



Weekly Bulletin of
The Jerusalem Rotary Club
 Club # 13459, District 2490
 11 January 2017



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This Week's Program

P/Dan Shanit

"The Rotary Peace Education Initiative"



Following his last post of 14 years as Deputy Director General and Director of Medicine, Healthcare and Biotechnology of the Peres Center for Peace, Tel Aviv, - Dan maintains his interest as the social and medical entrepreneur. Undertaking his role as Chairman of the Israeli registered NGO the Rozana Initiative, dedicated to support the development of Palestinian health infrastructure in partnership with Israeli medical institutions. He also serves as the consultant to two other NGOs in Europe and the US.

Dan is also a coordinator of Peace & Conflict resolution of the Cadre of Technical Advisors of the Rotary Foundation.

Guided by the idea of harnessing medicine in the service of peace, Dan has initiated and developed a comprehensive strategy that combines humanitarian efforts and infrastructural development as part of a peace-building initiative. In partnership with prominent Palestinian physicians, directors of hospitals and other champions of healthcare – and supported mainly by European Governments, local governments and foundations, the US State Department and American foundations– the Medicine & Healthcare Department of the Peres Center, under his leadership, offered vital humanitarian assistance through the "Saving Children" initiative. In parallel, the Department was extensively involved in the building of capacities of the Palestinian medical system, including the training of Palestinian medical personnel and the development of independent Palestinian medical institutions.

Some of Dan's previous positions include Founding Chairman, Israel Center for Telemedicine and Telecare, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Beer-Sheva, Israel; Director of Cardiovascular Research, Edgware General Hospital, London, U.K.; Director of Research & Development and Managing Director of a number of corporations in the UK.



Upcoming Programs

18 Jan Lunch 1pm

Liat Benhabib

Director Visual Center

Yad Vashem

"Film and Holocaust Memory"

25 Jan Dinner 7 pm

Speaker Pending

27 Jan

International Holocaust Remembrance Day



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.

www.rotaryclubjerusalem.org



From your Editor

Dear Friends,

The week started with a terrible tragedy. Again we were reminded where we live and that life is so Precious.

I am sure that all of you join me in expressing our sincere condolences to the families of the murdered soldiers and our wishes of speedy recovery to the wounded.

Below is a condolence message from DG Gabi Oren and the district Secretary Yacov Ben Gad. Condolences to Mira & Dov Mayan, Members of the Haifa Rotary Club, Grandparents of Shira Zur, one of the soldiers who was murdered on Sunday 8th of January 2017.

Rosa





From The Board



JERUSALEM ROTARY CLUB

IMPORTANT NOTICE

At the JRC Board Meeting on 4 January 2016 it was decided that as of this Wednesday, 11 January, that Club meetings would return to their previous times.

Meetings will start each **Wednesday at 1 p.m.(13.00)** **except for the last Wednesday of the month when there will be an evening meeting starting at 7 p.m. (19.00)**

Please note the change. We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday at 1p.m. (13.00)

The Board





From Yvette Nahmia-Messinas

www.jpost.com/Blogger/Yvette-Nahmia-Messinas



Jerusalem: A cooperation hub

I love Jerusalem. Here is why: Jerusalem teaches me about cooperation, about opening to others and accepting them for who they are. Jerusalem forces me to live side by side with otherness, whether coming from the Jewish, Christian or Muslim community.

And as years go by I cherish and enjoy the opening of the heart Jerusalem has brought me, the opening to the other whether this other comes from within my own Jewish community or the surrounding communities. It is a process, expanding one's heart to include more and more. And there is plenty in Jerusalem to open up to, to meet and explore and get to know.

There is enough otherness around to keep you going all your life.

In our building, located on the border between Jerusalem's German and Greek Colonies, a young haredi (ultra-Orthodox) couple rented one of the two groundfloor apartments three years ago. At first my husband and I looked at each other in dismay, feeling that our building was sort of experiencing an "occupation" by the haredi community. This originally brought up in us a sense of antagonism, a sense of conflict, a feeling that we would have to fight to preserve our secular-traditional identity that combines reciting the Kiddush, having a Shabbat dinner and playing the guitar with dessert. Driving and putting the washing machine on Shabbat, having the radio on, while cherishing the calm and quiet that a Jerusalem Shabbat offers.

We were afraid that they would step on our feet, mess up with our ways, try to impose theirs. But this did not happen, and yes, slowly but surely the man of the family began saying hello, not averting his gaze when seeing me or my daughters coming down the stairs as he did when they first set foot in the building. We have learned to honor each other, and live side by side in harmony and with respect for each other's lifestyles.

Both sides had to outgrow their preconceived ideas and stereotypes.

WELL, THIS is a Jerusalem lesson that could hardly be learned in the classroom of Tel Aviv, and especially not in all the suburban communities where one lives in a private home and has no real neighbors to negotiate with, exchange with, give and take with, as each is secluded in their own turf. None of that seclusion for me – thanks, but no thanks! Life as I see it is about mixing, mingling, coming into contact with the other.

It is also about trying to find a balance, and win-win solutions so that we can all be happy. And these are indeed the lessons Jerusalem teaches me, and I cherish it for that.

On Monday evenings at Jerusalem's First Train Station and along the old tracks, I walk with a group of Arab women friends, Christians and Muslims, as well as fellow Jewish women. We meet at the train tracks and walk toward Beit Safafa, eventually retracing our steps.

On the way we chat about our families' latest news and update each other on our respective communities' challenges. A few walk in hijabs, others in tights, closely together, affirming our interconnectedness, our similarity, and our resistance to a political system coming from above that promotes exclusion and separation.

We will continue to be friends, and keep on building bridges despite the system's efforts to bring them down. That is also a Jerusalem lesson.

And here is my classic Jerusalem Shabbat morning outing; a highlight of inclusion, cross-cultural community fun and cooperation all under one roof. A two-minute walk from our home that promotes to our daughters the worldview we bring them up in, namely, cooperation. The roof is the delightful Jerusalem sky, on Yehoshua Bin Nun Street in the heart of the Greek Colony, at no other than the Greek Community Center, in Greek our Leshi, or club. And indeed this is a club only Jerusalem can boast of. It belongs to the Greek Orthodox Community of Jerusalem, now headed by Greek Orthodox Anastas Damianos, but open to all.

On Saturday mornings, we sit and sip our Greek coffee along with the United Nations, or at least that is how it feels. You have Greek Christians and Jews, Palestinian Christian and Muslims, Jerusalem-born Israelis and a spectrum of internationals coming all the way from Cyprus, New York and Hong Kong.

The beautiful and relaxed atmosphere of the garden resonates in us all, and so does the lively company, where the discussion moves from Greek to Hebrew to Arabic to English and French as we try to figure out the language spoken by all around the table. There are many tables with different languages, and one can pop from one to the other with ease. This is my Shabbat treat, what Jerusalem has really to offer, and it is not other-worldly at all. It happens in the here and now every Shabbat morning.

You are all most welcome to join us.





The Brandenburg Gate—Berlin

In view of the tragic event last Sunday in Jerusalem, Germany decided to show its solidarity with Israel. Berlin emblazons the Israeli flag on the Brandenburg Gate.



I shall give a very succinct review of the Brandenburg Gate, with a few historical pictures. The second page of the International Toast will be dedicated to the Rotary Club Berlin International.

The Brandenburg Gate (German: Brandenburger Tor) is an 18th-century neoclassical monument in Berlin, and one of the best-known landmarks of Germany. It is built on the site of a former city gate that marked the start of the road from Berlin to the town of Brandenburg an der Havel.

It is located in the western part of the city center of Berlin within Mitte, at the junction of Unter

den Linden and Ebertstraße, immediately west of the Pariser Platz. One block to the north stands the Reichstag building, which houses the German parliament (Bundestag). The gate is the monumental entry to Unter den Linden, the renowned boulevard of linden trees, which led directly to the royal City Palace of the Prussian monarchs.

Throughout its existence, the Brandenburg Gate was often a site for major historical events and is today considered not only as a symbol of the tumultuous history of Europe and Germany, but also of European unity and peace.

The History of the Brandenburg Gate is very rich, and if you wish to further your knowledge about it, here is the link to Wikipedia https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brandenburg_G



Napoleon passing through the Brandenburg Gate after the Battle of Jena-Auerstedt (1806). Painted by Charles Meynier in 1810.



1928



1930's



June 1945



President John F. Kennedy, fourth from right, looks toward the Brandenburg Gate



East Berliners and others were kept away from the Gate, which they could view only from this distance. 1984



The Berlin Wall in front of the Brandenburg Gate, shortly before its fall in 1989



The Brandenburg Gate emblazoned by the different flags of the countries which have been struck by bloody terrorist attacks.

Let us hope that we will not have to add any such pictures!

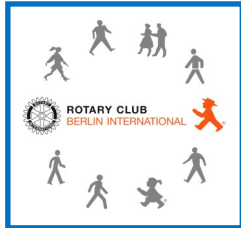




International Toast

Rotary Club Berlin International Berlin's English speaking Club Germany

<http://www.rotary-berlin-international.de/>
<http://www.rotary-berlin-international.de/news/>



Founded in November 2009, they are the only Rotary Club dedicated to Berlin's international community. All their meetings are held in English, which makes them the ideal Rotary Club for expatriates living in Berlin as well as visiting Rotarians from around the world.

Their club banner shows the Berlin typical pedestrian traffic light man „Ampelmännchen“ (in orange) together with its female counterpart (2nd figure clockwise next to him) and pedestrian traffic light figures from other countries all over the world standing for the internationality of their club. It was designed by a former member, the artist Sabine Dehnelt.

The banners are manufactured by [Union Sozialer Einrichtungen gGmbH](#), a sheltered workshop for handicapped people.

Their Vision

Every member of Rotary stands for high ethical standards and excellence in leadership. Being Berlin's only international Rotary Club, they promote these values among their expatriate and local members. United under the principle "Service above Self," they want to put the qualities of their diverse membership to service the local *and/or* the global community.

Bringing together people from all over the world, they promote mutual understanding across cultural lines. They want to see people share in Rotarian friendship despite possible differences their countries of origin may have elsewhere.

The Members

... come from different walks of life. With an average age of about 40 years, they are one of the youngest Rotary Clubs in town. All of them are full-time professionals in various fields who are committed to the vision above. In their projects, they try to contribute with the means that are given to them. Thus, the success of the club is the result of the synergetic work of their members.

Currently, there are 36 members representing 13 nations: Australia, Canada, India, the Republic of Ireland, the Isle of Man, The Netherlands, Peru, Poland, Russia, Spain, Turkey, the United States of America, and Germany.

International Service encompasses efforts to expand Rotary's humanitarian reach around the world and to promote world understanding and peace. It includes everything from contributing to PolioPlus to helping Rotary Youth Exchange students adjust to their host countries.

Youth Service recognizes the positive change implemented by youth and young adults through leadership development activities such as [RYLA](#), [Rotaract](#) and [Interact](#) club service projects, and creating international understanding with the Rotary Youth Exchange program.

The RC Berlin International participates in the Youth Exchange program and welcomes applications from young people who will be turning 16 before summer 2013. As an exchange student you will be hosted for a year by another Rotary Club in one of the countries of your choice..

Beside the long-term exchange programs, Rotary offers Summer Camps. Summer camps are offered to young people in different age ranges. You need to be nominated by a Rotary Club in your home country. Usually only one participant is chosen per country which makes this a truly international experience. Rotary summer camps are offered with a particular motto. Local Rotary Clubs organize the host families and the activities. Short-term exchange programs/family-to-family exchange are exchanges with countries worldwide, where students stay in families for three to six weeks and invite a guest from that family into their own family.

The President: is Mr. Alexander Geipel

There are "Sunrise" Meetings—1st, 3rd and 4th Friday of the month, 8:00 am and **"Happy Hour" Meetings** on the 2nd Friday of the month at 5:00 pm.





JOGGLING THE MIND !



**FIND THE DIFFERENCES IN
THE PICTURES**

Rocky Mountains

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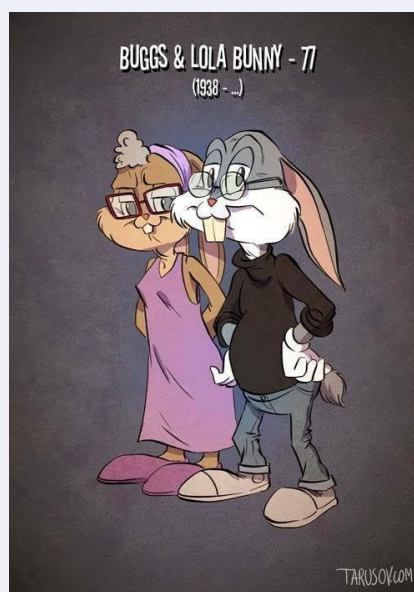
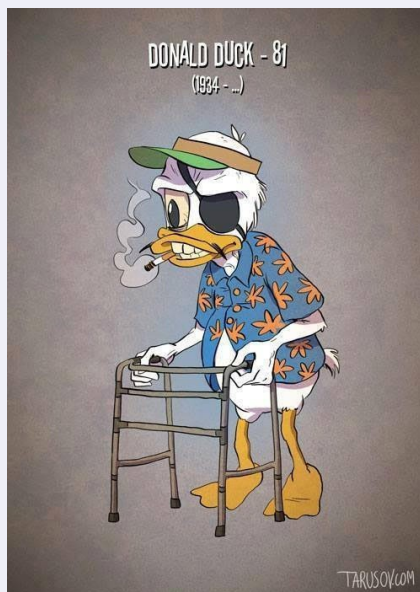
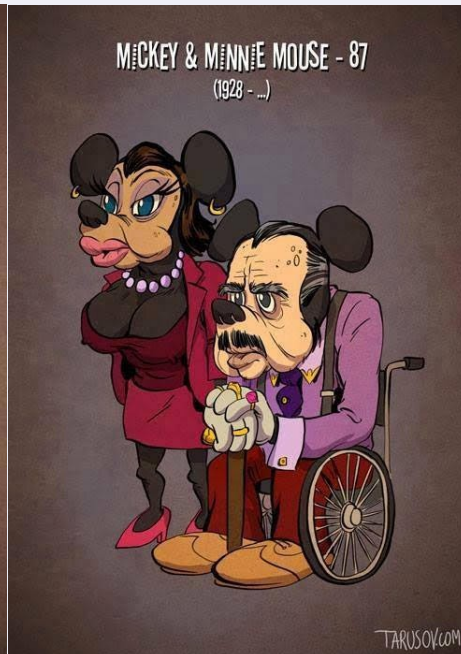
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Happy Hour

Cartoon characters
are seniors, too!



*I don't think they have aged
that well!!!!*

*Thanks to all friends for sending
in their
contribution to the Happy Hour!!!!*



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
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