



Weekly Bulletin of

The Jerusalem Rotary Club

Club # 13459, District 2490

27 September 2017

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This Week's Programme

Rabbi Hillel Millgram:

Thoughts for the New Year 5778

Hillel I. Millgram was born and raised in the United States. He graduated from the City College of the New York and Columbia University with degrees in European and intellectual history, while pursuing additional degrees in Bible and Theology at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America and Temple University.



He is the author of five books which explore the deeper meaning of biblical narrative and the historical and cultural settings that gave it birth: *Four Biblical Heroines and the Case for Female Authorship*, *The Joseph Paradox*, *The Elijah Enigma* and *The Invention of Monotheist Ethics*, an in-depth study of the Books of Samuel to which his latest work, *Judges and Saviors: Deborah and Samson* (which is due to be released this December) serves as a prequel.

After making Aliyah in 1971, he has resided for many years in Jerusalem with his wife Deborah. He worked for 25 years for the Ministry of Education as a Superintendent of Schools, and since retirement he has combined research and writing with teaching graduate courses in Bible.



Dinner meeting, Jerusalem YMCA,

Wednesday 27 September at 19:00

Upcoming Programme

September 27:

Rosh Hashana - no meeting

October 4:

Succoth. No meeting

October 11:

Simchat Torah. No meeting

October 18:

Pending

Upcoming Events

October 27:

First Rotary Israel Conference: 2017 District Health Conference

Yom Kippur





Dear Editor,

I read with great sorrow this week about Rafi's passing.

I wanted you to know how much I loved him and admired his Rotarian work, in a period when we were in constant contact, especially regarding the issue of peace scholars fellows who travel abroad on behalf of Rotary.

I have learned from Rafi a lot, especially his businesslike approach to things without forgetting the human side and how to help those who need us.

Please accept my sincere condolences.

PRD Gidi Peiper

Dear David,

I was very moved, as were Dina and Roi, to read the things you wrote about our beloved Rafi.

Thank you and you will be blessed.

Leah Aldor



Dear Yaron,

What an unexpected and sad loss for the Club and for all of Rafi's friends. We will truly miss him.

Two days ago it was reported in local news that five Israelis have disappeared when attempting to climb the highest mountain of Mongolia. They dispatched a military helicopter with scouts to try to find a trace of them.

Regards,

Roy Rissanen

Ulan Bataar, Mongolia

Dear David and members of the
Jerusalem Rotary Club,

Barbara and I send our best wishes for a healthy,

prosperous, and sweet New Year from our new residence in Columbia, Missouri. We are deep in the throes of unpacking with boxes everywhere, each guaranteed not to have the one item we are most in need of at any particular moment. Pot seems strange that everyone around us is not preparing off the high holidays, apples and honey are not cropping up everywhere and Chag Sameach of Shanah Tova is not heard on every side. Our son's health, for now, is gratefully not causing him problems and Barbara has been busying herself at his store to lighten his load some while I wrestle with boxes.

We miss you all, our Jerusalem Rotary family, (after the battle of the boxes I will be able to look into Rotary here more seriously) and we very much hope this finds you preparing for what we hope will be a happy and sweet new year of growth and service.

Much love,

Kern and Barbara Wisman

Columbia, Missouri, USA

Dear Editor,

On Friday September 15 I participated in a seminar of our district on vocational service. Not all information is immediately applicable to ourselves, but some points seem to be worthwhile to all of us, whatever our function within our club.

Before I had not been aware of the application (in Hebrew) of Rotary Israel.

Our membership list gives scarce information about ourselves. It was remarked that the word 'retired' gives no information about our professional career. Even facts that we ourselves regard to be of a secondary nature may be important for the future of our club, our district or even Rotary International. I suggest that as club we take action on this topic. Initially it will take some time, but it might be useful for all of us to discover hidden qualities in our club friends.

Once this practice will become self-evident in our 'Eshkol' (cluster) and our district, it might strengthen each of us by 'cross fertilization'. It may also help in finding new, interesting and friendly speakers.

Geert Cohen Stuart



It Takes a Community

Mobilizing more than 200,000 volunteers across 92 countries, the Rotary Community Corps expands Rotary’s reach by bringing the knowledge and talents of local people to projects in their communities.

Sponsored by a local club, corps members are not Rotarians but can tap into the Rotary network. Conceived as the Rotary Village Corps during the term of RI President M.A.T. Caparas in the late 1980s, the Rotary Community Corps (RCC) was initially viewed as a program for the developing world.

Even today, most of the 9,400 RCCs are concentrated in India, followed by the Philippines and Africa. About 60 are sponsored by clubs in the United States; Canada hosts four. Every community corps differs in size and scope. Meet four of them.

Leticia, Colombia

In 2010, rains thrashed Colombia, flooding nearly 4,000 square miles of farmland and coastal villages – including Leticia, an impoverished community reliant on the shrimp harvest.

“It was completely flooded. You had to go house to house in boats,” says Carolina Barrios, a member of the Rotary Club of Cartagena de Indias, which delivered essentials to the community of about 400 people in the immediate aftermath of the storm. “But when the floods passed,” Barrios says, “we could not just leave this community by itself.”

The Cartagena Rotarians wanted to help revitalize Leticia. But the journey there was difficult – a 45-minute drive from Cartagena, followed by another 45 minutes aboard a motorboat.

“This community doesn’t receive a lot of assistance because it’s so far away,” says Barrios.

To bolster the relationship, the Rotarians recruited residents for a Rotary Community Corps.

“We got a leader from each block,” Barrios says. “All the elected leaders in Leticia are women. At the time, our club was also all women. It was easy for us to relate to them.”

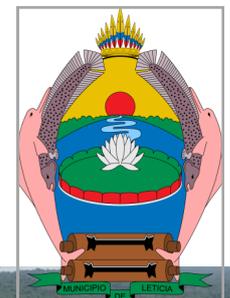
Initially, Barrios says, the members of the RCC of Leticia were not always on the same page. “But they have developed the ability to solve problems in an amicable way, because they know they are important to the community.”

One thing the village struggles with is adequate sanitation. “We asked them for their solutions,” says Barrios. Asking people from the community to do their own assessment and come forward with solutions to problems is a core principle of RCCs.

After putting together a needs assessment, the Leticia RCC members worked with districts 4271 (Colombia) and 5280 (California) and the Rotary clubs of Los Angeles and Woodland Hills, Calif., on a \$38,000 global grant to install a basic sanitation system that included 25 septic tanks and 25 bathrooms, each including a toilet, shower, and sink.

Members of the RCC monitor the system to ensure that it is working properly. Using other funding, the corps also beautified a church that serves as a community hub, equipping a small room with computers, improving a playground, and planting trees.

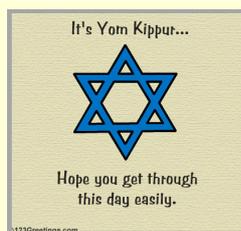
Brad Webber, RI News ♣





Happy Hour

Yom Kippur Made Light



Contributed by Yaron A. ♣

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 75, students and lone soldiers: NIS 50. For Kosher meals please book in advance. For this and other inquiries, go to our website www.rotaryclubjerusalem.org and click on the Contact/Links tab": rawdav@gmail.com.

