

Weekly Bulletin of

The Jerusalem Rotary Club

Club # 13459, District 2490

27 May 2015

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Upcoming Programme

3 June:

R/ Tony Kolankiewicz, USFSO (ret.), Foreign Affairs Consultant: "Exciting Episodes from a U.S. Foreign Service Career"

10 June:

Rotary Foundation Awards Ceremony

Future Events

6-9 June:

RI Annual Convention, Sao Paulo, Brazil

30 June:

District Governors' Changeover Weizmann Institute, Rehovot

2 July:

Changeover Dinner, JRC, details to follow



This Week's Programme

Aran Patinkin, documentary film director:

"Legends of the Lost Tribes of Israel"

Aran Patinkin is a documentary film director who was born in Jerusalem in 1952 where he attended the Gymnasia Halvrit. Aran received his B.A. in Film in 1978 from Columbia College, Chicago.

Aran has directed 180 films which cover a variety of topics, among them: a village for the retarded, a young Israeli living on the beach, a young couple getting married, crisis when a spouse turns religious, love stories in a home for the aged, relationships between Arabs and Jews, Ethiopian Jews in Israel, an ultra-orthodox community in Jerusalem, a young narcotic and his attempt at rehabilitation.



Aran travelled extensively to many exotic countries to direct his twelve-episode series, **Legends of the Lost Tribes of Israel**.

This 12-part documentary series, Legends of the Lost Tribes, which presents a fascinating journey to 12 communities throughout the world whose lifestyles, customs, traditions and beliefs in some way link them to The Lost Tribes of Israel of the bible.



"Thanks to the GPS, we're not as lost as we thought we were."

His documentary films have appeared on TV and at various film festivals. Aran has received prizes for several of his works. Aran, lives in Jerusalem and has three children and two grandchildren.

Dinner meeting at the Jerusalem YMCA on Wednesday, 27 May from 19:00. The presentation includes a screening of the series' promo.

It is coming!!! The annual Changeover Dinner will take place on 2 July at 19:00. Details to follow soon



Dear Editor,

It may be superfluous (Dutch: "overbodig") but still I would like to praise you for presenting every week an up to date, interesting and enjoyable to read bulletin. Please continue for many more years!

Thanks, also on behalf of Carry,

Louis P.

I have circulated to the membership an invitation for an Eshkol outing on Friday 12 June from 9:00-13:00. It includes a visit to places of interest in Ramle, such as the museum, the white tower, a short boat ride in the "Arches Pool" and coffee.

The price is NIS 20. per person excluding the coffee.

Instructions for driving and parking will follow later.

I must report the number of participants from our club not later than 31 May, so please let me know ASAP.

And if you want to go, but cannot manage the Hebrew of the enclosed poster, also let me know and I will help you out.

S/David Lilienthal

Florence Farber z"l

Opening my mail a short while before the end of the chag, I found a message from Ruth that Marilyn Farber's mother has passed away, probably last Friday. Marilyn is in the USA for the funeral and shiva, If someone has more details, I would appreciate if you could send them to the membership.

We wish Marilyn and Mark a lot of strength and wisdom to cope with this loss and look forward to see them back in our midst in due course.

S/David Lilienthal



International Toast

Gondar, Ethiopia

Many members of one of the legendary "Lost Tribes" actually live among us in Israel. One such "lost tribe" is Beta Israel ("House of Israel") - Ethiopian Jews who were also called "Falashas" in the past. They believe that they are descended from the lost tribe of Dan, as opposed to the traditional story of their descent from the Queen of Sheba.

Beta Israel also have a tradition of connection to Jerusalem. After Halachic and constitutional discussions, Israeli officials decided in 1977 that the Israeli Law of Return will be applied to Beta Israel.

There are ten Rotary Clubs in Ethiopia. In 1955, during the reign of Emperor Haile Sellassie, the Rotary Club of Addis Ababa was chartered by Royal Decree.



With the fall of the Emperor and because of being labeled as "capitalist bourgeoisie" and an USA oriented Club by the Derg Regime, Rotary



suffered some very difficult years. After the collapse of the Derg Regime, The RC of Addis

Ababa West was chartered in 1991, followed by more clubs in other cities across the country. Three Rotary Clubs were chartered in 2008 alone.

We will Toast the Rotary **Club of Gondar Fasiledes**, named after the Castle of the King Fasiledes at the heart of Gondar city.

The Club was re-chartered in 2013. Its 32 members, mainly university staff, businessmen and women, meet every Sunday at 17:00 at the Taye Hotel. Next time you happen to be in Gondar do not miss the meeting!

Shlomo K. ♣

Read more about the RC of Gondar on: rotaryethiopia.org/index.php/rotary-club-of-gondor



New Member

Tony Kolankiewicz

Our latest recruit, Anthony Kolankiewicz, was inducted to the Club's at the dinner meeting on 27 April.

Tony, an independent Foreign Affairs Consultant, has been based in Jerusalem since earlier this year.

Tony Kolankiewicz served in the US Army from 1971 to 1981, specializing in intelligence and security issues. He was stationed in Massachusetts, North Carolina and Virginia. Overseas assignments took him to Turkey, Japan and South Korea. His final rank was Major.

His later career with the US Foreign Service, specializing in political and security issues in Europe and Asia. His overseas assignments took him further afield, to Manila, Singapore, Bucharest, Bandar Seri Begawan (guess where this is?), Brussels, Moscow. His last assignment was to Warsaw, where he served as Foreign and Security Policy

Chief (2008-2010). In addition he served in Washington DC in a variety of fascinating posts, among them Country Officer for Laos and Cambodia and ASEAN Regional Forum Officer in the Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs.

Tony's wife, Mihaela-Carmen Fecioru, originally from Romania, currently serves at the US Consulate General in Jerusalem. They have two children, Sharon and Alisson.

Welcome to the Club!

Yaron A. ♣

By the Sea of Azov, Ukraine



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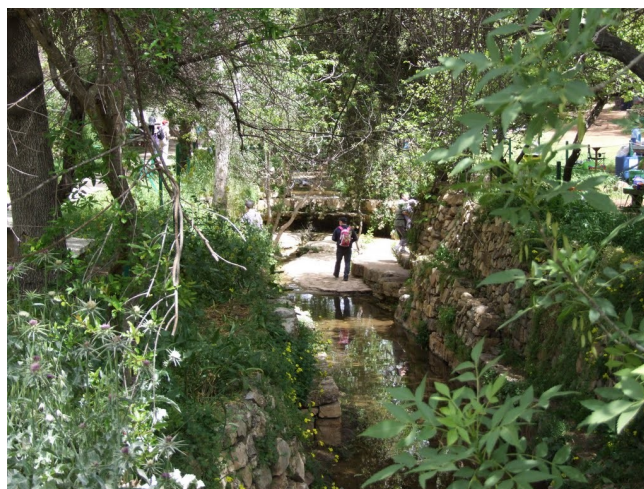
Aqua Bella

Aqua Bella, as the Crusaders called it, or Ein Hemed National Park as it is now known, is a beautiful spot of trees, lawns and archeological remains, just outside Jerusalem and so convenient for us to have a fabulous day of family picnic and barbecue.

Last Friday some thirty three members, family and friends, gathered at Ein Hemed and had a most enjoyable day. David led a tour of the site and after describing the Crusader period took the group to the impressive ruins of the fortified Crusader farmstead.

Yaron organized games for the children and got his good friend Jamal to run the *mangal* with the assistance of some of the older children. The weather was perfect, the food delicious and a good time was had by all. Can we look forward to next year for Aqua Bella #2?

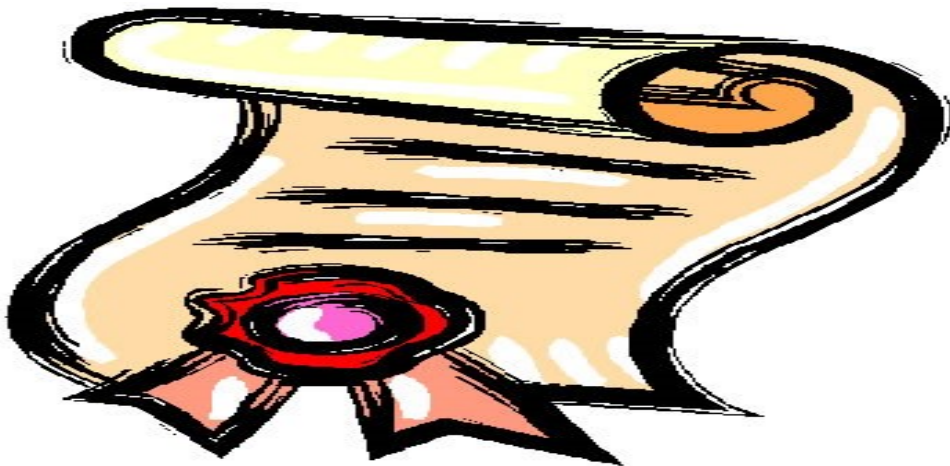
David S. ♣



JERUSALEM ROTARY FOUNDATION
SCHOLARSHIP AWARD CEREMONY

YMCA Auditorium

Wednesday 10 June at 2 p.m. (14.00)



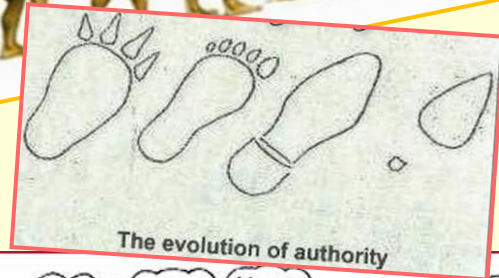
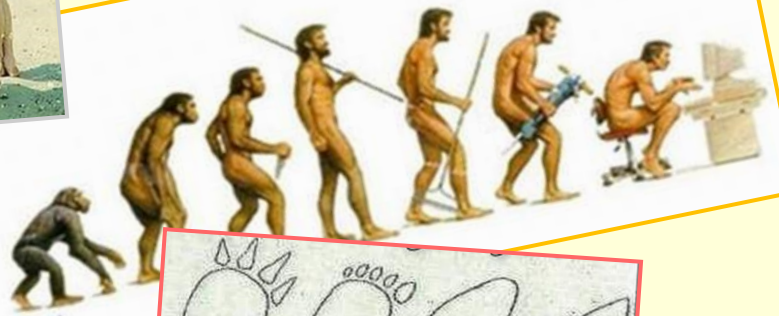
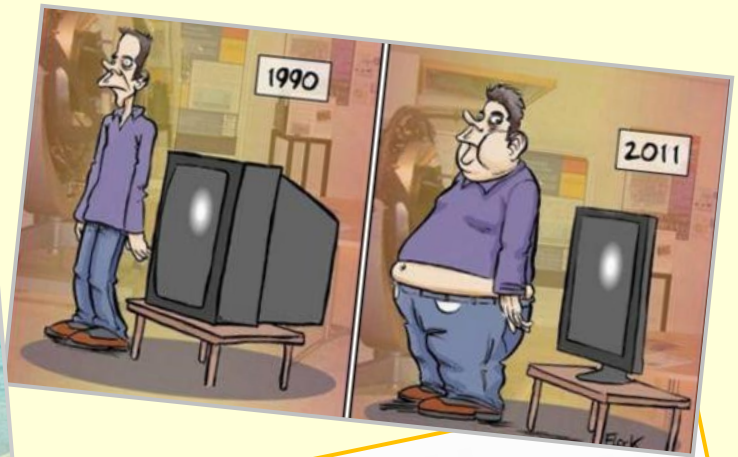
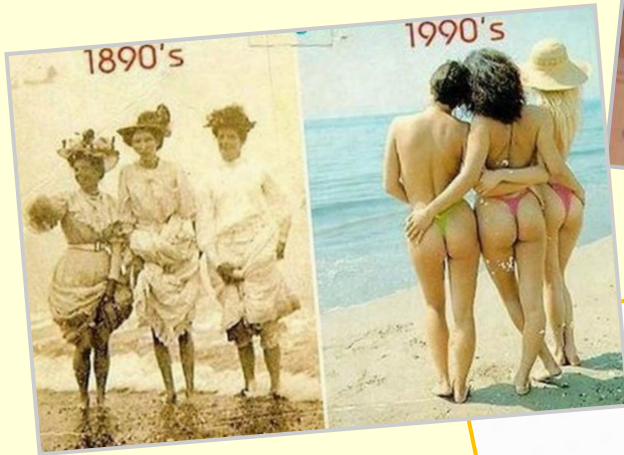
The tradition for our Foundation to award annual scholarships continues. This year we are happy to announce that the number of selected students from Jerusalem schools has been increased and seventy four scholarships will be distributed.

All members of the club are registered as members of the Foundation. You are urged to attend the ceremony and to honour the selected students



Happy Hour

Wonders of Evolution



Sent in by Rafi A.

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, children under 18: NIS 30.

For Kosher meals please book in advance. For this and
other enquiries please e-mail club secretary David Li-
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Visit our website:

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