



# BULLETIN JERUSALEM ROTARY CLUB

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Club #13459 District  
2490

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## Club Officers 2020-2021

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## Today's Program - Heroism of Jewish Rescuers during the Holocaust

*"In recognition of New Year resolutions and our Rotary responsibilities toward others"*

Alan Schneider, LL.B., Director B'nai Brith World Center Jerusalem

Alan Schneider is Director of the B'nai B'rith World Center in Jerusalem since 1989. A native of Brooklyn NY, Mr. Schneider immigrated to Israel in 1972 and completed his secondary education at Yeshiva High School "Midrasheat Noam" in Pardes Hanna. He served in the IDF from 1977-80, followed by 15 years in a reserve combat unit. Mr. Schneider completed his law studies at Bar Ilan University in 1984. He was a law associate at the office of O'Connor and Hannan in Washington in 1986 and was Assistant Director of the New York Regional Office of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith from 1987-88.

Alan Schneider is the 1996 recipient of the B'nai B'rith Bisno Award for Outstanding Professional Excellence. He has initiated many innovative projects in Israel and around the world: an annual journalism award for excellence in Diaspora reportage, an annual ceremony commemorating Jews who rescued fellow Jews during the Holocaust, an annual survey of Israeli attitudes towards Diaspora Jewry and cooperation with Israeli humanitarian organizations to expand their international projects. He also initiated and coordinated B'nai B'rith's assistance to residents of the North and South during and following the Second

## Upcoming Events

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Lebanon War and the Cast Lead Operation.

Alan was a member of the steering committee of the President's Forum on the Diaspora and a member of the foreign Ministry's Coordinating Forum for Countering Anti-Semitism. He serves as coordinator of B'nai B'rith's delegation to the World Zionist Organization and its representation on the Zionist Executive. Along with Prof. Gerald Steinberg he established "NGO Monitor" and is editor of the World Center's e-publication "Center Stage". Alan is also a founding member of two international Holocaust memorial projects: "Unto Every Person There is a Name" and "The Committee to Recognize Jews who Rescued Jews during the Holocaust" and initiated the "Jewish Rescuers Citation".

Alan is a founding member of "IsraAID" to many humanitarian hotspots around the world. His articles and reports have been published frequently in B'nai B'rith's international magazine and web-based publications. He has addressed numerous international B'nai B'rith gatherings on Israel and Diaspora-Israel relations. In 2010, he re-established liaison with Rev Dr Petra Heldt, Director, Ecumenical Theological Research Fraternity in Jerusalem.

He and his wife Silvia, a doctor of clinical psychology, have four children.

#### **The Jewish Rescuers Citation**

One largely downplayed phenomenon of Jewish heroism in the Holocaust is that of Jews who rescued fellow Jews while exposing themselves to greater danger. Recent research shows that the rescue of Jews by Jews was a much wider phenomenon than was previously known.

In 2011, the Jewish Rescuers Citation was established by the Committee to Recognize the Heroism of Jewish Rescuers in partnership with the B'nai B'rith World Center. This effort to rectify the historical record and offer long overdue recognition has led to 330 such heroes being honored at ceremonies in Israel and abroad.

**We have a virtual meeting again using the internet application ZOOM. Please log in as follows: just before 1:00 pm (1300), of the meeting date, click on the following "Join URL": <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86112105200> or only the numbers [86112105200](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86112105200) in the log-in window of ZOOM**

#### ***Fellowship Greetings***

No birthdays or anniversaries to celebrate this week. Wishing you all again a  
HAPPY NEW YEAR



#### ***The President's Corner***

On 21 September was 'World Peace Day'. The Rotary Club of Madras, India invited worldwide Rotary Clubs for a ZOOM Conference on this occasion. RCs chartered by James Wheeler Davidson from the RC Calgary between

1919 and 1931. Rotarian Davidson was most prolific in establishing Rotary Clubs in Australasia, including the Middle East. In 1929 and 1930 more than two dozens of Clubs, Cairo and Jerusalem included.

At the ZOOM conference on 21 September Rotarian Adib Iskandar of RC Cairo and myself participated. Rotarians from Wellington, New Zealand, Australia, Singapore, HongKong all the way to Calgary participated and each addressed the conference. RC Madras is in the process to establish a 'JWD' Rotary Group in the memory of Davidson and for greater international cooperation of Rotary Clubs. We will participate.

On 16 September the new Board of our Rotary Club convened to choose its President. PP Dan Shanit has been elected as President for the Rotary year 2021-2022. The Board consists of: PP Dan Shanit – President, PP Robert Hammer, PP Eli Kenner, Geert Cohen Stuart, Carry Polak, Ndudi Osakwe and IPP Dieter Ziulkowski. The various functions of the Board members will be decided in due course. Congratulations to the Board.

Dieter Ziulkowski



**ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY & ROTARY CLUB OF MADRAS**  
invites you to the launch of their joint initiative  
**"FOSTERING ENGAGEMENT" AMONG JWD FOUNDED ROTARY CLUBS**  
On World Peace Day, Sept 21st, 2020 at 10.30am IST on Zoom

Rotary Clubs of



Athens  
Auckland  
Banf\*  
Bangkok  
Bombay  
Cairo

Rotary Clubs of



Calgary  
Camrose\*  
Colombo  
Dauphin\*  
Drumheller\*  
Hong Kong

Rotary Clubs of



Ipoh  
Jerusalem  
Kuala Lumpur  
Madras  
Malacca  
Melbourne

Rotary Clubs of



Penang  
Seremban  
Singapore  
Stettler\*  
Sydney  
Wellington

\*Clubs yet to join



**JWD**  
THE JAMES WHEELER DAVIDSON  
ROTARY CLUBS

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Rtn. Framroze Mehta  
*President*  
Rotary Club of Bombay

Rtn. Ar. Kapil Chitale  
*President*  
Rotary Club of Madras



## *International Toast* – Rotary Club of Detroit

Three noteworthy historical events that happened on 16 September, the day of our meeting:

**1932** Abdulaziz Ibn Saud merges the Kingdom of Nejd and Hejaz into the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, is a country in Western Asia constituting the bulk of the Arabian Peninsula. With a land area of approximately 2,150,000 km<sup>2</sup> (830,000 sq mi), Saudi Arabia is geographically the largest sovereign state in Western Asia. The emergence of what was to become the Saudi royal family, known as the Al Saud, began in Nejd in central Arabia in 1744, when Muhammad bin Saud, founder of the dynasty, joined forces with the religious leader Muhammad ibn Abd al-Wahhab, founder of the Wahhabi movement, a strict puritanical form of Sunni Islam. This alliance provided the ideological impetus to Saudi expansion and remains the basis of Saudi Arabian dynastic rule today. In 1902 Abdul Aziz—later to be known as Ibn Saud—recaptured control of Riyadh bringing the Al Saud back to Nejd, creating the third "Saudi state". Ibn Saud gained the support of the Ikhwan, a tribal army inspired by Wahhabism and led by Faisal Al-Dawish. With the aid of the Ikhwan, Ibn Saud captured Al-Ahsa from the Ottomans in 1913. After the conquest of the Hejaz, the Ikhwan leadership's objective switched to expansion of the Wahhabist realm into the British protectorates of Transjordan, Iraq and Kuwait, and began raiding those territories. This met with Ibn Saud's opposition, as he recognized the danger of a direct conflict with the British. At the same time, the Ikhwan became disenchanted with Ibn Saud's domestic policies which appeared to favor modernization and the increase in the number of non-Muslim foreigners in the country. As a result, they turned against Ibn Saud and, after a two-year struggle, were defeated in 1929 at the Battle of Sabilla, where their leaders were massacred. On 23 September 1932, the two kingdoms of the Hejaz and Nejd were united as the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia,<sup>[79]</sup> and that date is now a national holiday called Saudi National Day.



Abdul Aziz Ibn Saud



Ralph Bunche



Dwight Eisenhower

**1950** Nobel peace prize awarded to Ralph Bunche for mediation in Israel. Ralph Johnson Bunche (August 7, 1904 – December 9, 1971) was an American political scientist, academic, and diplomat who received the 1950 Nobel Peace Prize for his late 1940s mediation in Israel. He was the first African American to be so honored. He was involved in the formation and administration of the United Nations and played a major role in numerous peacekeeping operations sponsored by the UN. In 1963, he was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President John F. Kennedy. Beginning in 1947, Bunche was involved with trying to resolve the Arab–Israeli conflict in Palestine. He served as assistant to the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine, and thereafter as the principal secretary of the UN Palestine Commission. In 1948, he traveled to the Middle East as the chief aide to Sweden's Count Folke Bernadotte, who had been appointed by the UN to mediate the conflict. These men chose the island of Rhodes for their base and working headquarters. In September 1948, Bernadotte was assassinated in Jerusalem by members of the underground Jewish Lehi group, which was led by Yitzhak Shamir. Following the



assassination, Bunche became the UN's chief mediator; he conducted all future negotiations on Rhodes. The representative for Israel was Moshe Dayan; he reported in memoirs that much of his delicate negotiation with Bunche was conducted over a billiard table while the two were shooting pool. Optimistically, Bunche commissioned a local potter to create unique memorial plates bearing the name of each negotiator. When the agreement was signed, Bunche awarded these gifts. After unwrapping his, Dayan asked Bunche what might have happened if no agreement had been reached. "I'd have broken the plates over your damn heads," Bunche answered.

**1957** White mob forces 9 black students enrolled at Little Rock's Central High School in Arkansas to withdraw. President Dwight D. Eisenhower orders US troops to support integration of those nine black students at school. On the morning of September 23, 1957, the nine Black high school students faced an angry mob of over 1,000 Whites in front of Central High School who were protesting the integration project. As the students were escorted inside by the Little Rock police, violence escalated, and they were removed from the school. The next day, Eisenhower ordered the 1,200-man 327th Airborne Battle Group of the U.S. Army's 101st Airborne Division from Fort Campbell, Kentucky, to escort the nine students into the school. By the same order, he federalized the entire 10,000-man Arkansas National Guard, in order to remove them from the control of Governor Faubus. The ad hoc Task Force 153rd Infantry assumed control at Thanksgiving when the 327th withdrew, and patrolled inside and outside the school for the remainder of the school year. As Melba Pattillo Beals, one of the nine students, wrote in her diary, "After three full days inside Central [High School], I know that integration is a much bigger word than I thought."

Today we are toasting the Rotary Club of Detroit, the birth place of Ralph Bunche on this extraordinary son of the city of Detroit. RC Detroit was chartered on 1910 as the 16<sup>th</sup> Rotary Club

Dieter Ziulkowski



## *Some other news*

***Some of the participants of last ZOOM meeting:***



***Food for thought, courtesy of Carry:***

Ever wonder why the word funeral starts with FUN?

Why isn't a Fireman called a Water-man?

How come Lipstick doesn't do what it says?

If money doesn't grow on trees, how come Banks have Branches?

If a Vegetarian eats vegetables, what does a Humanitarian eat?

How do you get off a non-stop Flight?

Why are goods sent by ship called CARGO and those sent by truck SHIPMENT?

Why do we put cups in the dishwasher and the dishes in the Cupboard?

Why do doctors 'practice' medicine? Are they having practice at the cost of the patients?

Why is it called 'Rush Hour' when traffic moves at its slowest then?

How come Noses run and Feet smell?

Why do they call it a TV 'set' when there is only one?

What are you vacating when you go on a vacation?

Did you know that if you replace "W" with "T" in "What, Where and When", you get the answer to each of them.



**The Jerusalem Rotary Club meets every Wednesday at 1 p.m. (13.00) at the Jerusalem International YMCA on King David Street. On the last Wednesday of every month it meets in the evening at 7 p.m. (19.00). NIS75 covers lunch/dinner, the Rotary program and a presentation by selected speakers. Kosher meals can be ordered until 90 minutes before the start of the meeting, by sending a message to our secretary 054-4295680. Visiting Rotarians and visitors are welcome.**