



Weekly Bulletin of The Jerusalem Rotary Club

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This Week's Program

"Rotarians Remember Remarkable Holidays" Lighting of 5 candles



My Grandmother's Hanukkah/Christmas in Jerusalem



My grandmother was born on Christmas day. Her husband Jacques told her on her birthday "Today it is Christmas day for Christians, and today it is Christmas day for me."

And indeed as long as my grandmother lived, the family gathered on Christmas day to celebrate her birthday among children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Thus Christmas was part of our lives, a celebration of the family's matriarch: Yvette (nee Camhi) Nahmia.

Yvette was the daughter of a WIZO leader, poet Victorin, and her successful merchant husband Solomon Camhi. And although Yvette's mother kept kosher and celebrated the Jewish holidays, Yvette's father's business was open on Shabbat.

Ultimately, my grandmother's religion was love and family, and any combination of these two words: family love, love of the family, creating a loving family. Yvette would express that love for the family members with words like chikitika, bella, amore mio, and by doing loving deeds.

This year, Christmas and Hanukkah coincide. On December 25th, Christians will be celebrating the birth of Jesus, their God, whereas on the same day in the month of Kislev, Jews will be celebrating the miracle of the oil, instigated by lighting the Menorah with some pure oil found in the Temple. To me the day will be a three-in-one celebration of all the cultures I ever grew up in: the family culture of love, the Jewish culture of humans co-creating the miracles with God and the Christian culture of man's potential to be God.

And that is what's magic about Jerusalem: that these three world views live in harmony in the city, and that there is room for all to be heard and honored.

On Hanukkah/Christmas, the city will be literally lit by the Hanukkah lights and Christmas tree lights, and light will be emanating from all corners of the city. On that day I will be remembering my grandmother, our family's matriarch, and her love of family. I wish that, for the sake of her birthday, we in Jerusalem grow to become a loving family, just as she would have liked it to be.

<http://www.jpost.com/Blogger/Yvette-Nahmia-Messinas>

Upcoming Programs

04 Jan—6:00 pm= recording the New Year

Prof. Emeritus Alexander Rofe
Hebrew Bible
Hebrew University

"The Creation Story -- Is Genesis Unique?"

11 Jan

P/Dan Shanit

"The Rotary Peace Education Initiative"

Suggestions for speakers or
subjects for a talk or discus-
sion are welcome.

Please write to the Chair of
the Program Committee, Art
Braunstein, via the Contact
Form on our website.

www.rotaryclubjerusalem.org



It is my sad task to share with you the information that David Seligman's older brother has passed away last week and I trust that we all share in his grief. While the Shiva will be held in Tel Aviv, you are welcome to deliver your condolences to David at his home in Abu Tor, 7/1 Oved Street on Thursday as of 10:00.
Dan



Dear David,

From your Rotary family and myself, please accept our deepest sympathies for the loss of your dear brother. May his soul rest in peace.
Rosa

To David,

very sorry to hear about the passing of your brother. We hope that at this Hanukah the family will be gathering to remember her life and hope that friends will be supporting and consoling you and the family at this time. May you release her to the light.

Yvette and Elias Messinas

Dear David,

We would like to express our sincere condolences to you and your family on the passing of your dear brother. We know you were very close, and his loss will be sorely felt. We wish you long life..
Dick and Maureen

Dear David,

Our sincere condolences to you on the loss of your brother. May he rest in peace. With all our support and best wishes on such a sad occasion, Carmen and Tony
Anthony M. Kolankiewicz

Dear David,

I was saddened to learn of your brother's passing. My condolences to you and the family.
May you know no more sorrow.

Sincerely,
Robert





From your Editor

A DATE TO REMEMBER
1 January 2017, 20:00
YMCA Auditorium
CHEN ZIMBALISTA
Gala-Benefit Concert
for the Yad Elie Foundation

(see www.yadelie.org)

Tickets at Bimot :02-623-7000

Dear Friends,

This Wednesday some of you will tell us of the Special Holidays you remember, so I started the Bulletin with Yvette Nahmia-Messinas her remarkable story of this time of the year., I hope you will enjoy reading her story.

I am sure that we will be in for a treat, with your special stories.

Please remember— The Half-Year District Conference on 13 January 2017 at the Maxim Levy "Hechal HaTarbut",

Eliezer Kaplan Street 2, Lod. Please note: The programs are all in Hebrew

You can see all the information on all the Club's Events on our website, just by clicking on the following links:

<http://www.rotaryclubjerusalem.org/program-bulletin>

<http://www.rotaryclubjerusalem.org/next-district-event>

I wish you a wonderful Holiday Season filled with Love.

Rosa



HAPPY KWANZAA!
Merry Christmas
Happy Hanukkah
Happy Holidays

WISHES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Wishes and news from Geert Cohen Stuart

Dear friends,

Marian and I want to wish all of you festive days, Christmas or Hanukkah. We hope that all of us may have a share in the side of light in a world that is undergoing so many shocks of violence and terror. And the seeming collapse of hope for peace.



We were very grateful for the many good wishes of recovery many of you sent us since the accident Marian suffered July 15.

After four weeks in hospital and convalescent home she was allowed to return home. We had to arrange a number of practical matters. As she was still unable to climb stairs we rented a hospital bed for our living room. The toilet had to be adapted to her needs. She was allowed to walk with braces and a rollator. With the help of an excellent physiotherapist she quickly strengthened her muscles. Finally it enabled her to climb the stairs to our first floor bedroom and she was able to take a 'normal shower'.

Her right knee is recovering well, but we have to wait for a call from the hospital for additional surgery of her left knee (the waiting list is up to 8 weeks...). The 'zuggertung' that was placed in order to support recovery has to be removed, for this metal object is increasingly hurting. Although the whole process of recovery is not over yet, the surgeon allowed us to buy tickets for traveling home to Jerusalem March 15.

Receive our best wishes of health and peace for 2017. We are looking forward to meet all of our friends in Israel.

Yours,

Marian and Geert/Chaim Cohen Stuart



From CIP France-Israel

Marianne Fraenkel-Gaffre

President



Barbara and Michael wish you
a Happy Hanukkah 2016/5777





International Toast

From Guido De Weerd



SERVICE Above Self.

The Rotary Club of Tucson

Today we remember one of the most intelligent women of the 20th century, Susan Sontag, born to Jack Rosenblatt and Mildred Jacobsen on the 16th of January 1933 in New York.

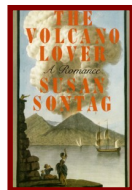


When she was five years old, her father died. Because of her asthma attacks Susan's mother moved to Tucson, Arizona, where she with Susan lived for twelve years, till 1945. That year, her mother married again, and little Susan got her stepfather's surname: Susan Sontag.



Childhood home in Tucson, Ar.

Susan was a remarkable child, reading the whole day. At the age of ten she had already read Homer, Kant, and Hegel and at the age of sixteen she started studying literature, theology, and philosophy at the universities of Chicago, Harvard, and Oxford. In 1950, at the age of only 17, she married Philipp Rieff. The couple published on the influence of Sigmund Freud on modern culture. Soon the couple divorced and Susan became an independent writer, publishing relevant texts about photography, aesthetics, and politics, fighting for freedom and against war and intolerance. She wrote four novels; the most famous being "The Volcano Lover," "The Benefactor" and "In America." From her books with essays the most famous articles are "Illness as a Metaphor" and "AIDS and its Metaphors."



Her books are translated into 32 languages. She received many prizes for her work, a.o. The 2001 Jerusalem Prize for the body of her work and the Peace Prize of the German Book Trade (2002). As she collected the Jerusalem Prize 2001 at the Jerusalem's International Convention Centre, she used her acceptance speech



at Wednesday's ceremony in Jerusalem to criticize Israeli policy towards Palestinians - despite first claiming that writers "ought not to be opinion machines." She condemned Israel's "collective punishment" of Palestinians and called for the dismantling of Israeli settlements in the West Bank. Shimon Peres, Then Israeli Foreign Minister, was one of the three judges who selected Sontag for the prize.

In 1988 Sontag started a relationship with world famous photographer Annie Leibowitz. Annie accompanied Susan

and made an impressive documentation of Susan during her illness until her death on 28th December 2004. Susan is buried in the Cimétière de Montparnasse, Paris, next to Thomas Becket, Jean-Paul Sartre, and Simone de Beauvoir.

Today Sontag is considered as one of the most influential American women of the 20th century.

Tucson is today after Phoenix the second biggest city in Arizona with about half a million inhabitants. The City is the County Seat of Pima County. The name TUCSON comes from the Tohono O'odham Indians.



This fast growing city has already a Rotary Club since 1921, belonging to District 5500.

This year the President is Ellie Patterson. Today the Club has 230 members from all professions, from car dealers to doctors, between 27 and 93 years old. The members meet every Wednesday 12:00 – 1:20 pm. at the Double Tree Hotel, 445 S. Alvernon Way, Tucson.

Fundraising projects are the Classics Car Show and a Ride to End Polio now. In this year's 10th Classic Car Show, on the 15th of October, the club presented 425 cars. The show is visited by tens of thousands of visitors, and the club finds more than 670 volunteers to organize everything on this day. Among the local project, there is a Triangle Y Boy Scouts Camp Clean-up Day and Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army.

The historical Car Show
2016



Meeting at the
Tucson Rotary
Club—2015



JOGGLING THE MIND !



The Great Fire Of London

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 RIVER THAMES
 RUIN
 HUGE
 NIGHT
 CATHEDRAL
 HOUSES
 FIRE
 JEWELLERY

Play this puzzle online at : <http://thewordsearch.com/puzzle/3784/>

NEW WORD FINDER

QUIEAHCTMS

Artyuidel

There are about 140 words in these 9 letters!!!

Try and find as many as you can. Next week I shall post all the words.

YOU CAN FIND ALL THE WORDS HERE

http://wordsolver.net/solve#!q=artyuidel&type=st_anagram&dic=d_twl&ml=10





Happy Hour



Four novice nuns were about to take their vows.

Dressed in their white gowns, they entered the chapel for their symbolic marriage to Jesus, making them "Brides of Christ."

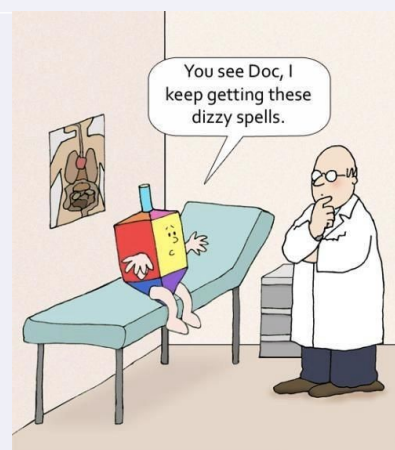
Just as the ceremony was about to begin, four Hasidic Jews came in and sat in the front row.

The Mother Superior said, "I am so honored you want to share this experience with us. May I ask why you came?"

"We're from the groom's family."



**Thanks to all friends for sending
in their
contribution to the Happy Hour!!!!**



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.
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