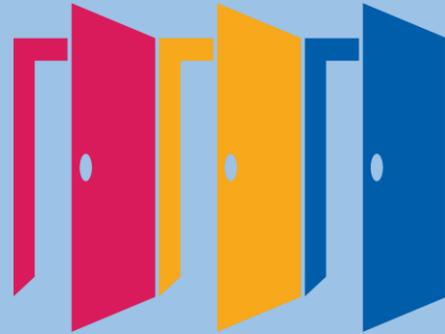




**BULLETIN  
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ROTARY CLUB**

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**Rotary Opens Opportunities**

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***Today's Program*** – "Israel's Changing Strategic Reality -- an Assist to Combating Delegitimization?" Ben Moore, Chief Strategist and Foreign Media Spokesperson Ministry of Strategic Affairs

Ben Moore came on Aliyah 20 years ago and is a graduate of the Hebrew University.

He serves today in the Ministry of Strategic Affairs of the Prime Minister's Office as its chief strategist and foreign media spokesperson. Ben's duties have him involved with some of the country's most pressing issues while interacting with leading international news outlets covering the region. Before arriving at the ministry, Ben served as senior financial-markets editor at Investing.com, one of the top five largest financial news websites in the world. He also had executive roles with leading international PR firms, and with in the Mayor of Jerusalem's Foreign Media Affairs Department.

**Upcoming Events**

20 January, 2021

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**We have a virtual meeting again using the internet application ZOOM. Please log in as follows: just before 1:00 pm (13:00), of the meeting date, log-in with the numbers **82628643933** in the log-in window of ZOOM and the password: **993943** or at internet site:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82628643933?pwd=N3lxaml3NFQYm1COGF1a3psYnBxUTO9>

You might be informed that you are in a 'waiting room' and the host will admit you shortly. Please have patience. Our host Robert Hammer will let you in.

## *Fellowship Greetings*

Our very best wishes and congratulations to Gili Shanit on her birthday on 14 January. Mazal Tov and many happy returns



### *The President's Corner*

On 11 January Jennifer Jones, RI President nominee for 2022-2023, gave a speech on 'The Future of Rotary' to around 300 Rotarians from India and worldwide. The meeting was hosted by RC Cochin Harbour. On 12 January another meeting with Jennifer has been hosted by RC Madras (invitation was printed in our bulletin of last week). Again, more than 300 participants. What a difference to the world of Dr. William Brydon, whose survival we are toasting today. The sole survivor of 16,500 army and civilians who fled Kabul, Afghanistan in January 1842 to Jalalabad on the border of Afghanistan and today's Pakistan, only 140 km away, but rough and inhospitable territory. The story of Dr. Brydon reminds me of a great movie with Sean Connery and Michael Caine 'The man who would be King', directed by John Houston. Conclusion: we have come a very long way in a relative short span of time.

Dieter Ziulkowski



### *International Toast* – Rotary Club of Jalalabad, Afghanistan

Three noteworthy historical events that happened on 13 January, the day of our meeting:

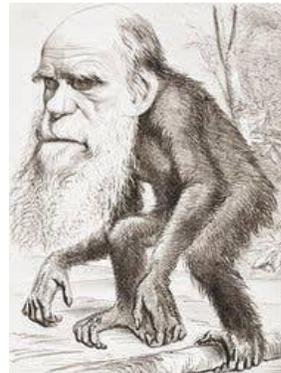
**1842** Dr. William Brydon, (10 October 1811 – 20 March 1873), a surgeon in the British Army during the First Anglo-Afghan War, becomes famous for (reputedly) being the sole survivor of an army of 16,500 (4,500 men, plus 12,000 accompanying civilians), when he reaches the safety of a garrison in Jalalabad at the end of the long retreat from Kabul. The British Army began its retreat from Kabul in January 1842, following the killing of the two British representatives there. The nearest British garrison was in Jalalabad, 90 miles (140 km) away, and the army would need to go through mountain passes with the January snow hindering them. Under the command of Major-General William George Keith Elphinstone, 4,500 British and Indian soldiers plus 12,000 civilian camp followers, including wives and children, set out for Jalalabad on 6 January 1842, on the understanding that they had been offered safe passage. Afghan tribesmen intercepted them and proceeded to attack them during the next seven days. The final stand took place at Gandamak on the morning of 13 January 1842 in the snow. Twenty officers and forty-five British soldiers, mostly of the 44th Foot, found themselves surrounded on a hillock. The Afghans attempted to persuade the soldiers that they intended them no harm. Then the sniping began, followed by a series of rushes. Captain Souter wrapped the regimental colours around his body and was dragged into captivity with a sergeant named Fair and seven privates. The remainder were shot or cut down. Surgeon Brydon was one of twelve mounted officers who had become separated from the remnants of the main column before the final stand at Gandamak. This small group had ridden to Futtehabad, but half had been killed there while six escaped. All but Brydon were killed, one by one, further along the road as their horses became exhausted. On the

afternoon of 13 January 1842, the British troops in Jalalabad, watching for their comrades of the Kabul garrison, saw a single figure ride up to the town walls. It was Dr Brydon. Part of his skull had been sheared off by an Afghan sword, and he survived only because he had stuffed a copy of Blackwood's Magazine into his hat to fight the intense cold weather. The magazine took most of the blow, saving the doctor's life.

**1938** The Church of England accepts the theory of evolution. Although biological evolution has been vocally opposed by some religious groups, many other groups accept the scientific position, sometimes with additions to allow for theological considerations. The positions of such groups are described by terms including "theistic evolution", "theistic evolutionism" or "evolutionary creation". Theistic evolutionists believe that there is a God, that God is the creator of the material universe and (by consequence) all life within, and that biological evolution is a natural process within that creation. Evolution, according to this view, is simply a tool that God employed to develop human life. Anglicans (including the Episcopal Church in the United States of America, the Church of England and others) believe that the Bible "contains all things necessary to salvation," while believing that "science and Christian theology can complement one another in the quest for truth and understanding." Specifically on the subject of creation/evolution, some Anglicans view "Big Bang cosmology" as being "in tune with both the concepts of creation out of nothing and continuous creation." Their position is clearly set out in the Catechism of Creation Part II: Creation and Science.



Dr. Brydon and today's road to Jalalabad



Cartoon of Darwin



Marshal Tito

**1953** Marshal Josip Tito chosen president of Yugoslavia. Josip Broz (7 May 1892 – 4 May 1980), was a Yugoslav communist revolutionary and statesman, serving in various roles from 1943 until his death in 1980. During World War II, he was the leader of the Partisans, often regarded as the most effective resistance movement in occupied Europe. He also served as the President of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia from 14 January 1953 until his death on 4 May 1980. While some criticise his presidency as authoritarian and compare him to the brutality of Stalin, most see Tito as a benevolent dictator. He was a popular public figure both in Yugoslavia and abroad. Viewed as a unifying symbol, his internal policies maintained the peaceful coexistence of the nations of the Yugoslav federation. He gained further international attention as the chief leader of the Non-Aligned Movement, alongside Jawaharlal Nehru of India, Gamal Abdel Nasser of Egypt, and Kwame Nkrumah of Ghana. With a highly favourable reputation abroad in both Cold War blocs, he received some 98 foreign decorations, including the Legion of Honour and the Order of the Bath.

Today we are toasting the Rotary Club of Jalalabad, Afghanistan, chartered in 2004 on the arrival in Jalalabad of Dr. William Brydon on 13 January 1842. A remarkable story of survival.

Dieter Ziulkowski



## *Some other news*

***Some of the participants of last ZOOM meeting, courtesy of Eli:***



### ***Message from Rotary Club Manila:***

Dear Pres. Dieter,

We received your e-mail informing us that you offered a toast to our club, the Rotary Club of Manila, on Rizal Day. Thank you very much.

We look forward to having more correspondence with your club. Please advise us when your club was chartered and the number of your members. I intend to visit your club once we get back to normal. Looking forward to meeting you soon.

Best regards,

Vicente J. Carlos  
Past District Governor

### ***RC Jerusalem's reply to PDG Vincente J. Carlos of RC Manila:***

Dear PDG Vincente,

thank you very much for your e-mail. Your RC is a great club. Where are you meeting now? I remember the good old days in the Manila Hotel with the charming old fashioned ball room where the meetings were held.

Our Rotary Club Jerusalem was the first RC in then Palestine, chartered in 1929 by James Wheeler Davidson. JWD was the Marco Polo of Rotary. He chartered more than 30 Rotary Clubs some 90 years ago, starting in the West with Cairo and Jerusalem, crossing to India and South East Asia and chartering as well in Australian and New Zealand. Davidson was a most remarkable Rotarian.

Our RC is still the only English speaking RC in Israel. We are meeting at the old YMCA building, just across from the famous King David Hotel. However, since March 2020 our meetings are on Zoom only. We do hope to move back to physical meetings in a few months time.

Our RC has 22 members only at this time. Members are of different ethnic and religious backgrounds and somehow we are probably the most versatile and international club in Israel. Many of our members spent years working and living in different countries around the globe.

With Rotarian Greetings  
Dieter

*Some wise words found by your editor:*

**The secret of a good sermon is to have  
a good beginning and a good ending;**

**and to have the two as close together as possible.**

- George Burns

**I have never hated a man enough  
to give his diamonds back.**

- Zsa Zsa Gabor

**Don't worry about avoiding temptation. As you grow older, it will avoid you.**

- Winston Churchill



**The Jerusalem Rotary Club meets every Wednesday at 1 p.m. (13.00) at the Jerusalem International YMCA on King David Street. On the last Wednesday of every month it meets in the evening at 7 p.m. (19.00). NIS75 covers lunch/dinner, the Rotary program and a presentation by selected speakers. Kosher meals can be ordered until 90 minutes before the start of the meeting, by sending a message to our secretary 054-4295680. Visiting Rotarians and visitors are welcome.**