

Weekly Bulletin of

# The Jerusalem Rotary Club

Club # 13459, District 2490

30 August 2017

## Club Officers

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R/ Robert Hammer

### Treasurer:

R/ Robert Hammer

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To be elected

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## This Week's Programme

### Dr. Michael Borchard, Resident Representative of Konrad Adenauer Foundation in Israel:

### My Life and Times in Israel

Michael Borchard studied political science, modern history and public law at the University in Bonn, where he received his Ph.D. "summa cum laude" in 1998. He is also a reserve officer of the German Bundeswehr.



Since July 2014, Michael is the resident representative of the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS) in Israel, a post he will be leaving in late next month. Before coming to Israel he headed for 11 years the Foundation's Policy Consulting Department in Berlin, a think tank. 2007 he was named as by the monthly "Capital" as a member of Germany's "40 Top-Leaders under 40".

From 1998 to 2003 he headed the Division for Speech Writing, Documentation and Aspects of Social Change in the State Chancellery of Thuringia. Before he was a member of the team of speech writers for the then Federal Chancellor of Germany, Helmut Kohl. His Boss in that time was our own Michael Mertes, his predecessor as KAS representative to Israel.

Michael first visited Israel during the second Intifada in 2004, and took his post as KAS-director in July 2014, on the verge of the Gaza-Operation Protective Edge. During his years in Jerusalem he has been accompanied by his wife and three kids.

Michael will share with us his experiences as a German and father in Israel, his encounters with politicians, what it means to work in a very German-Israeli and also very Jewish team. A special emphasis us how he sees the current state and the future of the relations between the two countries.

An evening not to be missed!

**Dinner meeting, Jerusalem YMCA, Wednesday 30  
August at 19:00**

## Upcoming Programme

### September 6:

Kadi Iyad Zahalka, General Director, The Sharia Courts of Israel: **"Abraham's Offering for Us All Today"** (in honor of Eid el-Adha)

### September 13:

Outing to Rotary Modiin to toast in the New Year

## Upcoming Events

### September 14:

International Water Symposium: Global Water and Sanitation Crisis. Tel Aviv Fair Grounds.



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Dear Friends,

Because I will be away for the month of September, I am sending this message now.

In our topsy-turvy world it is difficult to predict what awaits us around the bend - but my wish for all of us in our own small worlds is to have healthy and happy families, friends and dear ones, and to find purpose, tranquility and fulfillment in our own lives.

Hag Sameach!

Ruth Harris

Wishing you all a very happy and healthy new year!

Ronit and David Zwebner

Dear Ruth,

Thank you for your wise words and heartily wishes.

Shana Tova and Mazal Tov to you and your family.

Enjoy your stay in the US.

Wishing you a safe trip.

Yedida & Shlomo Khayat



**Letters to the Editor are welcome!**

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## *Visitors from Abroad*

### **A Visit from Kenya**

Dear Club members,

Some of you may remember the group of medical personnel from the Egerton University in Kenya we chaperoned on their visit to Jerusalem. One of the members, the gynecologist Dr Pamela Tsambiri, is coming now for a special course at the Hadassah- University Medical Center in Jerusalem. She will be here from 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> September.

Are there any members who would be willing to host her for any social activities in her free time like dinner or sightseeing?

Following is her timetable:

- \* Sunday 3.9 studying till 18.00
- \* Monday 4.9/Tuesday 5.9 till 14.00
- \* Sunday 10.9/ Monday 11.9 till 18.00

- \* Tuesday 12.9 free day
- \* Wednesday 13.9/Thursday 14.9 till 15.00
- \* Sunday 17.9 till 18.00
- \* Monday 18.9 till 14.00

Also needed a volunteer to coordinate all host offers and the contact with Dr Tsambiri.

Looking forward to hearing from you also with pleasure from members who do not attend our meetings.

Irene L. ♣





*Rotary International*

## **Texas Rotary District Collects Emergency Funds for Hurricane Harvey Victims**

Rotary clubs in District 5930 (Texas, USA) are collecting emergency relief funds to help flood victims of Hurricane Harvey, which slammed into southeast Texas over the weekend.

Severe rainfall has caused historic flooding along the Texas coast, including in Houston, the fourth largest city by population in the United States. Deluged towns in the region are in desperate need of aid as thousands of residents were forced to flee their homes. About 6.8 million people have been affected by the hurricane, which made landfall on 25 August.

District 5930 has partnered with the non-profit McAllen North Rotary Fund to set up an [emergency relief fund](#). To help, please send checks and gift cards to:

Rotary District 5930  
McAllen North Rotary Fund  
501 W. Nolana Ave.  
McAllen, Texas, 78504  
Federal Tax ID# 27-3855943

If you have questions about how you can help, contact [relief@rotary.org](mailto:relief@rotary.org).



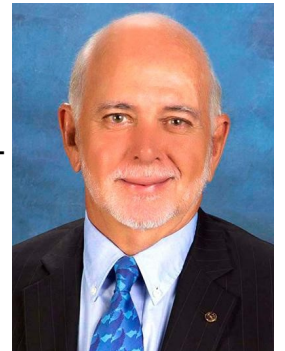
## **Barry Rassin Selected as 2018-19 Rotary President**

Barry Rassin, of the Rotary Club of East Nassau, Bahamas, is the selection of the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International for 2018-2019.

As president, Rassin aims to strengthen our public image and our use of digital tools to maximize Rotary's reach.

"Those who know what good Rotary clubs do will want to be a part of it, and we must find new models for membership that allow all interested in our mission to participate," he says. "With Rotary more in the public eye, we will attract more individuals who want to be part of an organization that accomplishes so much good around the world."

Rassin earned an MBA in health and hospital administration from the University of Florida and is the first fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives in the Bahamas. He recently retired after 37 years as president of Doctors Hospital Health System. He is a lifetime member of the American Hospital Association and has served on several boards.



A Rotarian since 1980, Rassin has served Rotary as director and is vice chair of The Rotary Foundation Board of Trustees. He was an RI training leader and the aide to 2015-16 RI President K.R. Ravindran.

Rassin received Rotary's highest honor, the Service Above Self Award, as well as other humanitarian awards for his work leading Rotary's relief efforts in Haiti after the 2010 earthquake there. He and his wife, Esther, are Major Donors and Benefactors of The Rotary Foundation.

Rassin's nomination follows [Sam F. Owori's death](#) in July, just two weeks into his term as Rotary International president-elect.

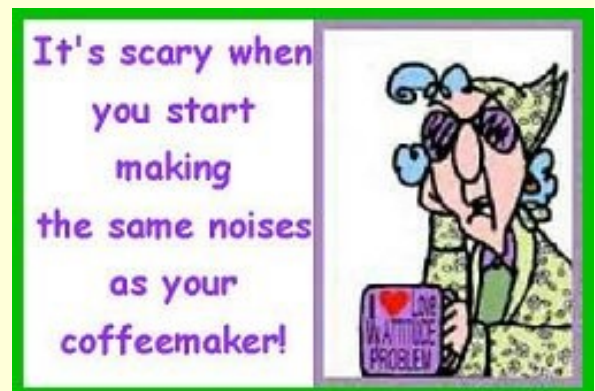
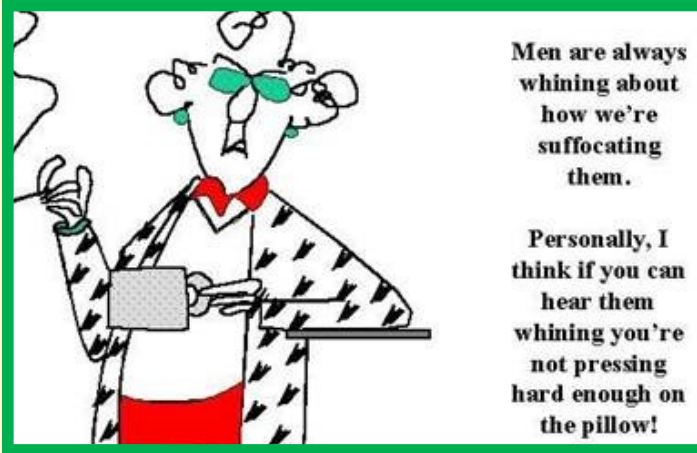
*RI News* ♣





## Happy Hour

### Any Woman Can



Contributed by Carry P. ♣

### 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 web-  
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click on the Contact/Links tab":  
[rawdav@gmail.com](mailto:rawdav@gmail.com).

