



Weekly Bulletin of  
**The Jerusalem Rotary Club**  
Club # 13459, District 2490  
28 June 2017



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**Upcoming Programs**

**July 5th—Changeover Dinner**

YMCA—19:00 hours

**July 12—Lunch**

Supreme Court Justice  
& Rotarian

**Salim Jubran**

“The Israeli Supreme Court  
Today & Tomorrow”

On the occasion of his  
forthcoming retirement.



Suggestions for speakers or  
subjects for a talk or discussion  
are welcome.

Please write to the Chair of the  
Program Committee,  
Art Braunstein, via the Contact  
Form on our website.

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

***This Week's Program***



***Ms. Pessy Munk***

***Positive Psychology Director***

***Kamim Association***

***“Standing Upright Amidst Loss***



**Ms. Pessy Munk** was born in 1969 in Petach Tikvah and is the married mother of four children. She is an accountant by profession.

Up until 8 years ago she defined herself as a workaholic, inflexible person who worked days and nights no matter what. She was the CFO of companies whose total annual turnover was in the hundreds of millions NIS.

And then, in 2008, her 14-year-old son, Gabi, took sick with a very aggressive cancer. He passed away 10 months later.

**Her world collapsed.**

Her family was devastated. However, even during those most difficult times, she wanted to return to life and experience joy again. She simply did not know how. Nonetheless, Pessy progressively realized not only that life must go on but that through her loss she could serve others. Then, in 2015 she founded the Kamim Association (“Standing Up”), a nonprofit organization, which helps bereaved families who have lost a child through illness. She now dedicates her life to this cause for the sake of herself, her family and all those parents who experience similar loss.



**The Kamim Association, with website in Hebrew at [www.kamim.org](http://www.kamim.org) provides expert psychological therapy and group activities.**



*From your Editor*



*Dear Friends,*



*It was a special and difficult month for our Moslem friends, but it is now over and I am sure you will all join me in wishing them a Happy, Blessed and Healthy Year.*

*Last week the Dutch Ambassador, His Excellency Mr. Beschoor Plug, guest speaker at the Rotary Luncheon on the 21st of June 2017.*

*Shlomo Khayat sent in the picture of the Tree Certificate being handed to the Ambassador by President Dan Shanit and President Elect David Lilienthal.*



*A reminder from Shlomo Khayat regarding the WATEC Conference in September of 2017*

*Here are the links to this event*

<https://www.rotaryclubjerusalem.org/news>

<https://www.rotaryclubjerusalem.org/program-bulletin>

<https://www.rotaryclubjerusalem.org/watec-conference-2017>

*There is also a page (page 3) in the 7/6 Bulletin on the subject.*

*A last Reminder*



*19:00 hours, at our usual hangout, the YMCA.*

*We shall be saying Good bye and Thank you to President Dan Shanit, and Hello and Good Luck to President Elect David Lilienthal.*

*Invitation on page 3 of the Bulletin*

*Hope to see you all this Wednesday and on 5/7 at the Y*

*Rosa*





## JERUSALEM ROTARY CLUB

Club # 13459, District 2490

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מנהיגים  
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ROTARY:  
MAKING A  
DIFFERENCE



# THE PRESIDENTIAL CHANGEOVER

JERUSALEM INTERNATIONAL YMCA

KING DAVID STREET 26

5 JULY 2017 AT 19:00 (7:00 PM)

RECEPTION ON THE TERRACE

GALA DINNER INSIDE



*Musical entertainment:  
Sagy Segal, pianist*



*RAFFLE WITH GREAT PRIZES*

*FAMILY, FRIENDS AND GUESTS WELCOME*

₪150 P.P. - STUDENTS ₪100

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*Donations of desirable prizes for the raffle are still welcome*





## International Toast

From Guido de Werd

On the RC of Siegen, Germany

<https://siegen.rotary.de/>



Today, 440 years ago, on the 28th of June 1577, one of the most famous artists in the history of the art world was born, in a town in the Middle of Germany, Siegen. Peter Paul Rubens known to the world as just "Rubens".

Rubens was born in the small mid-German

city of Siegen, 100 km. to the south of Cologne, where he grew up.

At the age of eight, after the death of his father, he moved with his mother to Antwerp, in Flanders. Today, after Brussels, it is the second biggest city in Belgium.

In Antwerp, Peter Paul studied painting and became, in 1598, a member of the painters-guild. Rubens became the most famous baroque painter of Antwerp. Rubens was the Flemish Baroque-Master Painter and Uomo Universale, famous for his large and dramatic compositions, often dominated by voluminous women, representing mostly antique mythological scenes or episodes from the Bible. Rubens made his acquaintance with the Italian art of the Renaissance, classical sculpture from the Roman and humanistic era, during an eight-year stay in Italy and travels through Spain. Also he was at this time an important diplomatic agent for the Habsburg-Crowne, in the 17th century ruling in Flanders.

After returning to Antwerp Rubens was at the zenith of his fame. He bought a wonderful renaissance-house, that he extended with a large studio for his assistants and a round gallery with a dome, inspired by the Pantheon in Rome. Today it is one of the most popular places to visit in Antwerp.



In 2010, The Israel Museum received a gift, a Masterpiece by Rubens, painted in 1614, "Death of Adonis".

A mythological scene, representing the dying Adonis, God of Beauty, killed by a boar and mourned by the

Goddess Venus, Goddess of Love and Beauty, accompanied by two dogs, that chased away the boar. The scene is painted in the rich and exuberant style, typical to Rubens after his return from Italy.



Rubens got his inspiration from the text of the Roman writer Ovid. It is a famous episode of antique mythology, an important issue of inspiration for artists in later times, like Shakespeare (poem 1596) and Monteverdi (Opera 1636).



Siegen is a historical city in the south/west of Westphalia, in a hilly surrounding. Today it has a little bit more than 100.000 inhabitants. In the past, Siegen had important iron-mines. Today it is a regional center,

with a university.

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Siegen>

The Rotary Club of Siegen has been founded in 1954 and belongs to District 1810. The fellows meet every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at 1 pm. The other Mondays at 7 pm. at the Haus der Siegerländer Wirtschaft, Spandauer Str. 25, 57072 Siegen.

Arnold Vetter is the president this year, but only for some more days, because of next Saturday there will be the change-over.



Among the Club Projects, I mention the support for local schools with the gift of books, to support reading in primary-schools. This project was an initiative of District 1810. Now it is a success in the whole of Germany,

in 28.600 school classes, and with 680.000 students, who received a book. Their teachers help in teaching how to discuss the books.

Apart from being involved in some local social projects, the Club, since January 2016 supports an excellence student-program BEBUC for universities in Congo, adopting every year one student. And last but not least, the club supports the great Rotary project "End Polio now".



## This just in from Marilyn Farber

You are cordially invited to attend the Jerusalem Conference on Forgiveness, July 12 and 13. This is a first-of-its-kind conference in which the theme of forgiving others will be discussed from the viewpoint of the faith-traditions within the Middle East and from the viewpoint of forgiveness education that is occurring worldwide in such communities as Athens, Belfast, Galilee, Manila, Monrovia, and Wisconsin. Forgiveness is starting to be examined from a scientific perspective, originating with Professor Robert Enright at the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1985 and now spreading across the world where many thousands of researchers are engaging in forgiveness research and mental health professionals are engaging in Forgiveness Therapy. We hope to have many Rotarians present at this conference. A post-conference dinner, hosted by Can (Jon) Erbilgin, current President of the Rotary Club of New York, exclusively for Rotarians is being arranged. At this dinner, we will be discussing how to bring peace within our Rotary community across such diverse areas as Jerusalem, Jordan, Lebanon, and the Palestinian areas.

Here is a link to the conference details, which are in English, Arabic, and Hebrew. Registration can occur at this link as well. We will waive the registration fee for all Rotarians (and provide lunches free of charge as our gift to you on each of the two days; please type N/A at the PayPal option):

<https://internationalforgiveness.com/jerusalem-conference.htm>

Can (Jon) Erbilgin  
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Youth Chair,  
Service Chair 2012-2013  
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### Jerusalem Conference on Forgiveness


For the Renewal of Individuals, Families, and Communities

**Notre Dame of Jerusalem Center**  
**July 12-13, 2017**

Featuring:



**Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle**  
Archbishop of Manila, the Philippines



**Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks**  
2016 recipient of the Templeton Prize (will appear by video)




**Dr. Adamou Njoya**  
Religious and Political Leader, Scholar, Cameroon

And local keynote speakers -  
**Bishop William Shomali, Rabbi Yuval Cherlow, and Dr. Mahmoud Al-Habbash**  
(with simultaneous translation - English, Hebrew, Arabic)

**Day 1: FORGIVENESS IN OUR RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS**  
**Day 2: FORGIVENESS EDUCATION**

Organized by  
International Forgiveness Institute  
Latin Patriarchate  
Elijah Interfaith Institute  
Interfaith Encounter Association  
University of Wisconsin- Madison  
Tantur Ecumenical Institute  
and others



Rise above  
the storm clouds!

Details and registration:  
[www.internationalforgiveness.com](http://www.internationalforgiveness.com)

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لإستحداث الأفراد والأسر والمجتمعات المحلية





*From Our Secretary*

**“At the board meeting  
Dan Shanit excitedly mentioned that so  
far this year only 6 Polio cases are known”**



## Understanding the recent polio outbreaks

Outbreaks of vaccine-derived polio have been reported this month in the Democratic Republic of Congo and Syria, according to the World Health Organization. At least 17 cases were identified in Syria and at least four in Congo. In both countries, health officials are working with the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#) to respond immediately to the outbreaks with supplementary immunization activities and field investigations.

To prevent the virus from spreading further, investigations and immunizations are also being strengthened in neighboring countries, the World Health Organization said.

Despite the new cases, the push to eradicate polio is stronger than ever, with fewer cases reported so far this year than ever before.

**It also got a boost last week at the Rotary International Convention in Atlanta, Georgia, USA, where donors pledged \$1.2 billion for the effort.**



Vaccine-derived cases are rare, and they differ from wild cases. Here's what you need to know to understand these outbreaks.

**Q:** What are the two kinds of polio cases?

**A:** Wild cases of polio are caused by poliovirus that is circulating naturally in the environment.

Vaccine-derived polioviruses are extremely rare and exist under specific circumstances. Oral polio vaccine contains live virus that is weakened so that it will prompt the body's immune response without causing paralysis. The vaccine is ingested, and the weakened virus replicates in the child's gut and is then excreted. In areas with poor sanitation, this excreted vaccine virus can spread to other children. This can actually be good because it then immunizes them. When the strain no longer finds susceptible children, it dies out. The problem occurs in areas of low vaccination coverage. There, such vaccine-derived strains of the virus can continue to circulate as long as they continue to find unvaccinated or otherwise susceptible children. While they continue to circulate, they mutate. Eventually, if they are allowed to circulate long enough — at least 12 months — they can mutate into strains that are strong enough to cause paralysis.

**Q:** Is the vaccine safe?

**A:** Yes. The oral polio vaccine has reduced the number of polio cases by 99.9 percent since 1988. The risk posed by wild poliovirus is far greater than the risk of an outbreak caused by circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus. Once wild polioviruses have been eradicated, use of oral vaccine will be stopped.

**Q:** Are vaccine-derived cases common?

**A:** Polio cases caused by circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus are extremely rare. Wild poliovirus remains the far greater risk. Nevertheless, because of the small risk of vaccine-derived outbreaks, use of oral vaccine will be stopped when wild polioviruses have been eradicated.

**Q:** Are wild cases common?

**A:** Wild poliovirus occurs only in the countries where polio remains endemic: Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan. Only six cases of polio caused by the wild virus have been reported so far in 2017. That's the lowest number of polio cases in history, with fewer cases reported in fewer areas of fewer countries than ever before.

**Q:** How are polio cases detected?

**A:** Polio surveillance has two parts: Doctors and health workers monitor children for the virus, and authorities test sewage samples from sewer systems or elsewhere, in areas that don't have adequate sanitation facilities.

The detection of these most recent cases demonstrates that polio surveillance systems are functioning in both countries.

**Q:** What is the science behind the vaccines?

**A:** There are two types of vaccine: oral and inactivated-virus. The original oral vaccine protected against types 1, 2, and 3 of the virus.

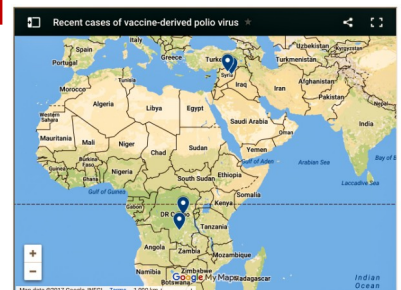
Type 2 wild poliovirus was eradicated in 1999 so the current vaccine contains only type 1 and type 3. This allows it to provide quicker and better protection against the two remaining types. The inactivated-virus vaccine, administered by injection, contains virus that is dead. Because the virus is dead, the vaccine cannot cause polio outbreaks.



**Health workers work diligently to monitor children and test sewage samples for the polio virus.**

**Photo by Miriam Doan**

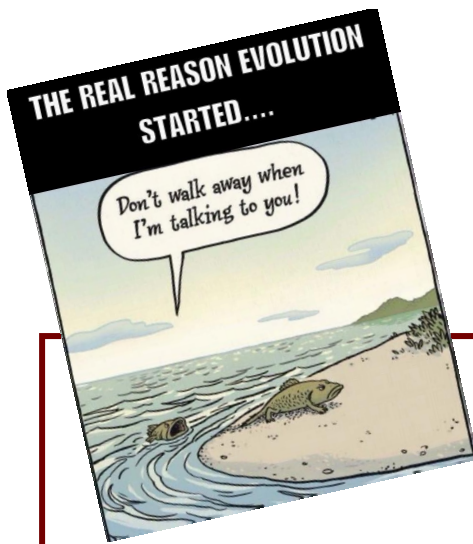
### **Recent cases vaccine-derived Polio Virus**







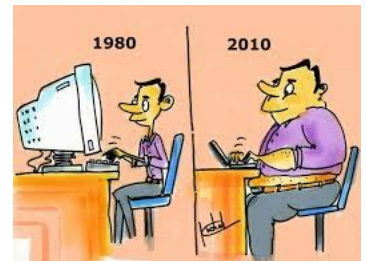
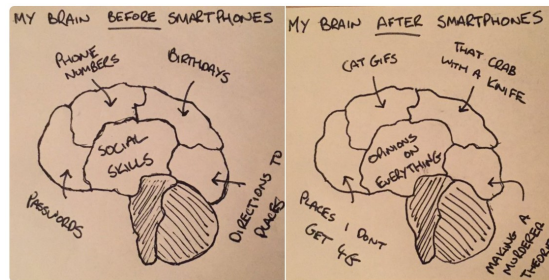
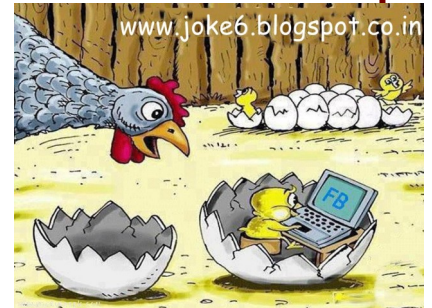
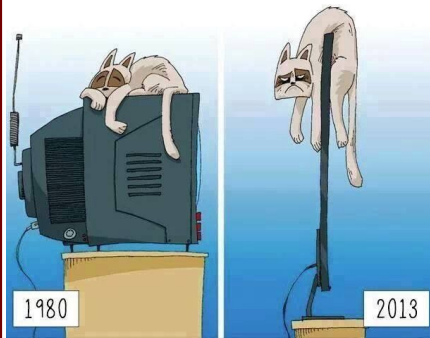




## Happy Hour

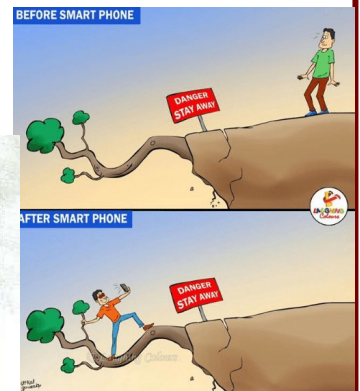


Was evolution  
good for us??????????



### LIFE BEFORE THE COMPUTER

- Memory was something that you lost with age
- An application was for employment
- A program was a TV show
- A cursor used profanity
- A keyboard was a piano!
- A web was a spider's home
- A virus was the flu!
- A CD was a bank account
- A hard drive was a long trip on the road
- A mouse pad was where a mouse lived



Then and now...

### 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  
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