

Weekly Bulletin of

# The Jerusalem Rotary Club

Club # 13459, District 2490

13 April 2016

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## Upcoming Programme

### 14-16 April Outing:

Long weekend at Peniel-by-Galilee (7th Annual)

### 20 April Meeting:

Pending

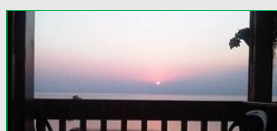
### 27 April No Meeting:

Passover

### 4 May Meeting:

R/ Ilan Avital Zorman,  
President Afeka Rotary  
Club

**"AvivTEK – a New Rotary Club Concept"**



Sunrise at Peniel



## This Week's Programme

**Dr. Lawrence Weinbaum**

**Israel Council on Foreign Relations**

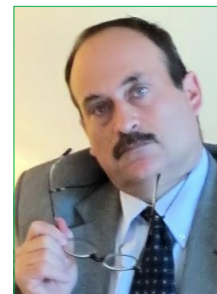
### "Reality Check on Israeli Foreign Relations"

Dr. Laurence Weinbaum is the Director of the Israel Council on Foreign Relations which operates under the auspices of the World Jewish Congress. He is also the Chief Editor of The



Israel Journal of Foreign Affairs, which he established with Dr. David Kimche z'l, who served as its first publisher. Dr. Weinbaum holds a B.Sc. from

Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service, where he served as an assistant to Prof. Jan Karski. His graduate studies included receiving a Fulbright scholarship, an MA in Russian and East European Studies, also from Georgetown and his PhD in History from Warsaw University. His doctorate which focuses on the relations between the New (Revisionist) Zionist Organization and the Polish Government 1935-1939, was published in 1993. He is also the co-author of a book on German Jews in Israel and co-author, with Dr. Dariusz Libionka, of a 2011 book published by the Polish Academy of Sciences on the Revisionist Underground (Żydowski Związek Wojskowy ŻZW) in the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising. In addition to his scholarly writings, he has also written for the press, including Haaretz, The Jerusalem Post, The Washington Post, Die Tagespost, WeltTrends and i24 News.



Dr. Weinbaum chairing ICFC Conference  
Session: Israel and Poland: Twenty years  
of bilateral relations



## RI Media Coverage

### A Media Report From Rotary International

Dear Colleagues:

As part of our continued efforts to increase our public outreach and measure results, I am pleased to report that Rotary received widespread media coverage throughout 2015, with more than 500 articles in 20 countries – representing a 33 percent increase in coverage from 2014. Roughly 75 stories appeared in top tier international news organizations, including eight out of the 10 most influential ranked by Forbes, such as the Associated Press, Agence France Presse, BBC, CNN, Reuters, The New York Times, The

Washington Post and Wall Street Journal.

Highlights include coverage of the one-year polio-free milestone in Nigeria and Africa:

Rotary's social media presence was strong in 2015. Rotary and End Polio Now Facebook and Twitter channels gained more than 125,000 fans and followers. Overall, there was 46 percent increase in reach across all Rotary's social channels from 2014 to 2015.

To view our year end media coverage report copy this address into your browser:

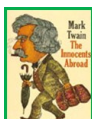
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Best regards,

John Hewko

General Secretary

Rotary International



## Innocents Abroad

### Having a Banner Time in Thailand

Boker Tov!

As is the habit in my case and as per Rotary regulations of activity,

I again was a visiting Rotarian at Bangkok South club - 101 members, great charity projects, fat fund raising events and socializing weekly at a bar owned by one of the members (a Thai).

Enclosed a few of my photos. Next to me at the table - best friend Alex Mavro, last year's District Governor.



<http://www.rotarybangkoksouth.org/southwind-the-weekly-newsletter-of-rcbs/>

Please note the photos of the various banners. There are over 20 million tourists coming to Bangkok every year. Among them Rotarians of course...

So the Bangkok club had hundreds of banners exchanged - much like us in the sought out city of Jerusalem. I like their practice as shown in the photos. We should do the same.

"Giant" banners hung on the wall for the meeting and easily stored the rest of the time. (Can be



stored at the same YMCA niche where our pole stands). On each of them many banners of visiting clubs neatly hang.

Best for now!

Eli K.





## International Toast

### Rotary Club of Dublin, Ireland

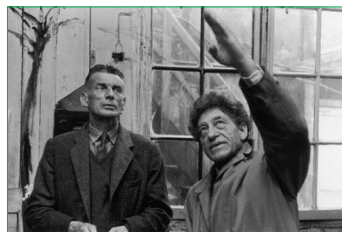
This week we toast the Rotary Club of Dublin, Ireland, where on 13 April, 110 years ago, Samuel Beckett was born.



The Irish born Nobel Prize laureate author, Samuel Beckett, was a key figure in what became the

“Theatre of the Absurd”

Though he studied at Trinity College, Dublin, and played professional cricket for a time, he worked most of his life in Paris where he associated with the likes of James Joyce, Alberto Giacometti, Marcel Duchamp, and Peggy Guggenheim.



Beckett and Giacometti

His first books were published in the 1930s, collections of poems and critical essays on literature, which found inspiration in the writings of Proust, Descartes, Schopenhauer, Goethe, and Joyce.

Beckett wrote his most famous play “Waiting for Godot”, in French because he found it easier to write in that language “without style”, something he felt the play required. It has played continuously since it was writ-

ten with international success. Other well known of his works include “Happy End”, “Endgame”, and “I can’t go on, I’ll go on”.

Beckett died on December 22 1989.



Dublin was the first Rotary club to be formed outside of North America in 1911. The club belongs to District 1160. The President 2015/2016 is Donald Gordon. The meetings are at the Grand Canal Hotel close to the southern docks on Mondays at 12:45pm.

In addition to the Rotary Club of Dublin’s active participation in the efforts to eradicate Polio in Africa, the club also assists with the Zamda Educational Project which supports a hospital and school for homeless and destitute children (many of whom are HIV-infected) in Zamda in Zambia:



The School in Zamda, Zambia

The Club raises funds for its Foundation and Club projects with the Annual Duck Race, Toy Ducks are sold for €20 each or 3 for €50 and released into the river, the first ones to arrive at the finish (if they arrive) receive prizes.



- Guido de W. ♣



## You've Got Mail

Dear Rabbi Lilienthal,

Thank you very much for your email which I found on my gmail site.

I also enjoyed very much being at the Rotary Club and to share with you my research on Libyan Jewry. Since it is a



small community compared to others in North Africa little is known about it.

Maybe we could do more in the future.

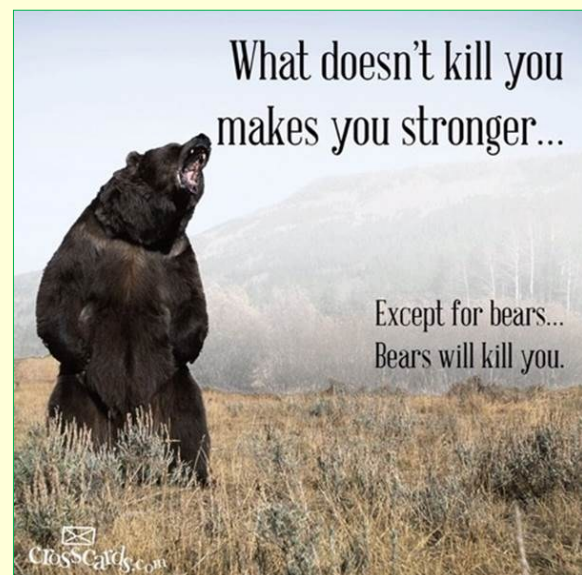
Thanks very much for the Weekly Bulletin which I will send to my children and grandchildren. I will also look into your archive.

Warmest regards to you and to your friends at the club

Maurice (Professor Maurice Roumani)



## Happy Hour



*Contributions by Marilyn F. ♣*

### Jerusalem Rotary Club

Weekly Lunch Meetings are 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.

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. For this and other enquiries please contact us through the Contact section on the website.

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