



Weekly Bulletin of

# The Jerusalem Rotary Club

Club # 13459, District 2490

09 December 2015

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P/P Kern Wisman

PDG Irene Lewitt (ex-officio)

## Upcoming Programme

### 16 December Meeting:

Speaker: Revital Yonah  
Psychologist  
Smart Brain Technologies  
Ltd.

### "When the Brain Heals Itself"

### 23 December Meeting:

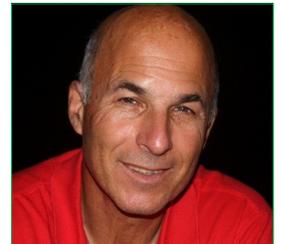
Speaker: Claire Pfann  
Academic Dean  
University of the Holy  
Land, Jerusalem  
"A Jerusalem Christmas  
Story"



## This Week's Programme

**Dr. Mooli Brog**

### "The Enigma of the Maccabean Tombs"



Dr. Mooli Brog received his Ph.D. from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. His studies focused on the collective memory of heroism in Zionism and Israeli culture, in particular on the making of landscape as national memory.

Among his articles are "Victims and Victors: Holocaust and Military commemoration in Israeli collective memory", "From the top of Masada to the Bottom of the Ghetto: the Myth as



History" and "Gymnasia Herzliya in Tel Aviv Discovers the Maccabees' Tombs", "1907-1911: The Shaping of Collective Memory and National Identity".



Dr. Brog is part of a team of scholars that study the place of Holocaust memory and commemoration in the IDF and an upcoming article will discuss the shap-



ing of the Entebbe operation's heroic

memory in relation to the Munich Olympic games' victims as a case of Israeli helplessness.





## From the Board

### JRC Board Meeting Dec. 2, 2015

#### General Club Business:

1. New Club banners (150) have arrived at a cost of 19 ₪ each.
2. The election of Nuha Tannous was finalized and Geert Cohen Stuart became a member of the Board.
3. Guidelines for the Passuk and International Toast were approved and have been published on the Club website.
4. The Board unanimously decided to confer Honorary Membership on Yossi Eisenberg in recognition of the much appreciated support he gives the Club and the Foundation.

#### Community Service Projects:

It was decided that the Community Services Committee Chair, P/P Ruth Harris should report monthly on the progress of the Club Projects.

- \* There is good progress of Annemasse-Hadassa project.
- \* The Hands Across the Water project has now has begun in Jerusalem in five schools.
- \* The Board unanimously decided to contribute \$1,000 towards the acquisition of a feeding machine for the St. Vincent Home for severely disabled children.

#### International Service:

Several Clubs, including Mönchengladbach (Germany) and Sidney (Australia) have committed to supporting the proposed Global Grant Peace Education project being guided by Dan Shanit.

The Board decided to raise the sum of \$5,250 as its part in support of the project. So far about \$3,750 have been pledged, by members and others. The remaining \$1,500 still have to be found.

#### Firesides:

The Board approved Fireside Chairman Tony Kolankiewicz's ideas for the 2015-16 Firesides. The details will be shared at the next meeting and in the Bulletin.

S/David L. ♣



## You've Got Mail

Happy Hanukah,

I want to extend my deepest gratitude and appreciation for the kindness shown to me in November during my first visit to beautiful Israel. Yaron and Lennie (a Rotarian?) showed me through the alleyways of Old Jerusalem, most notably, the interiors of eight of the twenty-two Greek Orthodox churches.

Yaron took me to a rooftop café with a stunning view of Jerusalem, drove through the city and outskirts, and ending with a visit to Ein Karem, a most idyllic hillside village, reminiscent of an exquisite Italian town. Most of all I enjoyed Yaron's spirited discussion and perspective of politics, history, and culture. I only regret that I missed attending the Rotary Club of Jerusalem meeting on November 11.

Thank you, Yaron, for enriching my life. The impact you made was invaluable and I will always treasure my

time in Jerusalem. I cannot wait to return.

I also want to extend an invitation to any of your Rotarians to visit Southern California, especially from November through April, when it is at its best.

If any of your Rotarians let me know in advance, I will make arrange-

ments to show you around and take you to lunch in a special architectural gem in Pasadena, CA.

You are always welcome at our Rotary Club of Sierra Madre, which meets Tuesday mornings at 7:00 a.m.

Thanks again for the exceptional hospitality. I eagerly look forward to returning the warm hospitality.

Kindest regards,

P/Marilyn Diaz

Sierra Madre Rotary Club





## International Toast

### The Rotary Club of Vieux Montreal

Every Wednesday the members of the Jerusalem International Rotary Club meet in the wonderful building of the YMCA in Jerusalem. It is a wonderful place, with a great history. It is a place where the idealism of its founders has been built into the very stone of the magnificent building. Today, 9<sup>th</sup> December, we remember the inauguration of the first YMCA in North-America, in Montreal in the Region of

Quebec in Canada in 1851.

The YMCA or Young Men's Christian Association (pronounced as a single word "eemca" in Jerusalem) is operated in conjunction with the YMCA USA which has an affiliation with the



World Alliance of YMCA's based in Geneva, Switzerland with more than 57 million beneficiaries from 125 national associations. The YMCA was founded on 6 June 1844 by George Williams in London with aims to put Christian principles into practice by developing a healthy "body, mind, and spirit."

These three basic principles are reflected in the three sides of the (red) triangle portion of all YMCA logos. From its inception, it grew rapidly and ultimately became a worldwide movement founded on the principles of Christianity with an accent on health, sports and humanitarian work. The different local YMCAs are voluntarily affiliated through their national organizations. The World Alliance's main motto is "empowering young people".

The YMCA in Jerusalem is unique in that it additionally utilizes the triangle to represent its foundational principle as a meeting place for

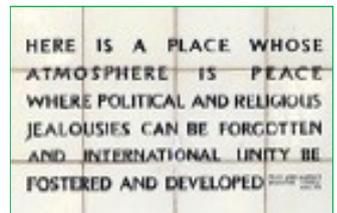


the three pre-dominant Faiths of the region (Judaism, Christianity, Islam) who are represented in the symbolism found throughout the building.

The first YMCA in North America opened in Montreal, Quebec,

Canada, on 9 December 1851. The building at Dorchester Square doesn't exist today, but we have old photographs giving us a good impression of the architecture of the building.

Twenty days after the inauguration of Montreal the first YMCA in the US was opened in Boston, Mass., on the 29<sup>th</sup> December. Today there are many YMCA-buildings in Montreal. The organization is expanding and has many young members.



The words of Gen. Edmund Allenby about the Jerusalem YMCA on the plaque in front of the building

There are several Rotary-Clubs in Montreal.

Today we toast the **Rotary Club of Vieux Montréal**, founded in 1992. The club belongs to the District 7040. The President 2015/2016 is Michael Wong Kee Song. The members meet every Friday at 12:15 pm in the Holiday Inn Select. In order to support the activities of the club an annual money raiser Gala Dinner is held; the tickets selling for \$150 per person.



*Guido de W. ♣*





The Jerusalem Rotary Club

# HANNUKAH LUNCHEON

Jerusalem Int'l YMCA, Wednesday 9 December 13:00 (1 p.m.)

Dr. Mooli Brog will bust Maccabee myths...

...and Carry Polak will lead the

## Special Hanukkah Quiz & Raffle



Family, friends and guests welcome



### A Greek Outing

#### Into the Wilds

The tour to the Greek courtyards and patriarchate will take place on Friday 11 December.

We'll be meeting at 09:45 under the palm trees near in Kikar Safra (Jerusalem Municipality Square) and leave at 10:00 sharp for our starting point at the New Gate of the Old City.

The plan is to visit the hidden courtyards of St. Demetrios, St. Michael Archangel, St. George and the Gethsemane as well as the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate.



After the tour we'll head to a rooftop restaurant in the Muristan for drinks and/or lunch.

The tour is expected to end at 13:30.

Fee: ILS 20 per person. We go Dutch for lunch... *helaas op eigen rekening!*\*

(\* Alas at your own expense)





# Happy Hour

**Happy Hanukah, Hannukkah, Chanuka,  
Chanukkah, Hanukah, Hanuka, Channuka,**



## 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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