



Weekly Bulletin of The Jerusalem Rotary Club

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This Week's Program

/R. Michael Mertes

Secretary RC Bonn Süd-Bad Godesberg

“Politics of Fear — Why Right Wing Populism is Haunting Germany”



Michael Mertes is a German freelance writer and political analyst for Dimap, one of Germany's leading public opinion research institutes. He is about to publish a book on the English poet John Donne.

Mertes was a political adviser to Chancellor Helmut Kohl from 1987–98.

He worked as a journalist from 1998–2006 and represented the State of North Rhine-Westphalia to the Federal and European institutions in Berlin and Brussels from 2006–10. From 2011–14, he headed the Israel Office of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation.

He has been a member of the Rotary Club Bonn Süd – Bad Godesberg since 2001 and takes pride in having been a member of the Jerusalem Rotary Club from 2011–14. He is also a member of Rotary's Germany-Israel Country Committee for his home district 1810.

Upcoming Programs

16 November, 13:00

Lunch meeting

David Lawrence-Young

Author and Historian:

“Uses and Misuses of the
Balfour Declaration”

23 November, 13:00

Lunch meeting

Amb. Aaron Lopez (ret.)

Israel Foreign Ministry:

“British Detention Camps in
Cyprus for Holocaust
Survivors — Commemo-
morating 70 Years Since”

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**N.B. ALL MEETING
TIMES IN DECEMBER
WILL BE AT 18:00**

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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The deadline for materials for the Bulletin is Mondays, 13:00.

Please send to rotaryrosabejaw@gmail.com.



The yearly Rotary Health Conference
will be held on 2 December 2016

For all details, see the Program/Bulletin >

Yearly Health Conference tab
on our website or click on this link:

<http://www.rotaryclubjerusalem.org/next-district-event>

Please note: All programs are in Hebrew

Summer camps for youth

Our District Youth Exchange Officer Laura Netzer has informed us that she will welcome applications from young people who wish to take part in a Rotary summer camps 2017. These are being arranged in several European countries.

If you have children, grandchildren or close relatives between the ages 15-21 who would be interested to go participate and to meet other youngsters from many other countries for a fascinating experience, please contact Irène Lewitt as soon as possible, but not later than November 25th. She will then send you the application forms and the necessary information.

See also: www.rotaryclubjerusalem.org/news

HAIFA FUN DAY CHEZ BAHAI AND TANNOUS

On Friday the 4th of November, 14 members set out on the tiyul to Haifa. We were responding to the invitation from Nizar and Nuha Tannous to come and visit them in their new home.

Luckily, the driver of the minibus was good and the journey went without incidents and we all felt safe.

In Haifa the tour started with a visit to the Baha'i World Centre and the exquisite Gardens surrounding it.

Most of us had been there before, but this time Kern and Barbara graciously received us at a place which saved us descending all the stairs you see in the background of this photograph.



They gave us a real VIP treatment and not only showed us around but added many important and interesting explanations about the center, the founders of the Baha'i religion and the religion itself.

We owe them much thanks and praise for this special experience.

From the Baha'i Centre we proceeded to Nuha's and Nizar's new home (I write Nizar, since that is their own spelling at the front

door). They have a ground floor flat in a brand new, tall building, with not only a beautiful interior but also with a spacious garden.

They deserve all praise for their fabulous hospitality, with a great barbeque lunch and the pleasant company also of their parents and children. We would have loved to stay there longer but also the trip back took the necessary time.

All in all it was really pleasurable day that deserves a follow-up.

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THE FIRESIDES 2017

"Time to put away the sandals and cover up those pale, spindly legs -- the Fireside season is fast approaching!

This year we plan to build on last season's concept of two sessions -- one in January and one in February -- with the February session devoted to debate of a common theme. It is still early in the planning process, but I' would appreciate your help on two specific issues.

*First, I welcome your suggestions on the common theme. Like last year, the basic guidelines call for a neutral topic with no hint of sex, politics, or religion. I know this sounds boring, but don't forget the Fireside goal is to strengthen friendships, **not** to engage in volatile exchanges.*

Secondly, I'm looking for volunteer hosts for either the January or February sessions -- or both if you can handle it. We need at least five hosts for each session. Each host should be prepared to invite to their homes specific club members and their spouses, designated by me to ensure that each club member is invited to at least one Fireside during each session. No need to give me a specific date at this time, but your agreement to host in principle, along with the total number of guests you can accommodate, would be helpful.

Call or e-mail me if you have any questions, suggestions, comments, or even complaints; otherwise I hope to make some brief remarks at an upcoming meeting on our unfolding plans."

*Open to your suggestions or comments, so blast away.
Cheers, Tony*

Anthony M. Kolankiewicz

Gallery talk by Maureen Fain

Dear friends,

I would like to take this opportunity to invite you all to my Gallery Talk at the YMCA this coming

**Wednesday, 9TH of November
at 15:00 / 3.00 pm.**

My watercolor exhibition has been on display at the "Y" since May, and I have been asked to give a short talk relating to the paintings.

Please feel free to invite friends or spouses – it will be informal and I would guess about half an hour, depending on questions (and my answers!)...

Looking forward to seeing you there,

Maureen



Happy Hour



I am getting so old that my friends in Heaven will think I did not make it.



This morning I was sitting on a park bench next to a homeless man. I started a conversation by asking him how he ended up this way. He said, "Up until last week, I still had it all. I had plenty to eat, my clothes were washed and pressed, I had a roof over my head, I had TV and Internet, and I went to the gym, the pool, and the library.

I was working on my MBA on-line. I had no bills and no debt. I even had full medical coverage."

I felt sorry for him, so I asked, "What happened? Drugs? Alcohol? Divorce?"

"Oh no, nothing like that," he said.

"No, no. I just got out of prison."



From the Torah portion of last Shabbat we learn what really happened to the dinosaurs.



Apologizing does not always mean that you are wrong and the other person is right.

It just means that you value your relationship more than your ego.

The Facebucker Rebbe z.l.

Jerusalem Rotary Club

Weekly Lunch Meetings are held 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.

N.B. During the month of December 2016, all meetings will start at 18:00.

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.

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