

Weekly Bulletin of

The Jerusalem Rotary Club

Club # 13459, District 2490

24 January 2018

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This Week's Program

Arik Gutler-Ofir

Educator, Kibbutz Cabri

"Jewish-Arab Youth Projects "



Arik Gutler-Ofir, Educator, of Kibbutz Cabri, was a Rotary World Peace Fellow in 2005.

It was a tricky gift: He got to study an Advanced M.A. in Peace Studies and Conflict Resolution at the University of Queensland, (Brisbane, Australia).

He was probably chosen because he had been working for many years on Jewish-Arab Youth Projects, such as with circus and theatre groups.

The other side of that gift was a life-time commitment to peace education. Ten years after he came back, Arik coordinated the first Arab theatre department, tutored by a Jewish high-school.

Arik founded a Peace Club for Jews and Arab youth, and since last year, has been coordinating a leadership project: **"The Rotary Jewish-Arab Peace Education Initiative"**, which was the initiative of Rotarian Dan Shanit and the Jerusalem Rotary Club..

It finances a series of meetings and seminars aiming to create leaders who can speak in the language of building peace at the grassroots level. Young people in Israel, Jews and Arabs, are thereby coming to know each other and to think together about their future.

Upcoming Programs

January 31, 19:00:

Mike Leiter,
Project Leader
Zippori Center
Jerusalem Forest

**"The Jerusalem Forest
Renewal Project"**

Upcoming Events

February 21, 10:30

New date!

Paul Harris Forest tree
planting, *Tzefat* in the
presence of Ian Risley, the
RI World President

May 4-7:

58th District Convention
Batumi, Georgia
For all details, see
www.rotaryclubjerusalem.org/58th-district-convention

2018-2019 RI President Barry Rassin wants Rotary members to *Be the Inspiration*

By Hank Sartin



Rotary International President-elect Barry Rassin laid out his vision for the future of the organization on Sunday, calling on leaders to work for a sustainable future and to inspire Rotarians and the community at large.

Rassin, a member of the Rotary Club of East Nassau, New Providence, Bahamas, unveiled the 2018-19 presidential theme, *Be the Inspiration*, to incoming district governors at Rotary's International Assembly in San Diego, California, USA. "I want you to inspire in your clubs, your Rotarians, that desire for something greater. The drive to do more, to be more, to create something that will live beyond each of us."

Rassin stressed the power of Rotary's new vision statement, "Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change — across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves." This describes the Rotary that leaders must help build, he said.

To achieve this vision, the president-elect said, Rotarians must take care of the organization: "We are a membership organization first. And if we want to be able to serve, if we want to succeed in our goals — we have to take care of our members first."

Rassin asked the incoming district governors to "inspire the club presidents, and the Rotarians in your districts, to want to change. To want to do more. To want to reach their own potential. It's your job to motivate them — and help them find their own way forward."

Progress on polio

Rassin noted that one source of inspiration has been Rotary's work to eradicate polio. He described the incredible progress made over the past three decades. In 1988, an estimated 350,000 people were paralyzed by the wild poliovirus; just 20 cases were reported in 2017 as of 27 December. "We are at an incredibly exciting time for polio eradication," he said, "a point at which each new case of polio could very well be the last."



He emphasized that even when that last case of polio is recorded, the work won't be finished. "Polio won't be over, until the certifying commission says it's over—when not one poliovirus has been found, in a river, in a sewer, or in a paralyzed child, for at least three years," he said. "Until then, we have to keep doing

everything we're doing now." He urged continued dedication to immunization and disease surveillance programs.

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Sustaining the environment

Rotary has focused heavily on sustainability in its humanitarian work in recent years. Now, Rassin said, Rotarians must acknowledge some hard realities about pollution, environmental degradation, and climate change. He noted that 80 percent of his own country is within one meter of sea level. With sea levels projected to rise two meters by 2100, he said, "my country is going to be gone in 50 years, along with most of the islands in the Caribbean and coastal cities and low-lying areas all over the world."



Rassin urged leaders to look at all of Rotary's service as part of a larger global system. He said that this means the incoming District Governors must be

an inspiration not only to clubs, but also to their communities. "We want the good we do to last. We want to make the world a better place. Not just here, not just for us, but everywhere, for everyone, for generations."

To listen to the full version of Barry Rassin's talk, to see photographs etc. just go to www.rotary.org/en/rotary-international-president-rassin-theme-2018

International Toast-1

The Rotary Clubs of Grenoble, France

The reason for the Toast is that today is the 235th birthday of Marie Henri Beyle STENDHAL



born in Grenoble on January 23rd 1783. He died in Paris on March 23rd 1842.

Although he wrote much, he is best known for *Le Rouge et le Noir* (The Red and the Black) and *La Chartreuse de Parme*

(The Charterhouse of Parma).

He only achieved full literary fame after his death when recognized by Honore de Balzac as a genius novelist. Today he is recognized as one of the great French novelists of the 19th century.

Two famous Stendahl quotes:

"Beauty is the promise of happiness."

"Only great minds can afford a simple style."

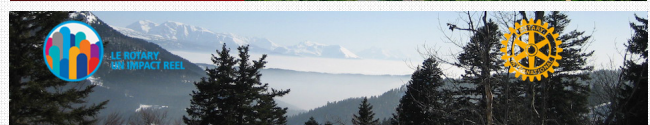
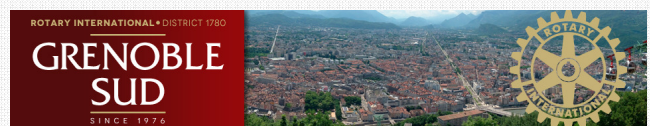
The oldest Rotary Club in Grenoble (called Rotary Club de Grenoble) was founded on April 11th 1928 (one year before our Jerusalem club) and belongs to District 1780.

They meet at Hotel Novotel Grenoble Centre on Mondays at 12:30 pm.

The President's name is Josette Dauphin and the Secretary is called Fabrice Aligand.

The club has 65 members.

It does not have a website, nor a Facebook page! But other, younger Grenoble clubs do, for example:



Rotary Hands Across the Water

A letter from Dr. Amnon Shefi, project leader

Dear friends

Last week we ran a unique cross-cultural education event in Jerusalem. We hosted Arab students, teachers and parents from Um-Tuba, Tzur-Bacher and A-tour together with teachers from the Keshet and Gilo Jewish schools in Jerusalem.

Rotarians from Jerusalem (a few from our club, DL) and a supervisor from the ministry of education also joined us in the visit we organized to the ultra-modern water quality monitoring facility of "Gihon" - the water company of Jerusalem.



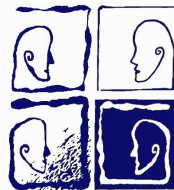
The RHAW event provided yet another opportunity for teacher of Jerusalem to cooperate in exploration of modern science education, rather than divide over the surrounding challenges. An exciting event inspiring a shared purpose amongst all the participants

Best regards,

Dr. Amnon Shefi

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International Toast-2

Received by email

Greeting from the Rotary Club of
Bromley, Kent, England

International Toast to the Rotary Club of Jerusalem, Israel

Dear President David,

As part of our International Service, at each of our Club meetings, we make a toast of friendship to a Rotary Club in another country. This helps us to remember that we are all part of a large international organization with members who share our ideals.

At our meeting on Tuesday the 23rd of Jan 2018, our members will raise a toast to "the President and members of the Rotary Club of Jerusalem". We note that on this day, Jerusalem made capital of Israel.

On behalf of our President Mike Elisha and all the members of our Club, I send you and your members our very best wishes and greetings.

I hope that you will pass these wishes onto your Club members at your next meeting.

Yours in Rotary,

Roger Prudhoe
International Correspondent



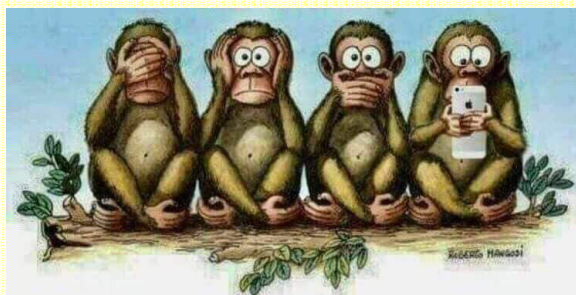


Happy Hour

*MIDDLE AGE: That Time In
Your Life When You Finally*



*Get Your Head
Together And
Then Your
Body Starts
To Fall Apart.*



סוף סוף הופיע הגרסה הרביעית של הקוף הוא שילוב
של שלושת הקודמים לא רואה לא שומע ולא מדבר

At long last, the 4th
monkey has joined
the earlier three.
This one integrates
their characters:
it does not see,
does not hear and
does not speak.

**I will not
deny you the
right to deny
the fact that I
am right...**

**Thank you,
that is all I
ever wanted.**



READ THIS OUT LOUD!

This is this cat.
This is is cat.
This is how cat.
This is to cat.
This is keep cat.
This is an cat.
This is idiot cat.
This is busy cat.
This is for cat.
This is forty cat.
This is seconds cat.



**NOW GO BACK AND READ THE
THIRD WORD ONLY IN EACH
LINE FROM THE START.**

OLD-FASHIONED JEWISH JOKES

Hoodlums

Two Jews are walking through a neighborhood one evening when they notice they are being followed by a pair of hoodlums.

"Moishe" says his friend, "we'd better get out of here. There are two of them, and we're alone!"

The Million-Dollar Question for God

A poor man walking in the forest feels close enough to God to ask, "God, what is a million years to you?"

God replies, "My son, a million years to you is like a second to me."

The man asks, "God, what is a million dollars to you?"

God replies, "My son, a million dollars to you is less than a penny to me. It means almost nothing to me."

The man asks, "So God, can I have a million dollars?"

And God replies, "In a second."

Jerusalem Rotary Club

Meeting at the YMCA, 26 King David St, Jerusalem
Wednesdays at 13:00, last Wednesday of each
month at 19:00. Meetings are conducted in English.
Visiting Rotarians and other guests are welcome.

Luncheon/Dinner cost: NIS 75, students and lone
soldiers: NIS 50. For Kosher meals please book in
advance. For this and other inquiries, go to our web-
site www.rotaryclubjerusalem.org and
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