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Today's Program - "Non-violence = Strength or Weakness?

The Dilemma of Nelson Mandela"

David Seligman was born in Johannesburg, South Africa. In 1950, on matriculating from high school, he came to Jerusalem to the Institute for Youth Leaders from Abroad (Machon Lemadrichei Hutz L'aretz) but left (actually absconded) to take up a music scholarship at the Israel Academy of Music. During this time he played trumpet with the Israel Police band but left as he wanted to switch to the French Horn. On completing the course in 1953 he returned to Johannesburg to attend the University of the Witwatersrand where he graduated with a B.A. and B.Mus. He chaired the university's Arts Festival, the Music Society and the Jewish Society. This was a period of intense anti-apartheid activity and student participation in demonstrations and marches. The Special Branch of the Police were very active and many were arrested. In 1958 David and his wife Shirley z"l moved to Paris where David continued his French Horn studies with maestro Lucien Thevet. Moving to London in 1960 David first worked as a freelance musician playing with various orchestras that included the LSO and with the National Theatre at the Edinburgh Festival but after two years turned to a career in education. From 1962 to 1969 he taught in high schools, technical colleges and teacher education and studied for two post graduate degrees at the Institute of Education at the University of London before joining the BBC as a producer with the establishment of the British Open University in 1969. Leaving in 1984 as the Executive Director for the Social Sciences David joined UNESCO as Chief Technical Advisor for the establishment of an Educational Television unit at the Indian Institute for Educational Research and Training in New Delhi where he served for four years.

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After India he was employed by various international organisations as a consultant on educational technology and innovative educational systems in Asia, Africa and South America. Retirement, of a sort, came in 2005.

After many visits over the years with his family David and Shirley came on Aliyah and settled in Jerusalem in 1993, their three children were already settled here. In 1998 David joined the Jerusalem Rotary Club where he has been President on three occasions and chaired the club's Foundation and the Community Services Committee. Smiling behind his Convin-19 mask, he believes that it is time for the next generation to take over.

We have a virtual meeting again using the internet application ZOOM. Please log in as follows: just before 1:00 pm (1300), of the meeting date, click on the following "Join URL": <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86112105200> or only the numbers [86112105200](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86112105200) in the log-in window of ZOOM

Fellowship Greetings

Happy Birthday to our Past District Governor and PP David Neumann on 16 August. One day later on 17 August Happy Birthday to President Dieter. Mazal Tov.



The President's Corner

Tragedies are feeding stock for the worldwide news. Last week the focus of the news reporting shifted from Corona to Beirut and that devastating explosion. Let us hope that our political and administrative leadership, on a national and municipal level, is taking conclusions from the Lebanon disaster and will improve, if possible, the storage facilities of dangerous products in Israel, especially in the Haifa region with its huge chemical industry. The Beirut explosion should be a wake-up call.

Please take note of the e-mail that I wrote in the name of our club to the Rotary Club Beirut Cosmopolitan, listed below under 'some other news'.

Dieter Ziulkowski



International Toast – Rotary Club of Amman Citadel, Amman, Jordan

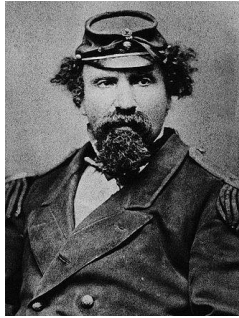
Three noteworthy historical events that happened on 12 August, the day of our meeting:

1851 American inventor Isaac Singer patents the sewing machine. **Isaac Merritt Singer** (October 27, 1811 – July 23, 1875) was an American inventor, actor, and businessman. He made important improvements in the design of the sewing machine and was the founder of what became one of the first American multi-national businesses, the Singer Sewing Machine Company. Many others had patented sewing machines before Singer, but his success was based on the practicality of his machine, the ease with which it could be adapted to home use, and its availability on an instalment payment basis. Singer's prototype sewing machine became the first to work in a

practical way. It could sew 900 stitches per minute, far better than the 40 of an accomplished seamstress on simple work. This started the industrialisation of garment and textile manufacturing, as a shirt took an hour to make compared to fifteen hours previously. Singer died in 1875, a millionaire dividing his \$14 million fortune unequally among 20 of his children by his wives and various mistresses.



Issac Singer



Emperor Norton



King Hussein



Rabin, Clinton, King Hussein

1869 Self-proclaimed Emperor Joshua Abraham Norton of the USA issues edict abolishing the Democratic and Republican parties. Norton (February 4, 1818 – January 8, 1880), was a citizen of San Francisco, California, who proclaimed himself "Norton I, Emperor of the United States" in 1859. In 1863 he took the secondary title of "Protector of Mexico" after Napoleon III invaded that country. Norton was born in England but spent most of his early life in South Africa. He sailed west after the death of his mother in 1846 and his father, who were English Jews, in 1848, arriving in San Francisco possibly in November 1849. Norton initially made a living as a businessman, but he lost his fortune investing in Peruvian rice to sell in China due to a Chinese rice shortage. He bought rice at 12 cents per pound from Peruvian ships, but more Peruvian ships arrived in port which caused the price to drop sharply to 4 cents. In September 1859, he claimed the position of Emperor of the United States. Though Norton received many favours from the city, merchants also capitalized on his notoriety by selling souvenirs bearing his name. Norton had no formal political power; nevertheless, he was treated deferentially in San Francisco, and currency issued in his name was honoured in the establishments that he frequented. Some considered him insane or eccentric, but citizens of San Francisco celebrated his imperial presence and his proclamations, such as his order that the United States Congress be dissolved by force and his numerous decrees calling for the construction of a bridge and tunnel crossing San Francisco Bay to connect San Francisco with Oakland.

1952 Hussein ibn Talal proclaimed King of Jordan. Hussein (14 November 1935 – 7 February 1999) reigned as King of Jordan from 11 August 1952 until his death on 7 February 1999. As a member of the Hashemite dynasty, the royal family of Jordan since 1921, Hussein was a 40th-generation direct descendant of Muhammad. Hussein was born in Amman as the eldest child of Talal bin Abdullah and Zein Al-Sharaf. Hussein began his schooling in Amman, continuing his education abroad. After Talal became King of Jordan in 1951, Hussein was named heir apparent. The Parliament forced Talal to abdicate a year later due to his illness, and a regency council was appointed until Hussein came of age. He was enthroned at the age of 17 on 2 May 1953. Hussein was married four separate times and fathered eleven children. Hussein, a constitutional monarch, started his rule with what was termed a "liberal experiment," allowing, in 1956, the formation of the only democratically elected government in Jordan's history. A few months into the experiment, he forced that government to resign, declaring martial law and banning political parties. Jordan fought three wars with Israel under Hussein, including the 1967 Six-Day War, which ended in Jordan's loss of the West Bank. In 1970 Hussein expelled Palestinian fighters (fedayeen) from Jordan after they had threatened the country's security in what became known as Black September. The King renounced Jordan's ties to the West Bank in 1988 after the Palestine Liberation Organization was recognized internationally as the sole representative of the Palestinians. He lifted martial law and reintroduced elections in 1989 when riots over price hikes spread in southern Jordan. In 1994 he became the second Arab head of state to sign a peace treaty with Israel.

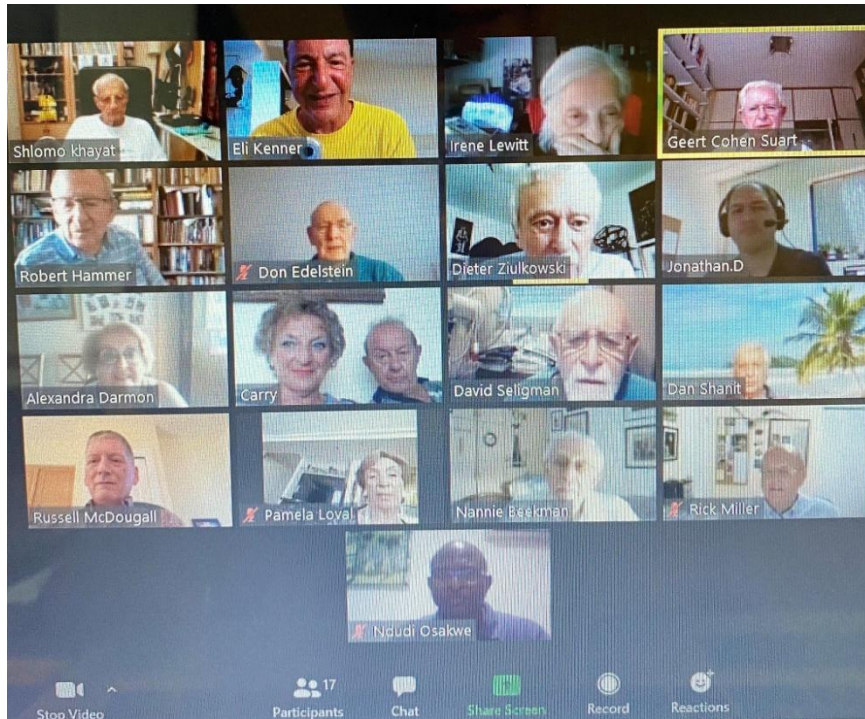
Today we are toasting the Rotary Club of Amman Citadel in Amman, Jordan. A club chartered by former Rotaract members, the younger generation of Rotary. We are toasting this Rotary Club on the occasion that a very young Hussein ibn Talal was proclaimed King of Jordan in 1952 at the age of 17.

Dieter Ziulkowski



Some other news

Some of the participants of last ZOOM meeting, courtesy of Eli:



An e-mail to the Rotary Club of Beirut Cosmopolitan:

Dear Rotarian Friends of Rotary Club Beirut Cosmopolitan,

our Rotary Club Jerusalem would like to express our deepest feelings for you at this time of catastrophe in Beirut. It is hard to imagine the horror that you must feel and experience by this destruction.

We do hope that all of you, your families and friends are coming through this disaster with little or no harm.

Our Rotary Club, chartered in 1929 as the first Rotary Club in then Palestinian Mandate of the UK, is the only English speaking RC in Israel. Our membership comprises members of various religions, ethnic groups and political opinions. However, these subjects are not in our agenda. All of us are united by the ideas and the aims of Rotary.

Best of luck and health to all of you.
With Rotarian Greetings

Dieter G Ziulkowski
President Rotary Club Jerusalem

E-mail to our Past President David Lilienthal:

Dear David,

on behalf of the Board and all Members of the Rotary Club Jerusalem I would like to express our thanks to you for many years of dedication to our Rotary Club, to your involvement and hard work as our former President and as the Webmaster of our internet site.

Your dedication is an inspiration to all of us. Once the Corona crises is over and we can meet and travel again, we do hope to see you at one of our meetings to present to you a 'tree certificate' for the David Lilienthal Tree in the Paul Harris Peace Forest.

Shabbat Shalom
Dieter

Food for thought:

WHY DO NOSES RUN
BUT FEET SMELL?
SHOULDN'T THEY
ACTUALLY DO THE
OPPOSITE?

ENGLISH IS THE ONLY
LANGUAGE WHERE YOU
DRIVE IN PARKWAYS
AND PARK IN DRIVEWAYS.

IT'S ALSO THE ONLY
LANGUAGE WHERE YOU
RECITE IN A PLAY AND PLAY
IN A RECITAL.



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. Kosher meals can be ordered until 90 minutes before the start of the meeting, by sending a message to our secretary
054-4295680. Visiting Rotarians and visitors are welcome.