



BULLETIN
JERUSALEM ROTARY CLUB
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1929 90th Anniversary Year 2019

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Upcoming Events

06 March JRC Board Meeting 2.30 p.m.

13 March Club Birthday Party

16 March gRotary Cycle Ride Gush Eshkol

17 March
District & JRC 90th Anniversary Gala & Conference
Jerusalem Theatre

Today's Program



Alexander Dawid
 Faculty of Law
 Tel Aviv University
"Latest Bitcoin Technology and Beyond"

Alexander Dawid is currently a MA student at Tel Aviv University, Faculty of Law, majoring in law and technology while minoring in business/finance. He also serves as researcher for the newly formed Blockchain Research Institute at Tel Aviv University.

Alexander was born in Serbia, which was then part of Yugoslavia, to a family of five. After finishing high school in his home city, he moved to the capital, Belgrade, where he graduated from law school with honours. During his BA studies, he was awarded a scholarship to study at the one-year academic program in Jewish Studies at the European Institute of Jewish Studies in Stockholm, Sweden.

Upon his return to Serbia, local Jewish communities were preparing for the biggest post WWII event of vital importance, the newly enacted Law of Restitution for Holocaust victims, the first and so far the only one of its kind and scope in all of Europe. In light of this, Alex was hired by the Belgrade Jewish community to work on technological solutions to optimize the implementation of restitution justice.

As a focal point of his current studies, Alex conducts research on Blockchain technology (a distributive ledger technology) and its potential to improve the lives of many by establishing a peer-to-peer decentralized network of trust. This network removes the need for an intermediary and can empower individuals. Such technology can be leveraged in such areas as healthcare, finance, food provenance, real estate and bitcoin rollout.

Bitcoin is a cryptocurrency, a form of electronic cash. It is a decentralized digital currency without a central bank or single administrator that can be sent from user to user on the peer-to-peer bitcoin network without the need for intermediaries. [Wikipedia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bitcoin)

The President's Corner



Less than three weeks to go before the 90th Anniversary celebrations at the Jerusalem Theatre. I'm glad to say that we are well on our way to meeting our target of 100 participants from Jerusalem consisting of Rotarians, family, friends and visitors. Still a few more are needed for us to bring the Jerusalem delegation up to strength. Those of you who have not yet got your tickets from Robert please do so. Then I can stop reminding/nagging you.

The visit to the Negev to the dedication of the new Rotary forest (see Russ' report on p.4) made me think of the importance of tree planting in biblical times and today. We read of forests that have disappeared or only left remnants in the country. All speakers at our weekly meetings are given a certificate that pledges the planting of another tree in the Paul Harris Peace Forest near Safed. When I was a child the ubiquitous Blue Box of the KKL was found in many Jewish homes in the diaspora that provided funds for the flourishing forests that are now to be found in Israel. As I sat in the audience I thought how appropriate was the verse from David's Psalm of Thanksgiving in Chronicles 1 16:33 that appeared on the plaque. ***"Then shall the trees of the forest sing for joy before the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth."***

David Seligman

ONLY 18 DAYS TO GO		
JERUSALEM RC and ISRAEL DISTRICT 2490 90 th ANNIVERSARY		
CONFERENCE RECEPTION GALA CONCERT	SUNDAY 17 MARCH 2019 JERUSALEM THEATRE rc	GET YOUR TICKETS NOW FOR YOURSELF, FAMILY, FRIENDS, COLLEAGUES, ACQUAINTANCES... SEE OR CALL ROBERT (054) 306 0519

Foundation Greetings Ruth Harris

Happy Birthday

- 26 February - Aryeh Singer -
- 27 February - Rita deWerd -



Foundation Thought for the Week

From the Proverbs of Solomon:

"Like clouds and wind without rain, is a man who boasts of gifts he does not give"

Do it, don't just think about it.
Donate to the Foundation !

JERUSALEM ROTARY FOUNDATION



Presenting a Tree Certificate to MK Karine Elharar after her presentation

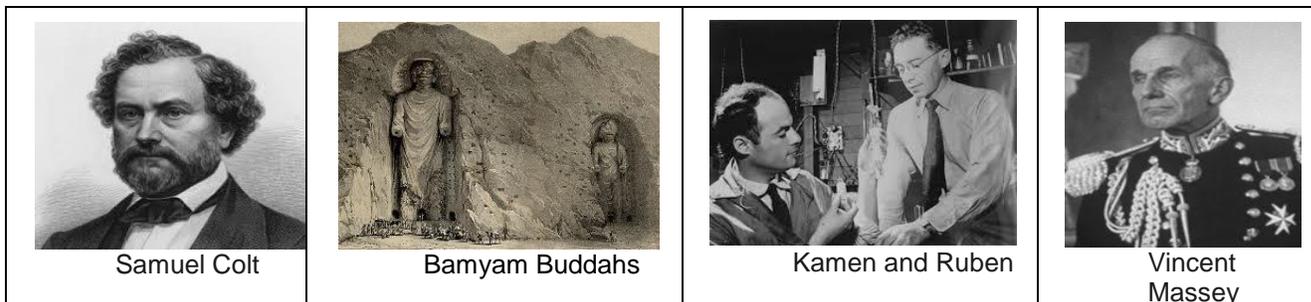


Some of the JRC members

Rotary Club of Casablanca

A dictator on his deathbed and a queen escapes assassination, two of the most important event during the calendar week:

- **25 February 1836** Samuel Colt patents the first multi-shot revolving-cylinder hand-gun, the revolver, enabling the firearm to be fired multiple times without reloading



- **26 February 2001** The Taliban destroy two giant Buddha statues in Bamiyan, Afghanistan
- **27 February 1940** Martin Kamen and Sam Ruben discover carbon-14 (radiocarbon dating) at the University of California Radiation Laboratory in Berkeley, California
- **28 February 1952** Vincent Massey sworn in as first Canadian-born Governor General of Canada
- **1 March 1953** Joseph Stalin suffers a stroke and collapses. He dies four days later.



- **2 March 1882** Queen Victoria narrowly escapes assassination when Roderick Maclean shoots at her while boarding a train in Windsor
- **3 March 1956** Morocco gains independence from France. On the same day in 1961 King Hassan II ascends to throne of Morocco following the death of King Mohammad

Today we toast the Rotary Club of Casablanca. The first meeting of the 21 founding members was held under the chairmanship of Governor Etienne Fougere on 15 March 1930. On the same day the application for Admission was sent to Rotary International. In January 1963 His Majesty, King Hassan II, agreed to be the honorary President of the Rotary Club of Casablanca.

Dieter Ziulkowski

What is carbon dating and how does it work?

Radiocarbon dating is a method that provides objective **age** estimates for carbon-based materials that originated from living organisms. An **age** could be estimated by measuring the amount of carbon-14 present in the sample and comparing this against an internationally used reference standard.

Dedication of the Paul Harris Peace Forest in the Desert

Eight members of the Jerusalem Rotary Club (Club President David Seligman, joined by Robert Hammer, Shlomo and Yedida Khayat, Ruth Harris, Geert and Marian Cohen Stuart, Russ McDougall with DG Alon Bendet in the picture) joined fellow Rotarians from around the district last Friday to



participate in the dedication of a second Peace Forest near Eshel HaNasi, northwest of Be'er Sheva. The fields about still have masses of bright yellow flowers and the morning was gloriously sunny as Rotarians gathered for the dedication ceremony.

After welcoming remarks by the District Governor Alon, representatives of the KKL spoke of the importance of developing a forest in the area. They stressed that the success of the forest would depend on planting trees like carob and olive, local species able to survive the hot, dry summers of the northern Negev. An interesting comment was that they would use

traditional forestry techniques that had proved to be effective in antiquity. In blessing the new forest the officiating Rabbi recalled the teaching of Rabban Yohanan ben Zakkai that *"if you have a sapling in your hand and someone tells you that the Messiah has arrived, first plant the sapling and then go out to welcome the Messiah."* The saying of the Ribaz suggests that the messianic age entails a renewal of Eden, where the first humans were given the command to "serve" the land and "watch over" it (Genesis 2.15) so that their home would always remain a garden. We all hope that this new Rotary Peace Forest in the Desert will help our land to be renewed as a garden for the people of the Negev and for all who will come to enjoy its shade from the hot desert sun.

After the dedication ceremony and the planting of the first trees there was a visit to the interesting local KKL Visitors' Centre.

Russ McDougall



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. Visiting Rotarians and visitors are welcome. Kosher meals on advance request. For this and other enquiries please e-mail the club secretary no later than four hours before the meeting at secretj@gmail.com. Visit our website: www.JerusalemRotaryClub.org

