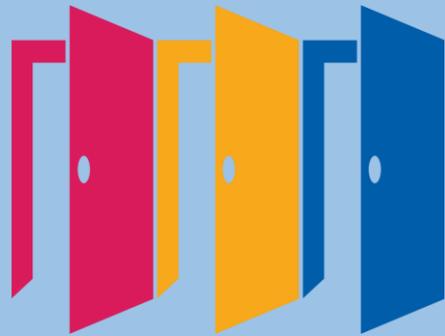




**BULLETIN  
JERUSALEM  
ROTARY CLUB**

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Club #13459 District  
2490

22 July 2020



**Rotary Opens Opportunities**

Club #13459

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**Today's Program - "The Power of Remembrance"**

Rabbi Paul Shrell-Fox, PhD made Aliyah 26 years ago with his wife, Cantor Saralee Shrell-Fox and their then two children. They had three more, one son is married and they are the proud grandparents of 1 ¾. Prior to Aliyah, Paul received id PhD in clinical psychology at The New School for Social Research in Manhattan. Shortly thereafter he received rabbinic ordination from The Schechter rabbinical Seminary in Jerusalem. In addition to his private practice in Jerusalem, he has taught at a number of Academic institutions including The Schechter Institutes, He continues to teach as a Senior Lecturer at the Efrata Academic College in Jerusalem. He has served in a number of congregations over the years as rabbi. Some of these positions were more regular and others were during the High Holidays. He is the author, in Hebrew, of "Memory: The Basis of the Self".

Our psyche cannot exist without memories, historical memories or personal ones. The brain humanity's unique organ responsible for storing these memories, provides a service to the mind, to the psyche. The brain then processes the information and turns them into knowledge. That memory is what creates my "I". In everyday science we read about transplanting various organs: from the retina, through the heart to the liver. It is also possible to connect an artificial organ to a person, and s/he will be able to run in the Olympics and even win a medal. But

**Upcoming Events**

29 July, 2020

No meeting

5 August, 2020 tba

when I imagine these transplants, I do not imagine that anything essential in the "I" of that woman or man changes in their wake. But what would happen if we could transplant a brain? After that type of operation, who would awake, the donor or the host? Further, when groups get together, they create cultural memories passed on through ritual and proactive. But the question can still be asked: Why?

**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 Anniversary to Ann and Dick on 23 July. Happy Birthday and many, many Happy Returns to Irene on 29 July. Mazal Tov to all of you!

**Next week, on 29 July, we will have no meeting and no bulletin due to Tisha B'Av. See you again on 5 August with a Board Meeting following immediately our regular Rotary Club meeting.**



### *The President's Corner*

On 19 July Dan and myself participated in the 92<sup>nd</sup> anniversary celebrations of Rotary Club Madras (Chennai) with 223 participants not only from India, but from Pakistan, Bangladesh, Malaysia, Kenya, Nigeria, South Africa and Cairo / Egypt as well. It was nice to be 'at the same table' together with our former sister club in Cairo. RC Madras was founded by Rotarian James Wheeler Davidson from Calgary, Canada in the same year as Jerusalem and Cairo, seemingly by Davidson as well. The celebration party was another positive evidence of this year's Rotary motto 'Rotary opens opportunities'. I was asked to give a brief speech about Rotary Club Jerusalem, which I did with pleasure. Of course I mentioned our Rotary bell, a present from RC Cairo.

**James Wheeler Davidson** (14 June 1872 – 18 July 1933) was an explorer, writer, United States diplomat, businessman and philanthropist. He is remembered for *The Island of Formosa, Past and Present* (1903) on the history of Taiwan and also noted for greatly aiding the internationalization of Rotary International. Davidson was an enthusiastic member of the Rotary Club in Calgary, and when the organization wanted to extend its reach throughout the Mediterranean, Middle East, Southeast Asia and Australasia, he was the logical choice as envoy to the region because of his prior international experience. He spent CAN\$250,000 of his own money to establish branches of Rotary International in Australia, New Zealand, Turkey, Greece, Egypt, Jerusalem, India, Burma, Siam (Thailand), Java, and in several of the Malay states including Seremban, Kuala Lumpur, Malacca, Penang, Ipoh, Klang and Singapore. He was responsible for founding over twenty branches of Rotary around the world.

Dieter Ziulkowski



## *International Toast* – Rotary Club Colorado Springs

Three noteworthy historical events that happened on 22 July, the day of our meeting:

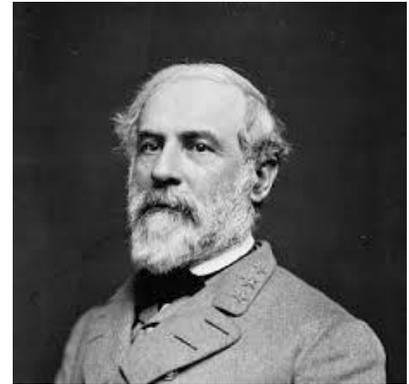
**1893** Katharine Lee Bates writes "America the Beautiful" in Colorado Springs. Bates (August 12, 1859 – March 28, 1929) was a prolific American writer, college professor, scholar, and social activist. Although she published volumes of poetry, travel books, essays, children's books, books for young adults, and editions of many earlier writers' works, today Bates is primarily remembered as the author of "America the Beautiful". While on the Wellesley College faculty, Bates mentored many young poets (including some, like Robert Frost, not enrolled at Wellesley) and helped establish American literature as a field for college study by creating an early course on the genre and writing a textbook for the field. "America the Beautiful" is an American patriotic song. The lyrics were written by Katharine Lee Bates, and the music was composed by church organist and choirmaster Samuel A. Ward at Grace Episcopal Church in Newark, New Jersey. The two never met. Bates originally wrote the words as a poem, "Pikes Peak", first published in the Fourth of July edition of the church periodical *The Congregationalist* in 1895. At that time, the poem was titled "America" for publication. Ward had originally written the music, "Materna", for the hymn "O Mother dear, Jerusalem" in 1882, though it was not first published until 1892. Ward's music combined with the Bates poem was first published in 1910 and titled "America the Beautiful". The song is one of the most popular of the many U.S. patriotic songs.



Katherine Lee Bates



King David Hotel after explosion



General Robert E Lee

**1946** Militant Zionist organisation Irgun bombs the British administrative headquarters for Palestine in southern wing of the King David Hotel in Jerusalem, killing 91 people of various nationalities injuring 46. The hotel was the site of the central offices of the British Mandatory authorities of Palestine, principally the Secretariat of the Government of Palestine and the Headquarters of the British Armed Forces in Palestine and Transjordan. When planned, the attack had the approval of the Haganah, the principal Jewish paramilitary group in Palestine, though, unknown to the Irgun, this had been cancelled by the time the operation was carried out. It was conceived as part of a response to Operation Agatha (a series of widespread raids, including one on the Jewish Agency, conducted by the British authorities) and was the deadliest directed at the British during the Mandate era (1920–1948). Disguised as Arab workmen and as hotel waiters, members of the Irgun planted a bomb in the basement of the main building of the hotel, whose southern wing housed the Mandate Secretariat and a few offices of the British military headquarters. The resulting explosion caused the collapse of the western half of the southern wing of the hotel.<sup>[15]</sup> Some of the inflicted deaths and injuries occurred in the road outside the hotel and in adjacent buildings.

**1975** US House of Representatives votes to restore citizenship to General Robert E. Lee. Robert Edward Lee (January 19, 1807 – October 12, 1870) was an American Confederate general best known as a commander of the

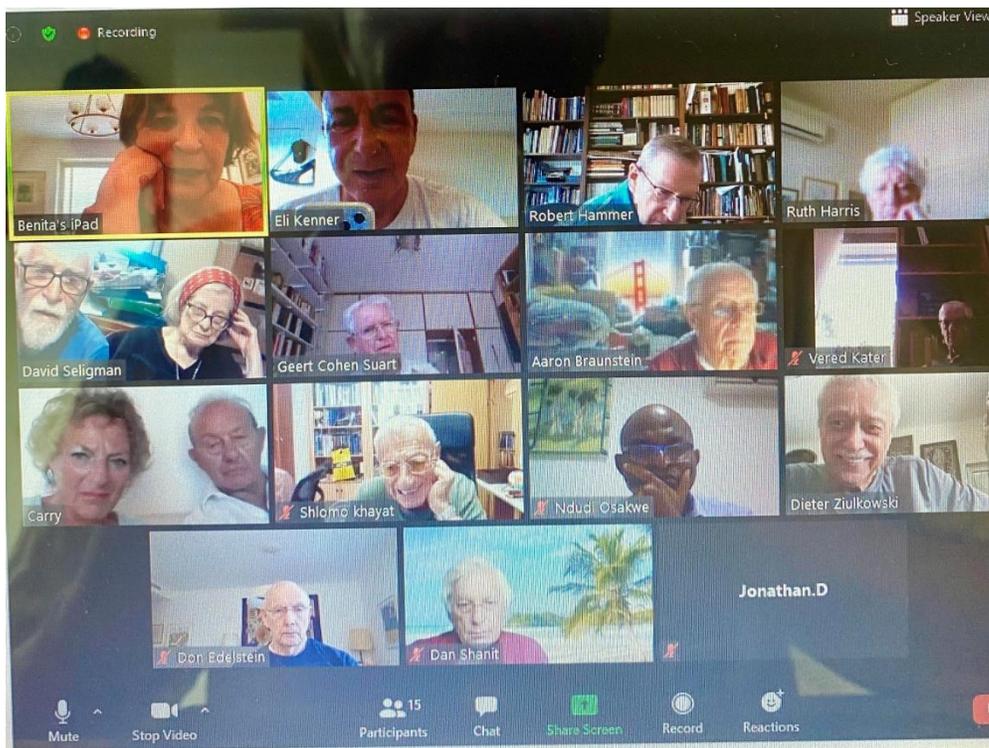
Confederate States Army during the American Civil War. He commanded the Army of Northern Virginia from 1862 until its surrender in 1865 and earned a reputation as a skilled tactician. He was also the husband of Mary Anna Custis Lee, adopted great-granddaughter of George Washington. Though President Andrew Johnson issued a proclamation of amnesty and pardon to the Southern rebels in 1865, it required Lee to apply separately. On Oct. 2, 1865, the same day that Lee was inaugurated as president of Washington College in Lexington, Va., he signed the required amnesty oath and filed an application through Gen. Ulysses S. Grant. Nonetheless, neither was Lee pardoned, nor was his citizenship restored. After receiving the oath, Secretary of State William Seward gave Lee's application to a friend as a souvenir. In 1970, an archivist, examining State Department records at the National Archives, found Lee's lost oath. That discovery helped set in motion a five-year congressional effort to restore citizenship to the general, who had died stateless in 1870. President Gerald Ford signed the congressional resolution on July 24, 1975, correcting what he said was a 110-year oversight. The signing ceremony took place at Arlington House in Virginia, the former Lee family home. Several Lee descendants, including Robert E. Lee V, his great-great-grandson, attended.

Today we are toasting the Rotary Club Colorado Springs, where Katherine Lee Bates wrote the poem which gave the wording to 'America the Beautiful' while being in Colorado to teach a short summer school session at Colorado College.

Dieter Ziulkowski

 *Some other news*

**Some of the participants** of last week's ZOOM meeting, courtesy of Eli:



## Invitation of Rotary Club Madras



### Rotary Club of Madras

RI Dist 3232

Invites you for the

### 92nd Charter Nite Celebration

on Sunday, the 19th July 2020 at 7.00 pm (IST) online

*To honor our founder, Rtn James Wheeler Davidson,  
under the aegis of his club, the Rotary Club of Calgary,  
joining us are*

Rotary Club of Bangkok		Rotary Club of Bombay
Rotary Club of Cairo		Rotary Club of Colombo
Rotary Club of Ipoh		Rotary Club of Jerusalem
Rotary Club of Kuala Lumpur		Rotary Club of Penang
Rotary Club of Seramban		Rotary Club of Wellington

#### The James Wheeler Davidson Clubs

Chief Guest

**Rtn J Shridhar**

DG Elect (3232)

Dress: Formal

Zoom meeting ID: 882 0888 8466

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Rtn. Shanno Ravi  
Director - Club Admn

Rtn. Kapil Chitale  
President

Rtn. P B Prasad  
Hon. Secretary

**A letter from RC Madras and our reply:**

Dear Dieter,

Thank you for being with us last evening! We are immensely honoured by your kind presence and we are keen to work closely with you & your Club to take the legacy of James Wheeler Davidson forward.

Warm Personal Regards.

Sincerely Yours, Guna



Dear Guna,

it was a pleasure to participate in yesterday's celebrations which were very well and impressively organized. Managing such an event on ZOOM with 223 participants is a major achievement. Our Rotary Club Jerusalem is looking forward to our cooperation to keep the legacy of James Wheeler Davidson alive. We hope to see you and members of your Rotary Club one day in Jerusalem.

Yours  
Dieter



*One of our projects, past and present*

From the Rotary Year 2019 – 2020:

**Centre for youths with special needs, Riuru, Kenya.** Proposal received from the Director of the Zabidu Centre for Children and Youth with special needs/disabilities to be considered. The Centre requires help to purchase a van/minibus to transport the children/youth to ensure their participation in the Centre's activities. JRC is checking the Centre's credentials and management structure.



**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.**