

Weekly Bulletin of

# The Jerusalem Rotary Club

Club # 13459, District 2490

17 February 2016

## Club Officers

### President:

P/ Yaron Amitai

### Secretary:

R/ David Lilienthal

### Treasurer:

P/P Eli Kenner

### Immediate Past President:

P/P Nezar Tannous

### President Elect 2016-17:

R/ Nuha Tannous

### Board Members:

R/ Art Braunstein

R/ Geert Cohen Stuart

P/P Sandi Darmon

P/P Ruth Harris

P/P David Seligman

R/ Dan Shanit

R/ Nuha Tannous

R/Guido de Werd

P/P Kern Wisman

PDG Irene Lewitt, ex-officio



## This Week's Programme

### Club Assembly

### Special Presentation by R/Dan Shanit:

### "Rotary Jewish-Arab Peace Education Initiative"

The President will gavel the meeting to order at 13:30 and following the normal club routine presentations, he will commence with the following agenda:

1. President's report (Yaron A.)
2. Treasurer's report (Eli K.)
3. CSC Report (Ruth H.)
4. Events & Outings Report (David S.)
5. Peace Education Initiative (Dan S.)
6. Any other business.



R/ Dan Shanit will report on his recent trip to the Rotary International President's Peace Conference in Ontario, California, and the developments which occurred there in relation to our **Rotary Jewish-Arab Peace Education Initiative**.

The objectives of this initiative are the acquisition of skills for non-violent conflict management and the inspiration of dialogue, tolerance and hope among young people by developing a youth leadership team which it is hoped will contribute towards future process changes in terms of advancement of peace and the development of a joint society.

## Upcoming Programme

### 24 February Dinner Meeting:

The Honorable Steve Adler, Judge (ret.)

Past President, Israel National Labor Court:  
**"Women's Workplace Rights – Israel and America Compared"**

### 02 March Meeting:

Rafi Dobrin

Author and Publicist

**"How to Deal with Problems – The Israel Factor"**

### 8-14 March:

Carnival Tour to Cyprus

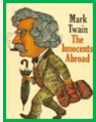
### 9 March Meeting:

No meeting due to Cyprus Tour

### 2016-17 JRC Board Meeting

**Due to the recently declared vacancy for the Presidency of the Jerusalem Rotary Club Board for 2016-17, a special Board Meeting has been called for 14:40 Wednesday, 17 February, after the Club's weekly meeting.**

**All 2016-17 JRC Board Members are asked to make every effort to attend.**



## Innocents Abroad

### The Incredible Jeepney

**Jeepneys** are the most popular means of public transportation in the Philippines. They are known for their crowded seating and kitsch decorations, which have become a ubiquitous symbol of Philippine culture and art.

Jeepneys can take you anywhere, they run 24 hours a day and hold up to 20 people in each bus.

- Eli K. ♣



## You've Got Mail

### A "Perth" inent Response

Good evening all,

Thank you for a lovely evening.

Here is the photograph from the exchange of the flags.

Again I am very sorry it was crumpled. It had been stored safely but airport security roughed up my bag a bit on the way in.

Do let me know if your members ever visit Perth and I will be sure to invite them to a meeting and show them around.

Best regards,  
Danielle



Hi Danielle

Trust you have reached home safe and sound. It has been a pleasure meeting you. No worries about the banner, I have ironed it properly since then.

Hope to see you again in this part of the World or Down Under!

Best,  
P/Yaron Amitai





## International Toast

### Rotary Club of Chester, England

So as not to have our weekly International Toast bogged down in too many dates of monumental historical significance, this week's International Toast goes to Chester, England. Not that Chester England does not have many historical reasons for celebration and/or noteworthy accomplishments, but one, in particular, has gone unnoticed and unremembered for far too long.

On this date, 17 February 1795, horticulturalist extraordinaire, from Chester, England, Thomas Seddal reported having harvested a potato of no mean dimension; history recording its size as 8.3 kgs. Mind boggling as this tuberous agricultural feat is no records have survived (at least on the internet) as to the disposition of the oversized spud but for comparison's sake note the picture of Nigel Kermonde's currently reigning world's largest potato, weighing in at a paltry 7 lbs. 13 oz. ( 3.55 kg's). It is an obvious pity that Mr. Seddal's skills were not available to the Irish in later years from 1845-52.



On this date, 17 February 1795, horticulturalist extraordinaire, from Chester, England, Thomas Seddal reported having harvested a potato of no mean dimension; history recording its size as 8.3 kgs. Mind boggling as this tuberous agricultural feat is no records have survived (at least on the internet) as to the disposition of the oversized spud but for comparison's sake note the picture of Nigel Kermonde's currently reigning world's largest potato, weighing in at a paltry 7 lbs. 13 oz. ( 3.55 kg's). It is an obvious pity that Mr. Seddal's skills were not available to the Irish in later years from 1845-52.

son's sake note the picture of Nigel Kermonde's currently reigning world's largest potato, weighing in at a paltry 7 lbs. 13 oz. ( 3.55 kg's). It is an obvious pity that Mr. Seddal's skills were not available to the Irish in later years from 1845-52.

The **Rotary Club of Chester** was founded in 1922 as a part of Rotary District 1180. The club currently has 49 members and meets first and third Mondays at 6:30 pm and second and fourth Mondays at 12:50 pm at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. The President this year is Heather Oldham.

The Club Website indicates that the club is anticipating one of its major fundraising events on 10 July, when it will once again or-

ganize the Chester raft race on the River Dee. The club will seek sponsors and organize this 41st Charity Raft Race



in aid of the Hospice of the Good Shepherd and other Chester Rotary Club supported causes. The club, at present, has commitments for over £ 300,000 and over 2,000 competitors have been registered.



Jay St. John  
Flyboarding

Last year featured Jay St John with a spectacular display of flyboarding. Forty rafts took part, and the winner with the fastest time of 9m 20s was Cheshire Waste and Skip Hire with 'In The Navy'. Winner of the theme prize was Marshall Air Services with a complete floating jet-

fighter tribute to Top Gun. The best pub entry was by Old Harkers Arms with an amazing Yellow Submarine tribute to The Beatles. Best ladies raft was entered by The Druids Inn 'I Am Sailing'. The best school entry was Queens Lower School with 'The Queen of Hearts'.



Marshall Air Services  
Top Gun

The Club has also supported, among other projects, End Polio Now and A project to collect unwanted bicycles for students and young people in Africa.

- Kern W. ♣





## Fireside Program

### Second Round of Fireside "Chats"

With all due respect to former US President Franklin Roosevelt, the next session of Fireside meetings really will be chats -- and all of you will have the opportunity to do the chatting. As mentioned at last week's meeting, each Fireside group will discuss a neutral topic. Each group will appoint an informal "reporter," who will summarize the group's discussion and present an overall conclusion during a future club assembly (no more than 5-10 minutes).



I'll announce the neutral topic at the 17 February club meeting (though I'm still looking for last-minute suggestions from the broader membership!) and answer any questions you might have about the ground rules for the next round of Fireside meetings.



**I hold in my hand the envelope. As a child of four can plainly see, this envelope has been hermetically sealed. It has been kept in a #2 mayonnaise jar on Funk and Wagnalls' back porch since noon today. No one knows the contents of this envelope, the Rotary Fireside Discussion Topics will be mystically and magically revealed on 17 February at 13:40, not by the Great Carnac but by the Great Kolankiewicz.**

Here is the line-up for the Fireside meetings later this month, indicating the hosts, dates, and tentative times. I believe the hosts have already invited their guests but, if you haven't received an invitation by the time you read this, let me know at 058-544-7464. Enjoy your chat!

Tony K. ♣

#### Second Round Firesides Hosts

Moshe & Arna	20 February	1800
Sandi & Ilan	23 February	1800
Irene	27 February	1100
Art & Nannie	27 February	1900
David & Gun	01 March	1900





## Happy Hour

### Political Correctness Defined

**Below are exact copies of four telegrams between then-President Harry Truman and General Douglas MacArthur on the day before the actual signing of the WW2 Surrender Agreement in September 1945.**

(1) Tokyo, Japan

0800-September 1, 1945

To: President Harry S Truman

From: General D A MacArthur

**Tomorrow we meet with those yellow-bellied bastards and sign the Surrender Documents, any last minute instructions?**



(2) Washington, D C

1300-September 1, 1945

To: D A MacArthur

From: H S Truman

**Congratulations, job well done, but you must tone down your obvious dislike of the Japanese when discussing the terms of the surrender with the press, because some of your remarks are fundamentally not politically correct!**

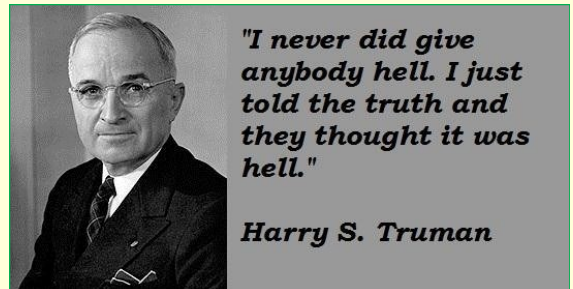
(3) Tokyo, Japan

1630-September 1, 1945

To: H S Truman

From: D A MacArthur and C H Nimitz

**Wilco Sir, but both Chester and I are somewhat confused, exactly what does the term politically correct mean?**



(4) Washington, D C

2120-September 1, 1945

To: D A MacArthur/C H Nimitz

From: H S Truman

**Political Correctness is a doctrine, recently fostered by a delusional, illogical minority and promoted by a sick mainstream media, which holds forth the proposition that it is entirely possible to pick up a piece of shit by the clean end!**

- Contribution by Rafi A. ♣

### Jerusalem Rotary Club

Weekly Lunch Meetings are at the YMCA, 26 King David St, Jerusalem Wednesdays at 13:00. The last Wednesday of each month is a dinner meeting at 19:00.

Meetings are conducted in English.

Visiting Rotarians and other guests are welcome.

Luncheon/Dinner costs: NIS 75, students and lone soldiers: NIS 50, children under 18: NIS 30.

For Kosher meals please book in advance. For this and other enquiries please contact us through the Contact section on the website.

Please visit our website:

[www.rotaryclubjerusalem.org](http://www.rotaryclubjerusalem.org)

Follow the Jerusalem Rotary Club on social media: (Press 'Control' and click on icon to go to site)

