

Weekly Bulletin of

# The Jerusalem Rotary Club

Club # 13459, District 2490

17 September 2014

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## This Week's Programme

### R/Nuha Tannous:

## "My Adventures in the World of Cinema"

*Our own Nuha Tannous tells us this about herself:*

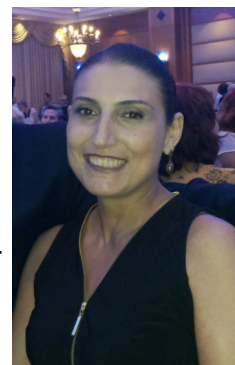
I am a mother of two, a boy and a girl, a wife to an amazing supportive husband :) on the professional aspect, for over than 21 years now I have been involved with the Jerusalem International YMCA.

YMCA is an organization well known for its work towards peace, tolerance and co-existence among the diverse communities who live in Jerusalem. In fact the Jerusalem International YMCA was nominated for the Nobel Peace prize back in 1993.

Throughout my professional Journey I have filled out various positions, from a youth programs coordinator, to membership and program director, to financial development Director, while working for a while with YUSA, up to the position that I am filling right now as HR and cultural Initiatives director.

In addition to my work with the YMCA I am a proactive community member. I have been involved with the "I am You are Jerusalem" project of the Jerusalem Cinemateque and served as a board member on the Eilat Port Company. I hold a BA in English & French literature, an LL.B and an MBA.

**Luncheon meeting on Wednesday, 17 September, 13:00 at the Jerusalem International YMCA ♣**



## Upcoming Programme

### September 24:

Rosh Hashana - no meeting

### October 1:

Amira Oron, Director,  
Egypt Department, Israel  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs:  
"Egypt Facing the Current  
Middle East Struggles".  
Dinner meeting

## Future Events

### October 23:

Dinner meeting with the a  
visiting Rotarians from Italy

### November 12:

Outing to the Israel Museum,  
guided by Rita



## Presidential Address

At Rosh Hashanah Life gives us many blessings, but the nicest kind by far Is knowing certain people who are as special as you are my fellow retains On Rosh Hashanah, it is written...

On Yom Kippur, it is sealed. May it be written and may it be sealed that you have a new year that brings fulfillment and happiness, peace and prosperity-all of life's very best things. Have a Happy, Healthy New Year !!

P/Nezar Tannous

## Shana Tova!





## New Member

### Welcome Maggie

Meet our newest member, Maggie Hovhanessian, who was inducted last week:

"I am Maggie Hovhanessian, an Armenian born in the Old City of Jerusalem. I had my Bachelor degree in International Business and Economics from North Park University in Chicago, and my Master degree in International Logistics and Supply Chain Management from the Jonkoping International Business School in Sweden, where my thesis focus was on humanitarian logistics.

I have been back for more than a year now and work at the YMCA as a swimming instructor where I have been working for the past 10 years.

I am interested in peace, development, and humanitarian work and have twice participated in the NMUN (National Model United Nations) Conferences in New York and had my internship with the UNDP office in Armenia, where the main focus was working towards reducing poverty and es-

tablishing better living conditions in the villages. I have also attended a Peace Camp in Switzerland, where I learned about the power of dialogue.

I strongly believe in Rotary's mission statement because it is directly in line with my own values.

I sincerely think that my experiences in the US and Europe have humbled me and made me care for fellow human beings on a deeper level, realizing that we are all human beings but some are not privileged enough to have better opportunities in life. Thus I strongly believe that it's my responsibility as a human being to do my utter best in helping others to live a better and more decent life."

*WELCOME MAGGIE!!*

*Shlomo K. & Yaron A., Membership Committee ♣*



## International Toast

### Belfast

Today I want to do something different because it's the anniversary of the birth of Chaim Herzog who was born in Belfast but lived his later life in Herzliyah. He was elected to the presidency of Israel in March 1983. Chaim Herzog died in 1997 and was buried on Mt. Herzl.

His son, Isaac, is the Chairman of the Israel Labor Party and is currently head of the opposition in the Israeli Knesset. Isaac was the guest speaker at one of our recent meetings and is an honorary member of this club.

Many of you with us today were living in Israel during Chaim Herzog's lifetime and are well aware of his achievements. What you may not know is that he served in the British Army, in Germany, during World War II and that's when he was given his lifelong nickname of "Vivian",



because his British comrades could not properly pronounce "Chaim", and someone knew that the Latin word *vivus*, from which Vivian is derived, has an almost identical meaning.

I checked the IR Rules of Procedure and couldn't find anything to prevent it, so today I will offer toasts to two clubs. First - because it's the birthplace of Chaim Herzog - to the **Rotary Club of Belfast**, Antrim, Ireland, to its President, Ronnie McLean and to its 66 members.

We are also toasting the RC of Herzliya, its President, Joseph Meir and its 22 members - because that's where Chaim lived most of his adult married life and where he raised his family.

*Mike R. ♣*







## From the Board

### Habemus Papam

Since the Change-over, your Board has held four sittings and discussed a great number of issues, both on policy and on practical issues. Hereby a summary of decisions taken.

1. The present Board confirmed the election procedure and results for the Board 2015-2016. This Board subsequently elected R/Yaron Amitai President for the same period.
2. The Budget for this club year was approved.
3. Four dates for Club Assemblies were decided upon: 5 November, 14 January, 22 April and 15 July.
4. The commitments were approved for three projects by the Community Service Committee, totaling \$2,500: "Hands Across Water" (water collection education), "Peace in Sight" (training program at the St. John's Eye Hospital, Jerusalem), and the "MOM" Care Rotary Wagon (in Kerala, India for early detection of breast cancer).
5. Our contribution to the Shalom Kita Aleph of NIS 4.000 was approved; the total donation with Club West and an anonymous donor came to NIS 17.000.



6. As regards the payment for the regular lunch/evening meetings it was decided to raise the entrance for the Rotary Scholars to NIS 50.- and to keep the contribution for the members who do not make use of the buffet to NIS 20.-



7. The Bazaar date was fixed for 10 December; the planned visit by the District Governor will take place at a different time.
8. The dates for the Peniel outing 2015 were approved for 17-19 April.
9. The membership of Maggie Hovhanessian, presented by Sandi Darmon, was approved and the date for her inauguration fixed for 10 September.
10. The progress of several practical issues arising from the Club Assembly were monitored, such as the try-outs with smaller round tables, presumably ideally for 6 persons. A working party was appointed to research and report on the proposal to make the club an Amuta, and another to bring proposals for reinstating the Firesides.



S/David Lilienthal ♣



## Annual Bazaar

### New Year's Blurp

Hag preparations are almost in full swing so thoughts about the Bazaar are pushed into the background. However if some gifts should come your way about which you are less than enthusiastic, put them aside with a gracious "thank you" and get an even more enthusiastic "THANK YOU" from your Bazaar Committee.

Hag Sameach everyone!

Ruth H. ♣





## Innocents Abroad

### Food in Thailand

Thai food is extraordinarily delicious; this is an indisputable fact. But there are foods that have yet to catch the tourist's eye. Two of them are here before you.

When I was visiting a Thai friend, his mother was cooking frog soup. I peeked in the kitchen. Anyone hungry? Look at the first two pictures...

After his mother finished cooking and people came to the table (a mat on the floor), she served in addition to that soup, grilled shrimp and truly outstanding giant prawn, and then, for dessert - a bowl of huge fried roaches, which I did not dare photograph...



(feinschmeckers, note: the roaches above were finely sprinkled with white powdered sugar.)

I thought this dessert was the end of the meal, but mother-cook suddenly presented us with a Som Tam salad (green paprika strips, cabbage, carrots and small red hot chilies), while crushing it with a mortar and pestle in front of the guests and adding in tiny dried prawns and roasted peanuts.

While Som Tam is a famous Thai salad, preparing it in front of the guests and sprinkling it with *pala*

meant to give it great solemnity. In that particular occasion, adding *pala* to the salad won the cook a hearty applause.

For those of you who are ignorant of Thai cooking, *pele* or *pala* is an the subject of much desire in the Isan provinces of Thailans, and is the cor-



nerstone of local flavor there. Much skill is required in the preparation of *pala* to balance the refined ingredients. This is far from trivial: only a few experts have reached the required high level. In case you wonder, those refined ingredients that make the *pala* are gar-

den mole crickets, plus cockroaches and worms of all sizes, mixed together and fermented for several days.

On another occasion I was strolling at night through the Span-Pot market, where I ate a mixture of squid chunks and eggs in spicy sweet and sour sauce.

You mix the chunks and the eggs in a bowl. The you dish out some of the delicacy into a small saucer and add a tablespoon of hot sauce and the same amount of sweet sauce. It is sold in the street like falafel. The last two pictures show this dish, famous as the Span-Pot market's specialité.

Have you suddenly become very hungry? If so, you made my day !!

Eli K. ♣

### 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 65, students and lone

soldiers: NIS 50. For Kosher meals please book in advance. For this and other enquiries please e-mail club secretary David Lilienthal: [rawdav@gmail.com](mailto:rawdav@gmail.com).

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