

Weekly Bulletin of

The Jerusalem Rotary Club

Club # 13459, District 2490

11 May 2016

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PDG Irene Lewitt, ex-officio

Upcoming Programmes

May 25 Dinner Meeting:

No meeting

May 26 Reception:

P/P Rizek Abusherr will be at the YMCA with a group for a reception at 17.00 (5p.m.). All Rotarians are invited to join them.

May 27 Outing:

Spring BBQ at Aqua Bella (Ein Hemed) National Park, 12 noon to 4pm

June 1 Meeting:

Amos Gil

CEO Jerusalem International YMCA

"The YMCA, Today and Tomorrow"



This Week's Programme

Celebration of Werner Loyal's 90th Birthday

**"Rotarians and Friends Remember
1976, the Year of Werner's Presidency"**



Born in Bamberg, Germany on 27 April 1926 as Werner M. Löbl. He was separated from his parents in 1939 when the Kindertransport sent him to England with his sister; not to be reunited with his parents until three years later in Ecuador. Werner has had an intriguing life journey, which saw Werner working in a wide range of positions: in a pharmaceutical lab, a metal works company, as a stringer for a newspaper, an assistant to the manager of a textile company, a conscripted US soldier, a diplomat with postings in New York, Washington, Guatemala, Mexico, and the Dominican Republic and as real estate entrepreneur. Along the way he made aliya in 1954, found his lovely wife, Pamela Sabel, in 1956, and became a member of the Jerusalem Rotary Club in 1969, serving as president during the Rotary Year of 1976-77.

In celebration of his recent 90th birthday, Werner will reminisce over his presidency year, recalling the Rotary events of the year, including the speakers and activities, but also some of the historical events occurring during the same year and their impact on the club.



P/P Werner Loyal and PDG Lucien Harris accompany 1975-76 RI President Ernesto Imbassahy de Mello and wife, Aca-cia, to meet Israeli President Prof. Ephraim Katzir



From the President

Third Quarter Message

Dear fellow Rotarians,

During the 3rd quarter of this Rotary year (January-March 2016), our Club saw a wide range of activity.

Program Chair Art B. ensured that the speakers program maintained its usual high level. Notable speakers in this period were Prof. Moshe Arens, Judge Steven Adler and our own P/P Kern Wisman.

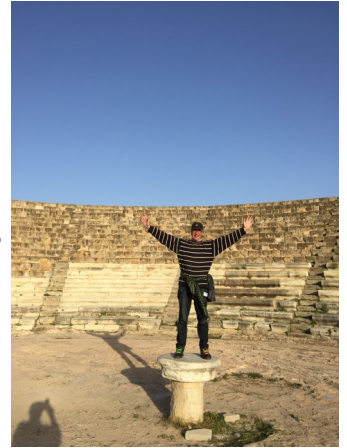
The **CSC**, chaired by Ruth H., monitored our Global Grant project that we participate in with the Annemasse-Genevoise RC at the Hadassah Hospital, supported the Yad Elie food for poor school children initiative and are currently exploring several future proposals.

The **International Service** committee, chaired by Dan S., successfully manoeuvred the Peace Education project through the Byzantine maze of Rotary International bureaucracy and it is now ready to start.

The **Events & Outings** committee, chaired by David S., was responsible for a string of hugely successful events:

- * Dinner meeting at the Piccolino restaurant
- * A first-ever Ladies High-Tea at the American Colony (7 February), organized by Abby S.

* A Rotary tour abroad, another first-ever: seven days in neighboring Cyprus (8-14 March) packed with touring and fun, friendship evenings with Rotary clubs in Larnaca and Nicosia ending with a jovial carnival in Limassol. Our members fancy dress was something to see!



The **Membership Committee**, chaired by Secretary David Lilienthal, accepted a number of applications from prospective members and approved the re-instatement of our former member and representative of Belgium in the Club, Aryé Yehuda Schoëff.



Our **Bulletin** editor, Kern W., continued the tradition of information and fun, including the rib-tickling hilarious “**NOT the Bulletin**” of April Fools day.

I would like to thank all of you who contributed and participated during these difficult times, especially Secretary David Lilienthal, whose dedication has been instrumental for the smooth operation of the Club.

- P/Yaron A. ♣



Global Grant Approval

Confirmation Received

President Elect Dan Shanit reports that the club has just been notified of the approval by the Rotary Foundation of the Global Grant application, titled the “Rotary Peace Education Initiative”, which the Jerusalem Rotary Club submitted in partnership with the Rotary Club of Mönchengladbach. The award is in the amount of \$101,970 US Dollars.



Further, Dan reports that the full details will be announced at the coming weekly meeting. He states, also: “I would like to express my sincere gratitude to those many members who pledged financial support to this important project, and I am asking those who have not yet done so to forward their contributions to our treasurer at our coming meeting.”

Treasurer Eli Kenner will be back from Thailand this week, kindly contact him with regards to transferring the pledged funds.

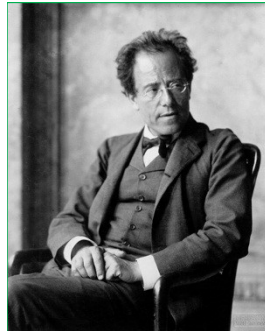
- Kern W. ♣



International Toast

The Rotary Club of Jihlava, Czech Republic

The 18th of May, is the anniversary date of the day composer Gustav Mahler passed away. He was born on 7 July 1860, in Kaliště in Bohemia, Then part of the Austrian Empire. In the same year the family moved to Iglau, now Jihlava in the Czech Republic. Here Gustav grew up in a Jewish family and acquired his first inspiration from which he would compose music. Mahler studied in Vienna and in 1897 became the director of the Vienna Court Opera. To secure this post he was pressured to convert to Catholicism by the rising tide of anti-Semitism in Vienna. 1907 he left Vienna for New York, visiting many capitals. He returned to Europe ill in 1911 and passed away on 18 May. In Vienna, at fifty years of age.



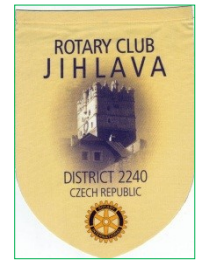
Gustav Mahler



Gustav Mahler conducting Beethoven's 9th Symphony in Strasbourg 1908

Mahler composed ten very complicated symphonies which were banned during the Nazi period, but which enjoyed a rediscovery after 1945 and they have become some of the most frequently performed and recorded works of the last 60 years. Quite interestingly, apropos this date, Mahler's widow, Alma, later married the young architect Walter Gropius, who incidentally was born on the 18th of May.

There is no Rotary Club in Kaliště, but there is a club in Iglau, today Jihlava, a part of the District 2240, founded in 1993. The club has 24 members and meets Thursdays at 7 pm at the Restaurant Nika/Atrium. The president this year is Ing. Lubomir Šuhaj. The club actively supports the End Polio Now project of RI and



2015 Jihlava RC Bike Camp

changes and youth sport events, such as last year's Rotary Bike Camp. It's major ongoing project is support of the local hospital, providing specialized hospital equipment.



Special Donated Medical Equipment

- Guido de W. ♣

Girona's Jewish Connection

Last week we toasted the Rotary Club of Girona, but missed on the city's rich Jewish history.

The most prominent figure in Jewish Girona was the rabbi **Moses ben Nahman**, also known as **Nahmanides** or **Ramban**. This **philosopher, exegete, poet and doctor** was born in the city in around **1194**. He was a wise, pious man who left his mark on the history of Girona and all of Catalonia.



In **1263** he took part in the controversy known as the **Disputation of Barcelona** in which he dialectically came up against the convert Pau Cristià to publicly defend – at the request of the King – the Jewish religion. Shortly afterwards he set off for the Holy Land; **he died at San Juan de Acre** in Israel around **1270**.

As in the rest of Spain, the Jewish history of Girona ended in 1492 with the forced conversion and expulsion of the Jews.



Happy Hour

A cartoonist was found dead in his home. Details are sketchy.

I used to be a banker, but then I lost interest.

England has no kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool.

I tried to catch some fog, but I mist.

They told me I had type-A blood, but it was a Typo.

I know a guy who's addicted to brake fluid, but he says he can stop any time.

I stayed up all night to see where the sun went, and then it dawned on me.

This girl said she recognized me from the vegetarian club, but I'd never met herbivore.

When chemists die, they barium.

I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I just can't put it down.

I did a theatrical performance about puns. It was a play on words.

Did you hear about the cross-eyed teacher who lost her job because she couldn't control her pupils?

When you get a bladder infection, urine trouble.

What do you call a dinosaur with an extensive vocabulary? A thesaurus. All the toilets in New York's police stations have been stolen. The police have nothing to go on.

Don't worry about old age; it doesn't last.

Cataract is the third biggest
cause of blindness.
Religion and Politics remain
the first two.

Contributions by Marilyn F. and David L. ♣

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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