



BULLETIN

JERUSALEM ROTARY CLUB

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District 2490

05 June 2019



1929 90th Anniversary Year 2019

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Upcoming Events

12 June JRC

Presidents'

Changeover at Bet

Shmuel

16 June District

Governors'

Changeover,

Bet Keinan, Herzliah

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Today's Program

DAVID SELIGMAN

Outgoing President 2018-2019

In view of the challenges facing Rotary today

asks

“Where do we go from here?”

Where do we go from here? The young lady might well look concerned as the Rotary year draws to a close. Indeed twelve quick months have passed since the



last Changeover. The past year was to be one of celebration, our 90th year, growth and achievement but as in life you win some, you lose some, so it was with us, the Jerusalem Rotary Club. Naturally there will be a review of the year next week before I hand over the baton to the incoming President but I would like to

share a concern that nagged, like an annoying itch, to cast a pall over even the most gratifying achievements over the year. I refer to the problem of a declining membership in our and many other clubs around the world.

Are we looking at the problem of attracting new members in the wrong way? Jerusalem has many English speakers, NGOs, the Hebrew University, Government offices, high tech industry, yet we have not succeeded in drawing members from any of these bodies with any success. The usual reasons given are that work habits have changed and the younger generation simply do not have the time. But what of retirees? They now do have the time and they are not coming to us in droves. Two things spring to mind. First, our looking out, PR is terrible and the wider population does not know who we are or what we do. Second, looking inwards, do we make enough effort to make our meetings both interesting and attractive gatherings? Whatever the problem, change will only happen if everybody is involved. For too long the burden of effort has depended on too few people. There is little comfort that many clubs around the world, not only Rotary, face similar difficulty in recruiting new members to counter their decline in numbers. Where do we go from here? A fresh Rotary year. Bright ideas. Here we go again.

ELECTION JRC Board 2020-2021

Voting ends 1 p.m. today Wednesday 05 June 2019

The President's Corner



How do I feel on this penultimate meeting with me presiding? Wonderful! It has been a busy year and as I say in my kvetch overleaf, you win some and you lose some. It is true that our main problem remains a declining, and dare I say it, aging membership but there is now a nucleus of younger (!) members around whom a resurgence is possible. The 90th Anniversary Gala concert at the Jerusalem Theatre was an enormous success that came after many months of planning, meetings and discussions. We were well represented as I was joined on the committee by Shlomo, Ruth and Eli. We were challenged to fill 100 Jerusalem seats and with your help, we did so.

For some months Eli, Ruth and I have been working on a book, actually more a booklet, of pictures of 90 years of club history, projects and activities. Publication made possible by the generosity of a number of club sponsors. If there is no *force majeure* then we will launch it next week at the Changeover.

Our active Community Services Committee has been as busy as ever with projects big and small. We continue our support of Gan Shalom based here at the Y and have just cooperated with a school in Har Homa in providing an innovation, a calming meditation room. We are also exploring the possibility of another Global Grant that will provide training for professionals, families and volunteers at the Aphasia Centre at the Hadassah College. Mr. Program Art managed to fill almost all the weekly slots for speakers that covered a wide variety of topics, Everything from Bitcoins, Elections, Kindness Boomerang, Greening Jerusalem to Amazing Astronomical Discoveries. Potential speakers there is no point in trying to hide. Art will find you.

These were some of the wins but more of that next week.

David Seligman

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OUR CHANGEOVER

NEXT WEDNESDAY

Robert takes over as President

at

Bet Shmuel

on

Wednesday 12 June 2019 at 7 p.m.

GREAT ATMOSPHERE

GOOD FOOD & MUSIC

BUMPER RAFFLE

Register with Robert or Geert

REGISTER & BRING MANY GUESTS

DISTRICT GOVERNOR CHANGEOVER

Matti Harel replaces Alon

Bendet as District Governor at

Bet Keynan, Herzliah on

Sunday 16 June 2019 at 6.30 p.m.

A GRAND AFFAIR

GOOD FOOD IF YOU'RE FAST

DISTRICT MINGLE

MEET ROTARIANS

Register with Geert

Transport will be arranged

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CHANGEOVER RAFFLE PRIZES
WE NEED MORE PRIZES
BRING YOUR
OFFERINGS/GIFTS/TREASURES
TO TONIGHTS MEETING
OR DIRECTLY TO THE
CHANGEOVER
PLEASE!!!!



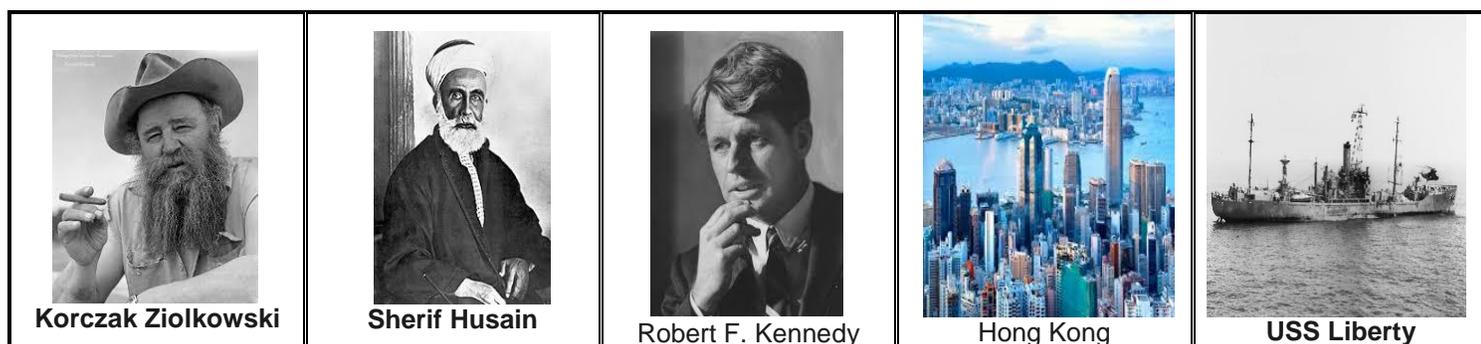


International Toast-

Rotary Club of Hong Kong

An unbeatable week for fascination. From Chief Crazy Horse to USS Liberty via Husain to Hong Kong.

- **3 June 1948** Korczak Ziolkowski begins sculpture of Crazy Horse, the Native American tribal chief, near Mt Rushmore
- **4 June 1876** An express train called the Transcontinental Express arrives in San Francisco, California, via the First Transcontinental Railroad, only 83 hours and 39 minutes after having left New York City
- **5 June 1916** The Sherif Hussein proclaims a revolt of the Arabs in the province of Hejaz, an action that undermines the Turkish Ottoman Empire



- **6 June 1968** Senator Robert F. Kennedy assassinated and dies from his wounds. previous night
- **7 June 1965** The Supreme Court of the United States decides on Griswold v. Connecticut, effectively legalizing the use of contraception by married couples
- **8 June 1967** Israel attacks USS Liberty in Mediterranean, killing 34 US crewmen
- **9 June 1898** China leases Hong Kong's new territories to the United Kingdom for 99 years

Hong Kong became a colony of the British Empire after Qing China ceded Hong Kong Island at the end of the First Opium War in 1842. The colony expanded to the Kowloon Peninsula in 1860 after the Second Opium War, and was further extended when Britain obtained a 99-year lease of the New Territories in 1898. The entire territory was transferred to China in 1997. The territory has become one of the world's most significant financial centres and commercial ports. It is the world's seventh-largest trading entity and has the largest number of skyscrapers in the world. The leasing of the New Territories was a decisive factor in the development of Hong Kong.

Today we toast toasting the Rotary Club of Hong Kong, founded in 1931, on the success of Hong Kong.

Dieter Ziulkowski

Why was the USS Liberty attacked?

"According to John Loftus and Mark Aarons in their book, The Secret War Against the Jews, *Liberty was attacked because the Israelis knew that the ship's mission was to monitor radio signals from Israeli troops and pass troop movement information to the Egyptians.*"

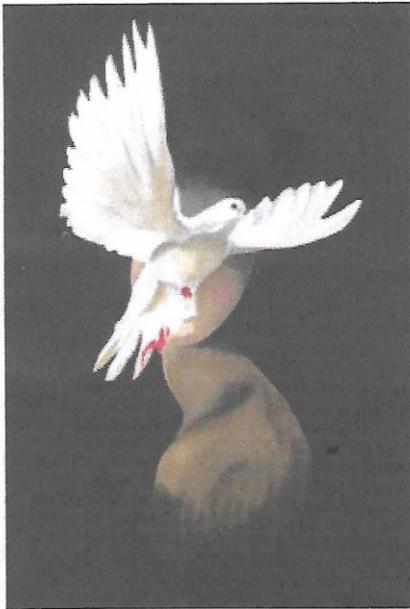
Crazy Horse (c. 1840 – September 5, 1877)^[3] was a Lakota war leader of the Oglala band in the 19th century. He took up arms against the United States federal government to fight against encroachment by white American settlers on Native American territory and to preserve the traditional way of life of the Lakota people. His participation in several famous battles of the Black Hills War on the northern Great Plains, among them the Fetterman Fight in 1866 in which he acted as a decoy and the Battle of the Little Bighorn in 1876 in which he led a war party to victory, earned him great respect from both his enemies and his own people.

Another botched Middle East Peace Summit

It all started last week, when I was summoned by our President to represent the Jerusalem Rotary Club in an emergency summit peace meeting to be held on Wednesday night in the presence of two distinguished DGs, one from the Amalfi Coast, Italy while the other from the desert of Beer Sheva.

A lovely group of Italian Rotary peacemakers lead by their DG in the footsteps of St. Francis of Assisi, has just landed at the Casa Nova pilgrim hostel and was making its way to the JRC headquarters – the YMCA where they would bring peace to the Mediterranean proffer the Pipe of Peace to the Jerusalem RC of West Jerusalem and the Jerusalem RC of East Jerusalem.

Upon arrival at the Y it became evidently clear that with the lack of representatives from the East Jerusalem Rotary Club, let alone the Israeli DG who could only be available via Zoom, nor any members of our own club – I was left alone to defend the Israeli-Palestinian peace process.



Having been exposed to an impressive St. Francis prayer for peace manifesto beautifully inscribed on faux vellum, hand signed by hundreds of Italian Rotarians; a book of drawings dating back to the St. John Order of Crusaders as well as an artistic expression of the hopes for peace depicting no less than a beautiful colorful dove- I was left with little choice but to save the peace by calling on our exhausted President to summon all peace loving JRC Rotarians to a repeat session on the following evening.

It all ended nicely with drinks, exchange of banners and photo opportunity of all JRC and Italian Rotarians, who had to face the harsh realities that forming a European Union seems to be a piece of cake compared to the challenge of making peace between two Rotary clubs in the same city, the city of peace, Jerusalem.



Dan Shanit



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 secrotj@gmail.com. Visit our website: www.JerusalemRotaryClub.org

