

Weekly Bulletin of

The Jerusalem Rotary Club

Club # 13459, District 2490

26 July 2017

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This Week's Programme

Micha Feldmann, Head Ethiopian Outreach Project SELAH – Israel Crisis Outreach Centre: “Responding to Crisis in the Ethiopian Community”



Micha Feldmann was born in the Land of Israel (British Mandate Palestine) in 1944. Since 1970 he has worked on immigration and absorption, and since 1982 has devoted his life to bringing the Ethiopian Jews to Israel, and help them in their absorption into Israeli society.

In the 1980s, Micha was the head of the Jewish Agency Mission to Ethiopia and the Israeli Consul there. He took part in "Operation Salomon" that in 1991 succeeded in bringing out of besieged Addis Ababa in one weekend 14,310 Ethiopian Jews.

Micha speaks Amharic fluently and knows virtually every Ethiopian family in Israel. He is therefore known as “Abba Micha”.

Currently, Micha serves as the Director of the Ethiopian Department within SELAH - the Israel Crisis Management Center (ICMC) an organization that helps take care of new immigrants from Ethiopia and the FSU, who have been stricken by tragedy.

Since its founding in 1993, SELAH has given care, support, and hope to more than 25,000 immigrants coping with tragedy and disaster. SELAH's emergency teams – trauma experts as well as trained volunteers – respond to disaster in real time. Faced with the

challenge of providing for the special needs of immigrants coping with trauma, SELAH has developed a variety of culture-sensitive programs that bring

together immigrants struggling with traumatic loss and provide opportunities for sharing pain and mobilizing resources.



**Dinner meeting, Jerusalem
YMCA, Wednesday 19 July at
19:00**

Upcoming Programme

August 2:

R/ Tony Kolankiewicz, U.S. Military and USFSO (ret.)

“From Genocide in Southeast Asia to Resurrection in Eastern Europe”

August 9:

Pending

Suggestions for speakers or topics are welcome.

Please write to Programme Committee Chair, R/ Art Braunstein, by way of the Contact Form on our website

www.rotaryclubjerusalem



Dear Yaron,

It's nice to hear from you because it reconnects me to Jerusalem and her nice people that have made my stay so pleasant. Even though many bad people live in this place, Jerusalem is still a source of inspiration for me and her residents are the rays of the light the emanates from her.

Thanks for writing!

Please extend my heartfelt greetings to Abby, to Susan and Jon as well as to Lenny! I spoke to the Armenian man, Cyril, with whom Susan connected me and so I want to thank her again. He and I have not spoken much, but we do have a good basis to build upon. And to Lenny, I'd like to reaffirm my appreciation and the hope of seeing him in Armenia someday. He's such a strong man, an overcomer!

It's very hot here as well, around 35... I am having a hard time doing my lessons (I am studying the final course in my online MA program) and the translation of the Psalms (I am translating from the original Hebrew into modern Armenian). Air-

conditioner would have been nice, but I put it off every year... and face the consequences!

Wishing I could be at your roof garden...

Hoveek (Yohanan) Tovmasyan

RI Scholar, Armenia



Dear Yaron,

<http://m.ipost.com/International/A-short-skip-and-jump-from-Israel-to-the-wonders-of-Cyprus-500464>

Just in case you didn't see this!

Best wishes,

Pamela and Werner L.



You Tube Corner

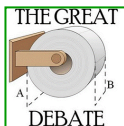
See R/ Art Braunsten last week's talk of about "Fighting Antisemitism" on You Tube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ztoDTQY9kKo>



Second Call for a Short Club Assembly Concerning Membership Fees

The Assembly called for 19 July could not be held due to the lack of a quorum. Thus the vote on ratifying the Board's decision to set 2017-18 membership dues at NIS 1200 had to be postponed. The Board has now rescheduled the Assembly for 2 August at 13:35. Members who will be unable to be present will be able to vote by email (to Robert at robbaah@gmail.com) or by other electronic means.



To Be or Not to Be?

Should we Establish an Amuta?

Dear members,

As you probably read in last week's Bulletin*, some quite strong protests and warnings arose at the moment we started to implement the decision of the Board, taken in February this year, to make the club into an Amuta, i.e. give it proper legal status.

There were two reasons for this decision. The first, direct one was that we could not deposit the RI Global Grant for the Dan's Peace Education project in the club's bank account. This because, while the account is titled "Jerusalem Rotary Club" it legally belongs to the individual assigned by the club to be the signatories. For legal reasons our bank could not accept the deposit, and we had to return the grant to TRF. Through the good offices of Irène Lewitt, the Lod Rotary Club, which is an amuta, agreed to accept the deposit and disburse it for us, as necessary for our project.



The second reason is the practical effect of the club's bank account technically belonging to three individuals. Changing the individuals each year when the club officers change, is a complicated matter. The effect is that our officers now

cannot deal with the club's affairs by themselves. This is legally and technically far from an ideal situation.

The objections to turning the club into an amuta, you could read extensively in last week's Bulletin. The objections are correct and strong arguments against the change. So what do we do? The decision 2016-17 Board remains in effect, but is implementing it wise? The classical solution is, of course, to institute a committee for further study. And this is what the Board did also now.

The committee will, hopefully sometime after the Yamim Noraim, present to the club Assembly the arguments for and against the establishment of the Amuta, and possibly if there are other alternatives. The arguments have to be as substantiated as possible and then the Assembly has to decide how to proceed.

The members of the committee have not yet all agree to serve. As soon as the composition is complete and the terms of its work are finally defined, we will keep you updated. In the meantime, all your thoughts, worries and expectations are welcome with me or the other Board members.

Yours,

P/David Lilienthal ♣

* If you don't have that Bulletin any more, go to www.rotaryclubjerusalem.org/bulletin-archive-2017-18 where you can read it.

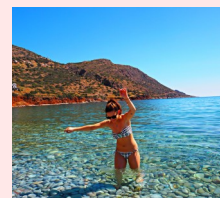


Mediterranean Limericks

*There was a Young Person of Crete,
Whose toilette was far from complete;
She dressed in a sack,
Spickle-speckled with black,
That ombliferous person of Crete.*

*There was a Young Person of Smyrna,
Whose Grandmother threatened to burn her;
But she seized on the cat,
And said, 'Granny, burn that!
You incongruous Old Woman
of Smyrna!'*

Edward Lear (1812-1888) ♣





Happy Hour

Vagaries of English Language!

- ♦ If pro and con are opposites, wouldn't the opposite of progress be... con-gress?



- ♦ Wonder why the word funeral starts with FUN?

- ♦ Why isn't a Fireman called a Water-man?

- ♦ How come Lipstick doesn't do what it says?



- ♦ If money doesn't grow on trees, how come Banks have Branches?

- ♦ If a Vegetarian eats vegetables, what does a Humanitarian eat?



- ♦ How do you get off a non-stop Flight?

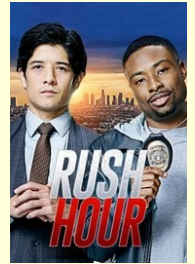


- ♦ Why are goods sent by ship called CARGO and those sent by truck SHIP-MENT?



- ♦ Why do we put cups in the dishwasher and the dishes in the Cupboard?

- * Why do doctors 'practice' medicine? Are they having practice at the cost of the patients?



- ♦ Why is it called 'Rush Hour' when traffic moves at its slowest then?

- ♦ How come Noses run and Feet smell?

- ♦ Why do they call it a TV 'set' when there is only one?



- ♦ What are you vacating when you go on a vacation?

We can never find the answers, can we?

So just enjoy the pun and fun of the English language

Sent in by Geert C.S. ♣

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-
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