

Weekly Bulletin of

The Jerusalem Rotary Club

Club # 13459, District 2490

16 May 2018

Club Officers

President:

P/ David Lillienthal

Secretary:

R/ Geert Cohen Stuart

Treasurer:

R/ Robert Hammer

Immediate Past

President:

P/P Dan Shanit

President Elect:

P/P David Seligman

Board Members:

R/ Art Braunstein

P/P Yaron Amitai

P/P Don Edelstein

P/P Richard Fain

P/P Eli Kenner

P/P Shlomo Khayat

PDG Irène Lewitt

R/ Perry Roded

R/ Uri Savir



This Week's Program

R/ Anthony M. Kolankiewicz

Romania Between East and West



History and geography have not always been kind to Romania. Situated at a point on the map often traversed by major powers, Romania has frequently fallen under the dominion of various empires, including the Roman, Ottoman, Austro-Hungarian, and Soviet. Romania did not become a fully independent country until 1918, then fell under the influence of the Soviet Union in 1947 before achieving its current independence in 1989. As a result of these historical experiences,

Romanian territory today hosts a plethora of ethnic groups and religions, arguably more than any other country of its size in Europe. Tony will address these factors and the way they have shaped Romania's tortured path to its current place in a modern, multi-ethnic Europe.

Tony served as a US Foreign Service political officer at the American Embassy in Bucharest from 1991 to 1994. It was an uncertain period for Romania as it debated whether the country should retain the well-known, relatively secure institutions of socialism it had known over the past two generations or embark into the unknown, even frightening world of capitalism and democracy. Washington, too, was unsure which direction Bucharest would ultimately adopt, and it was the basic mission of the embassy in Bucharest to press for Romanian acceptance of democratic institutions, respect for the rule of law, and a free market economy. During his assignment to Romania, Tony's primary focus was on the democratic political opposition, trade unions, and the country's major ethnic groups.

Tony's Last Embers of this year's Fireside Program—see page 2.

In addition to Bucharest, Tony also served in Manila, Singapore, Bandar Seri Begawan, the US Mission to NATO in Brussels, Moscow, and Warsaw. Prior to the Foreign Service, Tony served for ten years as a US Army intelligence officer, including overseas tours in Turkey, Japan, and South Korea.

In the spirit of full disclosure, he also acknowledges a much more personal connection to Romania in the form of his Romanian-born spouse, Carmen, whom he married in 2003

Upcoming Programs

May 23

Lunch meeting: **13:00**

14:00 JRC Foundation
Scholarship Awards
Ceremony

May 30

Dinner meeting: **19:00**

Details will soon follow

June 15

DG Changeover, see

www.rotaryclubjerusalem.org/news

June 20

JRC Club Changeover

**See more and earlier on
our website**

www.rotaryclubjerusalem.org/program-bulletin

To :Eshkol Jerusalem, the Yavne Club and the Jerusalem Club,
and their presidents: Eran and David,

12/05/2018

Re: Thank you

A few days ago, the delegation from the 5960 District of Minnesota returned to the United States after a two week stay in our area.

During their stay in Israel, your clubs participated in the group hosting program and many members opened their homes to the guests while other members contributed their time to accompany them during their daily activities, all in order to make their stay pleasant.

The hosts were wonderful, the tours and excursions were inspiring and above all the atmosphere of openness, warmth and cordiality they found everywhere left them greatly impressed.

We believe that the relationships that were created will continue for a long time and will serve as a basis for further future activities. Above all they will prove that your clubs have the tools, the ability and the human capital to promote international activities in the future.

This is Rotary at its best.

Best regards

Danny Fessler
Governor 2017/18

Alon Bendet
Governor 2018/19

***Last Embers of the
Fireside Program***

May flowers are in full bloom, the air is becoming warmer, and spring has already reached its half-way mark in Jerusalem.

As with all passages of time, so, too, has this year's Fireside season come to an end. A total of six members stepped up to host this year's events, so hats off and toda to Dick and Maureen Fain, Robert Hammer, Ruth Harris, Irene Lewitt, Russ McDougall, and Geert and Marian Cohen Stuart. Their willingness to support club activities allowed every member of the club and their spouses to be invited to at

least one Fireside event, although some regretted and could not accept the proffered invitation.

This will be my last year of coordinating the Fireside program as my wife and I prepare to depart Jerusalem in October for our next assignment in Washington. I hope another club member will be willing to volunteer to run the program in the future. If so, I'll still be around for a few more months to answer any questions or concerns about the program.

Cheers, Tony

THE GOVERNOR'S AWARD

Shalom to the Presidents of the clubs in District 2490

The Governor, Danny Fessler, established a committee headed by Giora Yardeni to select outstanding clubs according to three criteria.

The members of the Committee were: Giora Yardeni, Chairman of the Board, Mr. Salim Guvran, PDG Mali Levy, Mr. Shlomo Asif, and Mr. Shimon Gonen.

The District Governor Danny Fessler chose President Ariella Segal of the Caesarea Club to be named an outstanding president.

Chosen as the best clubs were:

- * The Moriah Club in Haifa headed by Ilana Meller because of a science education project for children with special needs.
- * The Caesarea Club headed by Ariella Segal because of a donation to the Rotary International Foundation.
- * The Haifa Club, headed by Gidi Yanai, for providing means for learning about the sea for children with special needs.
- * The Modi'in Club headed by Eli Barak for providing life skills for children with special needs.
- * The Rishon Lezion Club headed by Daniella Yizraeli because of the growth and maintaining members.

In addition, Amos van Raalte of the Haifa Moriah Club received the Governor's Prize for significant activity. Amos worked to promote youth and youth activities in the region and to lead youth exchange programs and RYLA.

The Governor, Danny Fessler, expressed his thanks to the members of the committee headed by Giora Yardeni for their professional and objective work and to all the winners of the prizes.

Please forward this email to your friends.

Best regards,

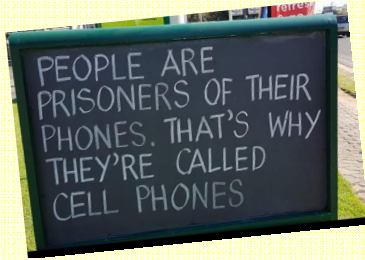
Yona Mazor,

District Secretary





Happy Hour



Comments made in 1955 - 63 Years Ago

I'll tell you one thing, if things keep going the way they are, it's going to be impossible to buy a week's groceries for \$10.00.

Have you seen the new cars coming out next year? It won't be long before \$1,000 will only buy a second hand one.

I read the other day where some scientist thinks it's possible to put a man on the moon by the end of the century. They even have some fellows they call astronauts preparing for it down in Texas.

I never thought I'd see the day all our kitchen appliances would be electric. They're even making electric typewriters now.

It's too bad things are so tough nowadays. I see where a few married women are having to work to make ends meet.

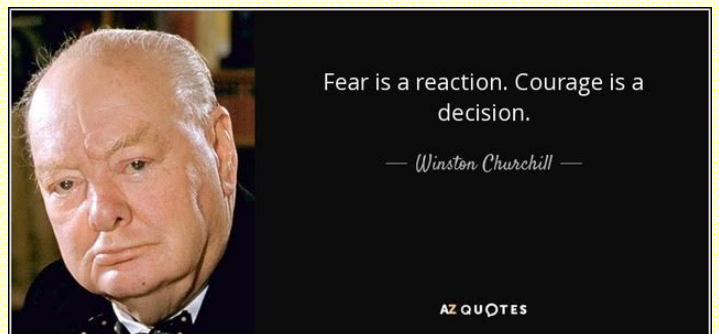
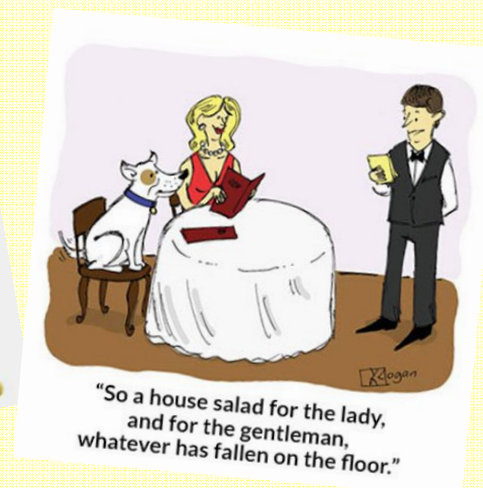
I'm afraid to send my kids to the movies any more. Ever since they let Clark Gable get by with saying DAMN in GONE WITH THE WIND, it seems every new movie has either HELL or DAMN in it.

I'm afraid the Volkswagen car is going to open the door to a whole lot of foreign business.

Thank goodness I won't live to see the day when the Government takes half our income in taxes. I sometimes wonder if we are electing the best people to government.

The fast food restaurant is convenient for a quick meal, but I seriously doubt they will ever catch on.

Clothes that are too dirty for the closet, but too clean for the laundry:
Welcome to the chair.



Jerusalem Rotary Club

Meeting at the YMCA, 26 King David St, Jerusalem
Wednesdays at 13:00, last Wednesday of each month
at 19:00. Meetings are conducted in English. Visiting
Rotarians and other guests are welcome.

Luncheon/Dinner cost: ₪75, students and lone
soldiers: ₪50. For Kosher meals please book in
advance. For this and other inquiries, go to our
website www.rotaryclubjerusalem.org
and click on the Contact/Links tab",
and use the Contact Form.

