

Weekly Bulletin of

The Jerusalem Rotary Club

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Upcoming Programs

28 Dec—6:00 pm
"Rotarians Remember Remarkable Hanukkahs"
Lighting of 5 candles!

04 Jan—6:00 pm= recording the New Year

Prof. Emeritus Alexander Rofe Hebrew Bible Hebrew University

"The Creation Story -- Is Genesis Unique?"

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.

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This Week's Program

Amb. Dan Oryan

Director, FM Balkan Dept Ambassador to Macedonia

"Israeli Diplomacy in the Balkans"

Ambassador Dan Oryan was born in 1966 in Israel. Grew up in Jerusalem. He majored in Russian Studies and Languages at the Hebrew University, receiving his M.A. degree in 1994. Mr. Oryan was also the recipient of a Rothschild Foundation grant that included a semester at the Russian Diplomatic Academy in Moscow.



Ambassador Dan Oryan joined the Foreign Ministry in 1991 and then served in it's Eastern European Department (1994—99). Mr. Oryan followed this with his first full overseas appointment, as Cultural Attaché in Moscow until 2004. with this experience behind him, he returned to Jerusalem to head the Literature Department at the Ministry's Cultural Affairs Section until 2007. Mr. Oryan then expanded his diplomatic scope when he was sent to Denmark as DCM until 2012.

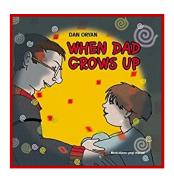
Returning again to Jerusalem in 2013, Mr. Oryan was appointed Director of the Balkan Countries region and then Non-Resident Ambassador to Macedonia in 2014.

In 2008, Mr. Oryan published a children's book in Hebrew entitled "When Dad Grows Up". The book has also been published in Danish, Serbian, Albanian (in Macedonia), Macedonian, Spanish, Montenegrin and Croatian.

http://wsimag.com/culture/14665-when-we-grow-up

Mr. Oryan enjoys gymnastics in his spare time having a trainer's certificate in this field from the Wingate Institute.

Mr. Oryan and his wife have three children.





From our President



Dear Friends,

Invitation to a unique performance for Club members and their spouses:

The Violin

We are pleased to invite you to this cultural event, which shall take place at the **Jerusalem Cinematheque**, as part of the Jewish Film Festival **on Sunday 25 December between 13:00-15:00**.

The Violin – a work in progress, a multidisciplinary film and live physical theatre production relates the true story of Manfred Caspan a 15-year-old boy, born in Berlin, immigrated to Paris with his family in 1933 and transported to Auschwitz in 1942.

The production follows an old man returning to a rented holiday apartment in Paris which is reminiscent of his breakup and parting from his family some 70 years ago. While relating his story in great candor, his floating memories are enacted live on stage in Weimar - cabaret style by a group of physical theatre actors.

The performance is a dialogue between theatrical and filmographic expressions representing the feelings and perception of the second and third generation to the Holocaust.

The event will also include a short presentation by Prof. Renée Poznanski about the Jews of Paris in 1942 and a round table discussion to be led by Gilli Mendel with the theatre and film directors – Gili and Nimrod Shanit, Alit Weber – theatre of things director and Liran Kapel – video animation artist.

Free invitations for JRC members and spouses will await you at the entrance to Hall 3.

Please RSVP: gshanit@gmail.com; 0545 425805





From your Editor

A DATE TO REMEMBER

1 January 2017, 20:00

YMCA Auditorium

CHEN ZIMBALISTA

Gala-Benefit Concert for the Yad Elie Foundation

(see www.yadelie.org)

Dear Friends,

Please do not forget— The Half-Year District Conference on 13 January 2017 at the Maxim Levy "Hechal HaTarbut",

Eliezer Kaplan Street 2, Lod. Please note: The programs are all in Hebrew

You can see all the information on all the Club's Events on our website, just by clicking on the following links:

http://www.rotaryclubjerusalem.org/program-bulletin http://www.rotaryclubjerusalem.org/next-district-event

I hope everyone remembers

that as of the 7/12 and for the following five weeks, the Wednesday social gatherings will start at 18:00 hours.

I sincerely hope that it will be a successful change in our routine.

On the 24th of December many people around the world will be lighting the first candle of Hanukkah, many other people will be celebrating Christmas by going maybe to midnight mass and sing Christmas Carols. And again some other people around the world will be celebrating Kwanza lighting different colored candles.

Whatever you are celebrating, I wish you a wonderful Holiday Season filled with Love.

Rosa





Visitors to our Club 14 December 2016 dinner





District Governor's banner with the International President's theme logo for the Rotary Year 2016-17

> Banner given to our Club, by DG Gabi Oren, as an award for being the third largest contributor to the Rotary International Foundation from our district





President Dan Shanit, holding Irene Lewitt 's present (on behalf of our Club) to DG Gaby Oren. A beautiful Hamsa



President Dan Shanit,
Secretary Irene Lewitt and
District 2490 Secretary Jacob Ben Gad



David Seligman's Guest Rotarian Makena Mathiu from Kenya



International Toast From Guido De Weerd

The Rotary Club of New York





Today, 79 years ago, on the 21th of December 1937, the American actress, political activist and fitness-guru Jane Fonda was born in New York. She was the daughter of the famous actor Henry Fonda.

Already as a young girl she played with her father in theaters. In 1960 she made her screen debut in "Tall Story". She rose to

fame in 1960s films such as "Period of Adjustment" (1962) and "Sunday in New York" (1963).

In 1965 she married the famous French Nouvelle-Vague filmdirector Roger Vadim, also known by his marriage with Brigitte fundraising activities of the club.



Vadim directed 1968 the futuristic Science-Fiction film "Barbarella" with his wife Jane Fonda, describing a journey through the Galaxis in the year 40.000. Through her role Jan Fonda became a world-famous sex-symbol.

For her roles in the films"Klute"(1971) and "Coming Home" she won two Oscars for Best Actress. She was nominated for an



Oscar for her role in "Julia" (1977) and the "Morning after" (1968). She also received an Emmy Award and four Golden Globe Awards. In 1990 she stopped acting for fifteen years, but started again in 2005.



Jane Fonda is also well known for her political engagement, above all in the sixties as she was one of the leading American personalities, demonstrating against the Vietnam-War. In 1972 she visited North-Vietnam and was

photographed sitting on an anti-aircraft gun, so getting the surname "Hanoi-Jane". For some years she has been involved in advocacy for women, fighting against violence against women. She has also protested against the Iraq-War. She is still politically active, supported Hillary Clinton and wrote for some days on her website, commenting the election of Donald Trump: "I have been almost paralyzed since the election. For a week I kept thinking it was all a nightmare."



Jane Fonda also became the leadingfigure in the fitness-movement. In 1982 she released her first exercise video. Jane Fonda's Workout, which became the highest-selling video of the time. It would be the first of 22 workout videos released

by her over the next 13 years which would collectively sell over 17 million copies for over 600 million dollars.

Today, we toast on the legendary New York Rotary Club, a very prominent Club in the District 7230. The club was founded 1909 with the initial meeting, attended by Paul Harris, who became the first Honorary Member. Till today the club honors many ambassadors at the UN with honorary memberships.



This year's President i Can Erbilgin.



First Pin

The meetings are held Thursdays, 12.00- 1.30 p.m., at "The 3 West Club", 3 West 51st Str, New York, NY 10019. There are often very prominent speakers, so last week Ban Ki Moon, the UN-Secretary-General, in a gala-evening in the



Penn-Club. The admission was \$ 290,-, as a part of the

At the moment there is a project of President-Elect Jasmin Cowin of gift cards, gift certificates for children in the NYC Foster Care Program. Another projects support the U.S. Global Strategy to Empower Adolescent Girls. After 9/11 the club engaged for support for the victims and was coordinating world-wide help for the Disaster Fund, with a donation 1.7

Also there was a gift to the NY University Hospital of \$100.000,-, thanking for the fantastic support in the days after 9/11.



Visit of an Tialian Rotarian,

President Erbilgin, **President Elect Cowin** and Mexican UN Ambassador Camach Nov 2016





International Breakfast at the UN Nov 2015

Paul Harris Honorary Member at the first meeting of the NYRC 1909





Christmas,

Kwanzaa,

Hanukkah

Three celebrations, one season - So how do they relate?

Kwanzaa is new; Christmas and Hanukkah are old.

All three are December celebrations, variations on the Judeo-Christian spiritual tradition and three different ways to bond with one's family and community.

Christmas has its origin story in the birth of Jesus, as recorded in the Gospels. But the earliest Christians appear not to have treated his birth with the same importance they gave to his death and resurrection. After Emporer Constantine made Christianity the official religion of Rome, the faith began to spread across Europe. These continental Christians took local winter-solstice rituals and changed them to reflect their faith in Christ. Instead of celebrating the arrival of the sun after the longest night of the year, these Christians used such Solstice-ritual elements as trees, holly leaves, and Yule logs to celebrate the arrival of God's hope to a world in spiritual darkness.

Hanukkah is a secondary Jewish holiday, relatively less important than Passover and Yom Kippur. But because it coincides with the weeks before Christmas, it's achieved the status of an alternative to Christmas in many 20th-century Jewish households.

As Leah Akins writes, Hanukkah origins date back to about 167 B.C. A Jewish army, led by Judah the Maccabee, recaptured Jerusalem from the Greeks (who had conquered the city during the reign of Alexander the Great, some three centuries before). Judah's men tried to re-consecrate the Jewish temple by lighting its menorah (a sacramental lamp). But, as the legend tells it, there was only enough of the special ritual oil on the premises to keep the menorah lit for one day. Interestingly enough, when they lit the lamp, it stayed lit for eight days--long enough for the Jews to make more oil. Over the years, the miracle of the oil became the central focus of Hanukkah celebrations. Families lit one candle on each of nine consecutive nights, remembering a different aspect of the holiday and of Jewish tradition.

Kwanzaa (the name means "first fruits" in Swahili) was started by Dr. Maulana Ron Karenga in 1966. As noted by an article on MelaNet, Karenga wanted a holiday specifically for African-Americans; a celebration that would not supplant or replace any religious practices, but would rather focus on the heritage and strengths of black families-"to reinforce the bonds between parents and children, and to teach parents and children new views and values that will aid them in self-consciousness and providing support and defense for our people." Each night during the week between Christmas and New Year's, families light candles on in-home shrines (decorated, according to Roz Fruchtman, in the colors of "black for the people, red for their struggle, and green for the future").





JOGGLING THE MIND ?



WEDNESDAY'S WORDS

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> AARP New Orleans Alzheimer's Lifestyle Social Medicare Maze Research

Convention Life at Fifty Heart Health Dating Legacy Money Attendees Cranium Crunches Exhibitor Life Reimagined Conversation Wellness Retire



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There are about 140 words in these 9 letters!!!

Try and find as many as you can. Next week I shall post all the words.

You can also put 2 letter words.

I can give you 1 hint..there is only one 8 letter word :)











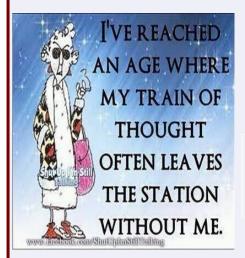


THE GOLDEN YEARS

A recent study has found women who carry a little extra weight live longer than men who mention it.

Kids today don't know how easy they have it. When I was young, I had to walk 9 feet through shag carpet to change the TV channel.

A thief broke into my house last night. He started searching for money so I woke up and searched with him.





Thanks to all friends for sending in their

contribution to the Happy Hour!!!!



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.

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