

Weekly Bulletin of

# The Jerusalem Rotary Club

Club # 13459, District 2490

16 August 2017

## Club Officers

### President:

P/ David Lilienthal

### Acting Secretary:

R/ Robert Hammer

### Treasurer:

R/ Robert Hammer

### Immediate Past President:

P/P Dan Shanit

### President Elect:

To be elected

### Board Members:

R/ Art Braunstein

P/P Don Edelstein

P/P Richard Fain

P/P Shlomo Khayat

PDG Irene Lewitt

R/ Perry Roded

R/ Uri Savir

R/ Lenny Wolfe



## This Week's Programme

**P/P Yaron Amitai:**

## 70th Anniversary of the British Internment Camps in Cyprus

The Cyprus internment camps were established by the British government in August 1946 for internment of Jews who attempted to immigrate to Mandatory Palestine in violation of British policy. In total, 53,510 people were held in the 12 camps.

Great Britain informed the UN on February 14, 1947, that it would no longer administer the Mandate for Palestine. This prompted the UN General Assembly to recommend partition of Palestine on November 29, 1947.

When the State of Israel was established at on May 14, 1948, about 11,000 internees remained in the camps. Israel began the final evacuation of the camps in December 1948 with the internees in Cyprus mainly men of military age, evacuated to Israel in January-February 1949.

No fewer than 2,200 babies were born to Jewish internees. Many of these, together with family members, friends and others interested in the period have been returning to Cyprus for an unusual week-long journey, led by our own Yaron, a geologist by training and Philhellene by hobby.



**Lunch meeting, Jerusalem YMCA,  
Wednesday 16 August at 13:00**

## Upcoming Programme

### August 23:

Dr. Daniel Dana, esq.,  
Director, Peace & Love Intl  
Movement: **"Ayatollah  
Iran – a Threat to World  
Peace"** (observations of a  
Shia devotee turned Jewish  
activist)

### August 30:

R/ Michael Borchard, Rep-  
resentative of Konrad  
Adenauer Foundation in  
Israel: **"My Life and  
Times in Israel"**

## Upcoming Events

### September 14:

International Water Sym-  
posium: Global Water and  
Sanitation Crisis. Tel Aviv  
Fair Grounds

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*Suggestions for speakers or topics are welcome. Please write to Programme Committee Chair, R/ Art Braunstein, by way of the Contact Form on our website [www.rotaryclubjerusalem.org](http://www.rotaryclubjerusalem.org)*



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## Membership and New Club Development Month

While membership development is the responsibility of all Rotary members all year long, August has been designated as a month to celebrate Rotary's greatest asset — you.

Don't miss out on the many valuable resources that are available for prospective and current members. Using these tools allows clubs to improve their members' experience so that more prospective members join and more current members stay.

Watch this [video of President Ian Riseley](#) speaking about the importance of membership flexibility. Also, clubs can use the [Discover Rotary](#) presentation and the [prospective member brochure](#) to introduce Rotary to prospects. Clubs that want to promote their unique experience, including events and projects, can customize a [club brochure](#) available at the Brand Center. They can edit the content and upload their own photos.

[Rotary Basics](#) is a guide to all things Rotary, from how Rotary began to how you can optimize your member experience. It's now part of the [New Member Welcome Kit](#), and is also sold separately on [Shop](#). The revised [Connect for Good](#) guide suggests ways members can get involved in Rotary to make an impact in their community and globally. If you need ideas for giving new members a meaningful experience, look to [Introducing New Members to Rotary: An Orientation Guide](#). These resources are available for free download and are sold on [shop.rotary.org](#).

If you want your club to remain relevant to its members and community, consider taking the [Rotary Club Health Check](#). This exercise helps club leaders discover opportunities for growth. For other ways to evaluate your

club, download the [Membership Assessment Tools](#) publication. Another guide, [Strengthening Your Membership](#), helps club leaders create a membership development plan.

Also, our [Membership page](#) features an array of resources to suit every need, whether you're working with clubs and districts in your region to attract potential members, or exchanging tips on engagement.

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## Annual Convention 2018

The next Rotary International Convention. It will be held in **Toronto, Canada 23-27 June 2018**.

As those of you who have been to such a convention know (ask Dan who was at the latest one in Atlanta). The experience of being together with some 10,000 Rotarians from more than 200 countries, must be something very special. Imagine the fascinating networking that can be done, between clubs and between individuals.

Early registration can be done already now, online at

<http://www.riconvention.org/en/toronto>.

If you intend to participate please inform the District Secretary:

[yona.rotary@gmail.com](mailto:yona.rotary@gmail.com)





## You Are Here

### Xylotymbou

With the end of World War II, displaced Jewish people started moving west, many heading to Eretz Israel on ships hastily acquired and outfitted, mostly by the Hagana.

As the detention camp in Atlit was filled, the British decided to deport the immigrants to Cyprus. In August 1946 the "summer camps" were set up near Famagusta, and in November of that same year the "winter camps" were built in the region of Dekelia-Xylotimbou.

Many Cypriots showed support to the Jews in the camps. As a token of gratitude, the Israeli government, together with residents of Xylotimbou, erected in 2014 a memorial in the Peace Park on the edge of the village.

Commemorating also the 2,200 babies born in the camps, a plaque reads: "Half of me, the left side, the side of the heart, is Israeli; the other side, is Cypriot." Zehavit Blumenfeld, one of these babies, contributed the adage. Xylotimbou is a thriving community. The red

soil around it continues to be a source of excellent potatoes. Most villagers today are professionals who commute to Larnaca and Nicosia for work. The entire village is a Cypriot enclave within the sovereign British base of Dekelia.

In traditional coffee shops in the village centre, mustachioed men spend their time discussing politics and playing



backgammon. A small museum tells the story of the tragic 1974 events in the wake of the Turkish army's invasion of Cyprus. If you are in Cyprus, Do not miss friendly Xylotymbou.



### Heritage Journey to Cyprus

If you are interested in joining this unique week-long event in Cyprus (departure: 31 October 2017), please contact Yaron Amitai, tel. 054-4773453. The trip is also designed for kosher/Shabbat observers and people with walking difficulties.



## Eshkol News

### Modi'in Get Together

Modi'in Rotary Club invites all members of the *eshkol* (cluster) clubs to toast the new Jewish year 5678.

**Where:** Merkaz Rav-Tehumi, Enek Dotan 49, Modi'in.

**When:** Wednesday, 13 September at 18:00.

**Why:** An effort to strengthen our Cluster. Please make every effort to attend.

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חברי מועדון 'רוטרי' מודיעין  
מזמינים אתכם

**להרמת כוסית לכבוד השנה החדשה**  
**לחברי מועדוני אשכול ירושלים והשפלה**

האירוע יתקיים  
ביום רביעי 13.9.17 בשעה 18:00  
במרכז הרב תחומי  
רחוב עמק דותן 49 מודיעין

**SAVE THE DATE**

כניסה ללא תשלום  
אנו מחכים לכם!!

לפרטים נוספים: פליקס גליק טלפון: 054 – 2188822  
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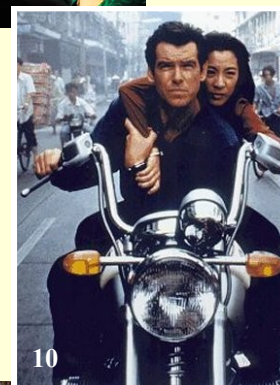
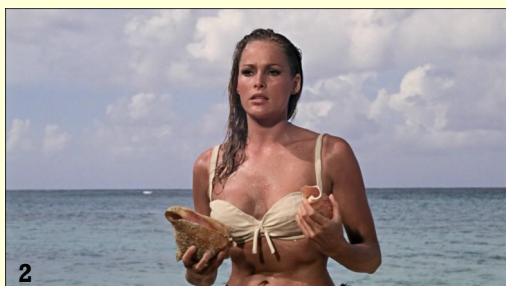
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## Happy Hour

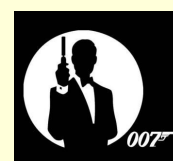
### Guess Who?



1. What James Bond movie?

2. Who starred James Bond in that movie?

Send your answers to the editor and win a prize!  
Yaron.amitai@gmail.com



See correct answers next week!

## 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: NIS 75, students and lone  
soldiers: NIS 50. For Kosher meals please book in  
advance. For this and other inquiries, go to our web-  
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