

Weekly Bulletin of

The Jerusalem Rotary Club

Club # 13459, District 2490

17 December 2014

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Upcoming Programme

December 24:

Hanukka/Christmas – no meeting

December 31:

“Can You Top This?” – a jovial noontide full of jollity and conviviality to usher in the New Year 2015.

Future Events

December 22:

Hanukkah event of the Ashdod RC. Hotel Leonardo, Ashdod, 19:30, with DG Mali Levi

January 30-31:

Annual Rotary Paul Harris Peace Forest event in Biryat Yehonatan, and District outing to the Galilee



This Week's Programme

*** Hanukkah Special ***

David Lawrence-Young, author of historical novels:

“Prelude to sovereignty - the Jewish Brigade”*



David Lawrence-Young was born and educated in England. He came on Aliya in 1968 (after a previous visit in 1967 after the Six Day War) and has lived here ever since. Until last year, he spent most of his time teaching English and history in Israeli high schools and universities.

David began writing historical novels in 1999 and since then has written 16. These have been published here in Israel as well as in the UK and the USA. The subjects of these novels have ranged from three books about Shakespeare to books about Anglo-Saxon kings, the wives of Henry VIII and the capture of Adolf Eichmann in 1960 as well as a novel about the Jewish Brigade. He is currently working on a novel about the group of terrorists who assassinated Archduke Franz Ferdinand in Sarajevo in 1914 and so lit the match that started WW1.

David lives in Jerusalem, is married, has three children and three grandchildren.

David Lawrence-Young dedicates this lecture to his very good friend, David Wynne, who died a few months ago as the result of an unfortunate accident. Not only had he been a close friend since 1968, but he was also a very effective chairman of the Rotary Club in Safed in the Upper Galilee.



Lunch meeting at the Jerusalem YMCA, Wednesday, 17 December at 13:00 ♣

*** Plus Candle Lighting and Sufganiyot !!**





Season's special

Christmas concert 2014

This year's Christmas concert hosts performers of a wide variety. Featured are members of the Jerusalem A-Cappella Singers and **the Jerusalem Oratorio Chamber Choir** who will be performing the much loved carols sung on Christmas; **the YMCA Israel-Palestine Youth Chorus** and the heavenly sounds of the **solo harp** will fill the beautiful auditorium of the YMCA with the spirit of peace and joy. Ending this musical celebration will be **the traditional Sing-along** where the conductor will lead the

audience in the well-known Christmas carols and Prof. Gabi Shefler will play the carillon.

- * *Date: Wednesday, 24 December*
- * *Time: 19:00*
- * *Location: YMCA Auditorium*
- * *Tickets: for tickets call Bimot *6226.*



International Toast

Kitty Hawk

So what is special about today, 17th December? When I started searching I found 195 events listed, some interesting, some banal and some curiosities. Given that the dates stretched from 386 C.E. with a Pope, to the present day with an entry to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, that was not surprising. To get a taste here are 11 examples:

- * 546 BC – The Gothic War started when the Ostrogoths of King Totila conquered Rome by bribing the Byzantine garrison.
- * 1398 – Tamerlane captures and sacks Delhi by defeating Sultan Nasr-u Din Mehmed's army that included elephants.
- * 1526 – Pope Clemens VII introduces the inquisition.
- * 1538 – Pope Paul III excommunicates King Henry VIII
- * 1637 – Japanese peasants led by Amakuso Shiro rise against the Dainyo Matsuko Shiharu
- * 1728 – Congregation Shearit Israel of NY build the first synagogue in Manhattan
- * 1791 – Really important date. NYC traffic regulation creates the first one way street!
- * 1892 – Premiere in St. Petersburg of Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker Suite"
- * 1910 – First Prize of 100,000 francs offered for communication with extra-terrestrials. Mars

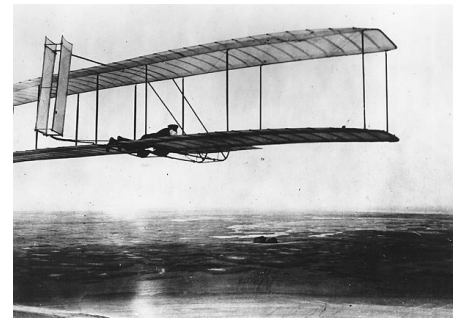
is excluded as considered too easy!

- * 1914 – Jews expelled from Tel Aviv by the Ottomans.

And so the 20th Century continues with too many events to list. However there is one that we cannot ignore.

On 17 December 1903, Orville Wright piloted the first powered airplane, 20 feet above a wind-swept beach at Kitty Hawk in North Carolina. The flight lasted 12

seconds and covered 120 feet (40 metres). Three more flights were made that day with Orville's brother



Wilbur piloting the record flight that lasted 59 seconds over a distance of 852 feet (251 metres).

Our toast today is to the **Rotary Club of Kitty Hawk**, North Carolina in District 7720. They meet at the Duck Woods Golf Club and you can join them on Thursdays, if you can get up in time, at 7.30 in the morning.

David S. ♣





Annual Bazaar

My first bazaar

This was my first experience of our annual bazaar, and right from the start I had doubts if it could really be realized. But then I did not yet know Ruth Harris's enormous will power and drive, nor the amount of time and energy that she and her team could invest. In spite of the disheartening theft of a good part of the sorted and priced goods, it turned out to be a great event with the participation of most club members and spouses and a great number of customers turning up. The admirably raised NIS 20,000 will be a welcome addition to the funds for our social projects. Kol Hakavod to all for this effort, which dispelled my doubts and reminded me that where there is a will there is a way.

David L. ♣





Happy Hour

Church bulletin 'typos'

Well, churches are not exempt from typos. The following is a list of the Top 10 Funniest Church Bulletin Typos of All Time. Let's have some fun.

- * **Thank God for the church charity ladies with their typewriters. These sentences actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced at church services.**
- * **The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.**
- * **Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.**
- * **The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon to-night: 'Searching for Jesus.'**
- * **Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.**
- * **Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.**
- * **Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.**
- * **For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.**
- * **Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.**
- * **A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music**



will follow.

- * **At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.**
- * **Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.**
- * **Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.**
- * **The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hospitality.**
- * **Pot-luck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM. Prayer and meditation to follow.**
- * **The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.**
- * **This evening at 7 PM there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.**
- * **The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the Congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.**
- * **Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 PM. Please use the back door.**
- * **The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church basement Friday at 7 PM. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.**
- * **Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.**



Sent in by Carry P. ♣

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 65, students and lone

soldiers: NIS 50. For Kosher meals please book in advance. For this and other enquiries please e-mail club secretary David Lilienthal: rawdav@gmail.com.

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