than California. This, of course, is the origin of the statement, "He who has a Tates is lost!"
6. A thief broke into the local police station and stole all the lavatory equipment. A spokesperson was quoted as saying, "We have absolutely nothing to go on."
7. An Indian chief was feeling very sick, so he summoned the medicine man. After a brief examination, the medicine man took out a long, thin strip of elk hide and gave it to the chief, instructing him to bite off, chew and swallow one inch of the leather every day. After a month, the medicine man returned to see how the chief was feeling. The chief shrugged and said, "The thong is ended, but the malady lingers on."
8. A famous Viking explorer returned home from a voyage and found his name missing from the town register. His wife insisted on complaining to the local civic official who apologized profusely saying, "I must have taken Leif off my census."

(This next one is for you math folks)

9. There were three Indian squaws. One slept on a deer skin, one slept on an elk skin and the third slept on a hippopotamus skin. All three became pregnant and the first two each had a baby boy. The one who slept on the hippopotamus skin had twin boys. This goes to prove that the squaw of the hippopotamus is equal to the sons of the squaws of the other two hides.
10. By the way, I know the guy who wrote these 9 puns. He entered them and one other in a contest. He figured with 10 entries he couldn't lose. As they were reading the list of winners he was really hoping one of his puns would win, but unfortunately, no pun in ten did.