

Weekly Bulletin of

# The Jerusalem Rotary Club

Club # 13459, District 2490

15 April 2015

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## Upcoming Programme

### 22 April:

Memorial Day - no meeting

### 29 April:

Steve Linde, Editor in Chief, The Jerusalem Post: "Behind the News - Personal Stories"

## Future Events

### 16-18 April:

Annual outing to Peniel-by-Galilee. For details see page 3

### 7-10 May:

55th annual District convention near Iraklio, Crete

### 22 May:

Outdoor gathering and BBQ of the JRC - Aqua Bella Park



## This Week's Programme

### Colonel Brian T. Lamson, Director of Security Sector Governance, US General Consulate, Jerusalem:

#### "Security Coordination in the West Bank"

**Colonel Brian T. Lamson** became Director of Security Sector Governance in the Office of the Security Coordinator, US Consulate in Jerusalem in June of 2014. He is responsible for US programs and assessments in support of Palestinian Security Force development and synchronization of US efforts with international partners. Prior to this, he served at the College of International Security Affairs of the National Defense University teaching courses on counterterrorism, strategy, and Middle East and South Asia security.

His other assignments have included senior army strategist at the Office of the Secretary of Defense, chief strategist for police development at NATO Training Mission - Afghanistan, and military advisor to Ambassador Richard Holbrooke, Special Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan. Colonel Lamson was commissioned in December 1989. He has served as a military test pilot in the United States, Germany, and Bosnia, and commanded a cavalry troop in the only airborne cavalry squadron in the US Army.

He was US representative to the Defense Services Command and Staff College in Mirpur, Bangladesh, and the Army Attaché at the US Embassy in Kabul, Afghanistan. He has also worked as a strategist in the Office of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff on the Chairman's New Administration Transition Team where he led efforts to bridge the military strategy for Afghanistan between Presidential Administrations.

Colonel Lamson holds a BA Degree with distinction in History from Iowa State University, a Master of Defense Studies from the National University of Bangladesh, and a Master of Arts in International Relations with a certificate in South Asia Studies from the Jackson School of International Studies of the University of Washington in Seattle. He speaks Bengali and Urdu and has been a fellow with the U.S. State Department, Department of Energy, the Institute for World Politics, and MIT.

*Art Braunstein, Programme Chair ♣*

**Lunch meeting at the Jerusalem YMCA on Wednesday, 15 April at 13:00**





Dear Editor,

I feel so badly that we weren't able to make it to the Jerusalem Rotary dinner, as I'd hoped. My son was drafted into IDF's Kishrei Chutz, so I went to Kibbutz Ein Hasholsha (*sic*) that evening to see him off.

Thank you for being so welcoming and gracious. I will definitely make it to your meeting next time I'm there – hopefully next year.

Chag Sameach,

Melanie Goldish

Duluth RC, MN, USA

Typical actually. They post interest in attending and then do not show.

From the Amtrak Sunset Limited from Los Angeles heading to New Orleans - Just passed Benson Arizona-near New Mexico border. Cacti... cacti... cacti. Great scenery from the observation car.

Regards to Abby,

M&M (a.k.a. Mark Zober & Marilyn Farber)

*Editor's note:* guests should double check before they inform us of their visit, as we in our turn alert the YMCA to the expected number of attendees.

Dear Mark, Dan & Marilyn

Hope all is well with you all. I suppose all in Israel must be preparing for the Pesach holiday as we are here in India.

Chag Sameach to you all and your families from me and all your friends at the Rotary club of Poona Down-town District 3131.

You will be pleased to know that a group of 55 individuals (Rotarians from our District and their families) will be visiting Israel in May 2015. I am writing to see how best the visiting Rotarians from this tour can engage in some way with the Rotary in Israel. Perhaps participation in a meeting/ fellowship and meeting with individual Rotarians in Israel will be highly appreciated.

Look forward to hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Warm Regards

Zimra

Dear Rotarian friends,

Barbara and I wish you a Happy Passover (and a Happy Easter). We are often fondly thinking of you, and we do hope there will be an opportunity to see you again later this year.

This week, my District 1810 has delegated me into Rotary Germany's Committee on German-

Israeli Relations. I am very much looking forward to being involved in their activities.

Warm regards from the cold and rainy Rhineland.

Barbara & Michal Mertes



### **NOT The Bulletin, 1 April 2015**

Fabulous!

I will use the bulletin cover story in my presentation in Chapel Hill April 10.

Well done!

Mark Zober

Very enjoyable – well done, you must have had fun doing it!

Maureen Fain

Terrible terrible. I wrote and emailed over ten individual letters with strong objections to changing the district of our club as noted in today's bulletin. Then I realized this item was for April first. Most embarrassing. From today on all our bulletins should contain 'the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth'

YIR

Don Edelstein

This was the best "Not the Rotary Bulletin" yet. I really enjoyed it. I think we should have one each week instead of the regular boring one.

Thanks

Sandi Darmon

Where did you get this humour from? Really cute.

Dan Shanit

Thanks for the warm welcome. See you later today!

Chag sameach,

DG Mali Levi



*Peniel 2015*

## Outing to Penniel-by-Galilee

Who would have thought that our initial Peniel-by-Galilee three day outing would become a club tradition. Yet here we are, planning and making the preparations for the 6th Jamboree that takes place 16-18 April, a mere four weeks away.

Each year we choose an area within easy reach of Peniel where we spend the signature day of exploring interesting archaeological sites, visiting local communities and enjoying the stunning scenery of the Galilee and the Golan.

This year we have chosen the central Golan with its impressive dormant volcanoes and will visit Har Bental and Har Avital, high points from where we will view vistas that extend beyond



the country. We move on to Ya'ar Odem, Birket Ram, Gonen and much more along the route.

We also hope to meet with people who live in the area, both Jewish and Druze, to hear about the reality of everyday life in the Golan.

Please see details in an email that was circulated to the membership.

*David S. ♣*



## *International Toast*

### Lindigo, Sweden

This Wednesday, April 15, Nissan 26 is the eve of the The Holocaust and Heroism Day that commemorates the millions of women, men, adolescents, children and babies, that were murdered by the Nazis during WW II. They were from different countries and religions, but the majority were mainly Jews - six million of them. We honour their memory with respect. On this day we also remember the Gentiles, non-Jews, both



women and men, who risked their lives saving Jews. These brave individuals are commemorated at Yad Vashem as "Righteous Among the Nations."

From these Righteous heroes we honour today the memory of Raoul Wallenberg, a Swedish architect, businessman and diplomat, who served as Sweden's special envoy in Budapest between July and December 1944. He saved tens of thousands of Jews in Nazi-occupied Hungary during the Holocaust from the Nazis and their Hungarian Fascist collaborators during the later stages of the war.

On January 17, 1945, during the Siege of Budapest by the Red Army, Wallenberg was detained by the Soviet authorities on suspicion of espionage and he subsequently disappeared. Later it was reported that he died on 17 July 1947, aged 35, while imprisoned by the KGB secret police of the communist authorities in the notorious Lubyanka prison that also served as the KGB headquarters in Moscow.

The State of Israel granted Wallenberg honorary citizenship in 1986 and honored him at Yad Vashem as one of the "Righteous Among the Nations." He is also an honorary citizen of the USA, Canada, Hungary and Australia. In Israel, five streets have been named after him.

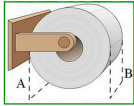
Raoul Gustaf Wallenberg was born on 4 August 1912 in the summer

house of his grandparents on the island of Lidingo in the Stockholm Archipelago. The **Rotary Club of Lidingo** was chartered in 1954. They meet on Fridays at noon at the Hotel Foresta in Lindigo.

*Shlomo Khayat ♣*







## The Great Debate

### Our Projects

'Service Above Self' is a basic tenet of Rotary and a desire to serve is a fundamental reason for joining Rotary.

The Jerusalem Rotary Club has always taken this to heart and from its inception, its Community Service Committee has been actively involved in serving our community.

Early in its history the club supported projects for handicapped children and orphans, obtained a container load of medical equipment for Yad Sarah, sponsored a night school for "street boys" and initiated the idea of a fire brigade for Jerusalem. The City Administration took over the latter while the cause of handicapped children became one of the chief activities of the committee. The Hospital for Crippled Children (now Alyn Hospital) turned into the chief beneficiary of the club.

Nothing has changed since those early days. The Community Service Committee continues to search out, respond to and develop needed communal projects in Jerusalem and to participate in or to initiate larger international projects, as well as smaller grants to initiatives like the Jerusalem Rape Crisis Centre and to Shalom Kitah Alef. A complete list of these projects would be too long for this review, but to mention some from the last decade will provide an idea of their breadth and scope:

- \* Handrails for the Gerard Behar Center and Jerusalem Theater;
- \* An open-to-the-public forum on the subject of Living Wills;
- \* A playground for a park in Musrara on the Jerusalem 'seam';
- \* Bicycles for schoolgirls in a tsunami-devastated village in India;
- \* Panoramic X-Ray equipment for the Trudi Birger Dental Clinic;



- \* Help to develop a computer mouse for the blind and hours devoted to training blind individuals in its use;
- \* Video-conferencing equipment for Herzog Hospital;
- \* Installing a vibrating floor and musical instruments for the Jerusalem School for the Deaf.



Currently our club is monitoring an Annemasse-Geneve RC sponsored Global Grant to provide life-saving surgery for ten Palestinian children, and to train Palestinian nurses in intensive-care techniques and genetic counselling. We are participating in a District-wide water education Global Grant project and assisting a new Jerusalem NGO to provide supervised after school activities that are not provided elsewhere for special needs children. We are offering financial support for an Indian mobile early detection of breast cancer Global Grant project that is awaiting RI approval.

Community needs abound. There is never a shortage of those in need. How to best use our skills, knowledge and resources requires decisions from the Community Services Committee and the club. If we are not to coast on our laurels, we must be open to exploring all areas of need that are brought to our attention, how to make ourselves better known as a source of help, answer the questions, "Do our criteria for taking on a project need revision?" and "What project do we choose that will maximize the use of our of finance and manpower resources?"

Providing service is a never-ending, ever changing challenge. Are we open to fresh ideas and are we sufficiently flexible and involved? If so, then we are maintaining an 84 year old tradition of our club but if not, then we must be open to improvement and change.

*Ruth Harris*

*Chair, Community Services Committee ♣*





## In Memoriam

### Haltern am See, Germany

April 1<sup>st</sup> is traditionally the time for practical jokes and silly International Toasts. On this occasion events, *force majeure*, has taken over and we need to reflect on the fragility of life. The media reports told us:

**Germanwings Flight 9525** was a scheduled international passenger flight from Barcelona–El Prat Airport in Spain to Düsseldorf Airport in Germany, operated by Germanwings, a low-cost airline owned by Lufthansa. On 24 March 2015, (last week,) the aircraft, an Airbus A320-200, crashed 100 km northwest of Nice, in the French Alps, after a constant descent that began one minute after the last routine contact with air traffic control and shortly after the aircraft had reached its assigned cruise altitude. All 144 passengers and six crew members were killed.



French and German prosecutors, and a spokesman for Germanwings, all believe that the crash was intentionally caused by the co-pilot, 27-year-old Andreas Lubitz.

Lubitz, who is believed to have locked the captain out of the cockpit, had obtained a sick note from his doctor for the day of the crash but reported for duty nonetheless.

In response to the incident and the circumstances of Lubitz's involvement, aviation authorities in Canada, New Zealand and Germany implemented new regulations that require two authorized personnel to be present in the cockpit at all times. Three days after the incident the European Aviation Safety Agency issued a temporary recommendation for airlines to ensure that at least two crew members, including at least one pilot, are in the cockpit at all times

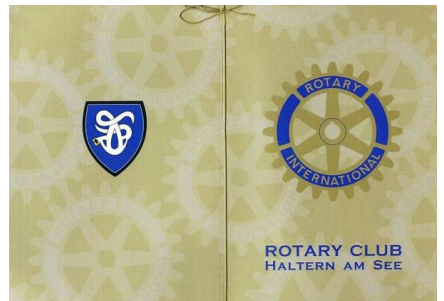
of the flight.

Another dreadful news story that within it had additional elements of horror. On the flight there was a school party of 16 teenagers and two teachers from the Joseph Koenig Gymnasium from the small resort town of Haltern am See that has a population of 38,000. That is the same size as Kiryat Motzkin or Rosh Ha'ayin. Needless to say the families and school are in shock and as in all small towns the teenagers and their families are known to many. Given its experience Zaka, the experienced emergency organization that deals with the aftermath of terrorist attacks in Israel, has been called in to retrieve and identify body parts.

**The Rotary Club of Haltern am See** is in District 1870, not far from Düsseldorf in the North Rhine-Westphalia State in Germany and its President is Gabrielle Retlig.

Our toast is one of fellowship and condolence to the families, the Joseph Koenig Gymnasium, the people and Rotary Club of Haltern am See.

David S. ♣







## Happy Hour

### Wonderful Definitions

#### **CIGARETTE:**

A pinch of tobacco  
Rolled in paper  
With fire at one end  
And a fool at the other!

#### **MARRIAGE:**

It's an agreement  
Wherein  
A man loses his bachelors  
degree  
And a woman gains her masters



#### **LECTURE:**

An art of transmitting Information  
From the notes of the lecturer  
To the notes of students  
Without passing through the minds  
Of either

#### **CONFERENCE:**

The confusion of one man  
Multiplied by the  
Number present



#### **COMPROMISE:**

The art of dividing  
A cake in such a way that  
Everybody believes  
He got the biggest piece



#### **CONFERENCE ROOM:**

A place where everybody  
talks,  
Nobody listens  
And everybody disagrees  
later on

#### **ECSTASY:**

A feeling when you feel  
You are going to feel  
A feeling  
You have never felt before



#### **CLASSIC:**

A book  
Which people praise,  
But never read

#### **SMILE:**

A curve  
That can set  
A lot of things straight!



#### **OFFICE:**

A place  
Where you can relax  
After your strenuous  
Home life

#### **YAWN:**

The only time  
When some married men  
Ever get to open  
Their mouth



#### **EXPERIENCE:**

The name  
Men give  
To their  
Mistakes



#### **DIPLOMAT:**

A person  
Who tells you  
To go to hell  
In such a way  
That you actually look forward  
To the trip

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 65, students and lone

soldiers: NIS 50, children under 18: NIS 30.

For Kosher meals please book in advance. For this and  
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