



NOT the Weekly Bulletin of

The Jerusalem Rotary Club

Club # 13459, District 2490

1 April 2016

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P/ Yaron Amitai

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R/ David Lilienthal

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R/ Nuha Tannous

R/ Guido de Werd

P/P Kern Wisman

PDG Irene Lewitt (ex officio)

Upcoming Programme

6 April

Rami Levy, CEO Galilee Miracles Inc.: **"Feeding Loaves and Fishes to an Expanding Population"**

13 April:

Dr. Miklos Hangendang, Irkutsk Technical University: **"Raising the Water level: The Dead Sea-Lake Baikal Pipeline"**



Future Events

14-16 April:

Peniel-by-Galilee No.7. Weekend of bungee jumping, All-in Wrestling, burning in effigy of the President For Life



Breaking News

Rotary International Proclaims P/ Yaron Amitai "President for Life"

Timed to coincide with the recognition of Generalissimo Franco's government in Spain in 1939, an announcement was released from the Presidential Residence in East Talpiyot that Jerusalem Rotary Club President for 2015-16, Yaron Amitai, has been elevated to the title and role of "President for Life".

Crowned with Laurel Leaves gathered from the slopes of the Troodos Mountains, he sealed his elevation with a triumphal toast with a bottle of VSOP arak obtained by intermediaries from a secret Druze distillery in the Golan.

Promising an end to redundant and boring club presentations, a reduction in club dues and committing himself to the goal that he will make the meetings "run on time." The newly invested President for Life has kindly instructed the membership to address him by his preferred nomenclatures. These include: El Caudillo (in which he basks and glories), Archegos (as popularized by General Ioannis Metaxas of Greece), El Jefe (a preference of Jorge González von Marées of Chile), Udhëheqësi (used by Albanian Enver Hoxha), Maršal (selected by Serbian Josip Broz Tito), Il Duce (even though not actually entitled to any royal rank), Vožd (one of Stalin's titles), or Conducător (a favorite of the Ceaușescus).

Whereas hand (or other parts of the anatomy) kissing and bowing, will not be required they will not, however, be discouraged as appropriate means of acknowledging our beloved Excellency's obvious superiority, dignity and benevolence.

It was further announced that the Jerusalem Rotary Club's name will, henceforth, be changed by Presidential Decree to the "Jerusalem Rotary Club of Yaronia."

Unconfirmed reports are surfacing of future plans for exploratory forays to the Greek islands following the successful reconnaissance of Cyprus, with expectations for creating a new Rotary District 266 (ייון in gematria).

(Reporting from an undisclosed location in the bowels of the YMCA in fear for my life, soon to be ex-Bulletin Editor, Kern W.)





You've Got Mail

Dear Editor,

You obviously have a prejudice against me personally as this is the 87th letter on a matter of supreme importance that I have written but to date you have not printed one. Perhaps this time. Why is it that every time that I approach to chat the person concerned gets totally engrossed in their smart phone?

I am a great conversationalist with many topics that I can expound on at great length but as soon as I start, my approacher always has an important Rotary meeting to go to. I find courses on 'Winning Friends' not helpful as they never work. I also tell good jokes but nobody laughs. Yours in great puzzlement.

Yoram Klutzmer

Dear Editor

I have heard that your President for Life is a quiet, shy, self effacing gentleman who never gets upset or raises his voice. If he is available my Aunt Yenta, who speaks Greek, is looking for just such a companion.

Ms. Jezabella Habakuk

OOPS:

The JRC Bulletin wishes to apologize for our apology to our Lady Rotarians, published 16 March. In correcting the incorrect statements about our Ladies published on 9 March, we incorrectly published the incorrect correction. We accept and regret that our original regrets were unacceptable and we apologize to our Lady Rotarians for any distress caused by our previous apology.

The 'Confused' Editor



International Toast

Tashkek RC, Tazbekistan

The Democratic Republic of Tazbekistan (*Respūbilki Demokrati Tūzbekistāni*) in Central Asia is desolate, wind-swept, freezing in winter, dusty in spring, scorching in summer and foggy in autumn.

Vast areas have been contaminated by 40 years of Soviet nuclear testing which explains the special glow of local crops. The capital Tashkek a large unplanned sprawl around the crossed swords of the vast Victory Arch and the streets lined with huge billboards with images of the beloved leader, President-for-Life Ignoram Pastramov.

However it's also an up and coming tourist destination - the recently established Easy Jet flights have made it a haven for stag weekends. A typical trip involves firing AK's into the desert, a scrotum-tightening trip in the back of a MiG-21 and a STD to take home to the girlfriend after a boozing night.

For ex-pats, Taz-



bekistan is a tough posting. It is not a country wives, husbands or children tend to rush to (unless they like cheap carpets, ex-Soviet plumbing and Human Rights abuses). The British Ambassador's residence is that uniquely Tazbek combination: unfinished yet already decaying and infested with creepy local fauna.



The **Rotary Club of Tashkek** was established in 1991 after the fall of communism boast 20-odd members (very odd!) --invariably all ex-pats and native mafiosi-- who meet every Monday at 05:30 at the Old Ibex Lodge in Tashkek. The President for 2015-16 is British ambassador Sir Horace Fforde-Smythe, who sees to that everybody gets kosher meals of ibex schnitzel - whether they like it or not.

The club's best known member is President Pastramov, known to all as "Butch." When not hacking ibex meat for a Presidential BBQ, or abusing human rights, Butch may wander into a Rotary lunch unannounced.



The toast on that occasion must be "**Long live the Ibex**" - and you better not forget this!!!

Borat S. ♣



From the Board

Discord at the YMCA

The last meeting of the club's Board, held on March 2, was stormier than usual. Understandably, controversial issues such as the Passuk, the International Toast caused boiard members to succumb under the strain.

Members of the board came literally to blows when debating raffle prices. The President's proposal to raise ticket prices to 10 shekel apiece were not appreciated by a few of the honorable members, who were quick to show their dislike of each other, as is seen in a photograph taken clandestinely by YMCA staff.

In order to re-establish the peace, the President and his cohorts declared "Red Emergency" —the first in the Club's history. Club by-

laws have been suspended until further notice. From now and until further notice, a "Club Salvation Committee" consisting of President Yaron A., Secretary David L. and Treasurer Eli K. will rule by decree.

The Committee will NOT tolerate any dissent. You have been warned!

David Frankenstein

Club Secretary ♣



Quiz

Not the Bulletin Asks - You Answer

Questions and answers below are genuine. As traditional mandates, the 1st prize is a dinner out with our President, and the 2nd prize - two dinners out with the same President (alas at your own expense!).

1. How many religions did past Presidents of the JRC belong to?

A. 2, B. 3, C. 4, D. 5

2. How many of the present members are US citizens?

A. 7, B. 9, C. 11, D. 12

3. ...And how many are UK citizens?

A. 5, B. 3, C. 2, D. 1

4. None of the members was born in which African country?

A. Algeria, B. Egypt, C. South Africa, D. Zimbabwe

5. None of the members' spouses was born in which country?

A. Algeria, B. Argentina, C. Canada, D. Romania

6. How many Club members were born in Jerusalem?

A. 3, B. 5, C. 7, D. 9.

7. How many Club members were born in the territory known as British Palestine?

A. 4, B. 3, C. 2, D. 1

8. The following language is NOT a mother tongue of any of the Club members:

A. Greek, B. Bulgarian, C. Spanish, D. Swedish

9. None of our members was born in which city?

A. Salonica, B. Kfar Saba, C. Vienna, D. London

10. How many Rotary clubs are there in District 2490 (Israel)?

A. 53, B. 55, C. 57, D. 59

See answers below

1:B, 2:B, 3:C, 4:A, 5:C, 6:A, 7:D, 8:B, 9:A, 10:C



Happy Hour

You Might be a Freier “IF.....”

- * **You didn't assume that the road in front of you was yours alone and that by flashing your bright lights every car ahead should clear out of your way.**
- * **At a lecture, posing a question to a notable speaker, you don't assail him with three arguments proving him wrong and sit down after 15 minutes -without having asked a question.**
- * **Where seats are reserved for dignitaries and speakers, you don't automatically assume that they are obviously reserved for you.**
- * **You don't assume that the person ahead of you at the traffic light cannot determine that the light has turned green without your blasting the horn.**
- * **You don't argue with the police over a parking violation, fully expecting to not receive a ticket – and you are really a freier if you don't actually succeed!**
- * **When waiting for services you don't assume that you should be served next even though there are people waiting who arrived before you.**
- * **You have any guilt at all for driving beyond the speed limit.**
- * **On meeting a stranger you have no problem in asking how much he earns or how much he paid for his apartment.**
- * **If when in a bus or any public place you don't talk on your mobile phone at a few decibels above a bellow.**
- * **You don't assume that opinions contrary to yours come from the befuddled mind of a moron.**



Contribution by Kern W.

Jerusalem Rotary Club

Weekly Lunch Meetings are at the YMCA, 26 King David St, Jerusalem Wednesdays at 13:00. The last Wednesday of each month is a dinner meeting at 19:00.

Meetings are conducted in English.

Visiting Rotarians and other guests are welcome.

Luncheon/Dinner costs: NIS 75, students and lone soldiers: NIS 50, children under 18: NIS 30.

For Kosher meals please book in advance. For this and other enquiries please contact us through the Contact section on the website.

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