



Weekly Bulletin of

The Jerusalem Rotary Club

Club # 13459, District 2490

18 November 2015

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Upcoming Programme

25 November Meeting:

The Honorable Juan Jose Escobar Stemann
Consul-General of Spain:
“From Expulsion to Citizenship”
(Dinner Meeting)

02 December Meeting

Prof. Yaron Ilan,
Chief Medical Officer
Betalin Therapeutics Ltd.,
Ramat Gan
“Israeli Cutting-Edge
Tech in the Battle
against Diabetes”

9 December Meeting

Hanukkah Speaker

11 December

Special Friday outing to
the Greek Orthodox Patri-
archate and churches of
the Christian Quarter



This Week's Programme

Aryeh E. Shimron

“Decoding the Jesus Family Tomb and the Ossuary of James”



Born in Czechoslovakia (Moravia), I was, with my family, smuggled out of the country during the “anschluss” and passed the last year of a war-time childhood in the mountains of Slovakia. We emigrated to Canada in 1948 where I matured and studied (geological sciences) at McGill University in Montreal. During and immediately following my university studies I was involved in geological mapping and mineral exploration across the Canadian Arctic, northern Manitoba, Quebec, Newfoundland, Southern Africa and Namibia. While a graduate student and research scientist at the Hebrew University (1965-73) my geological research and Ph.D thesis focused on the Precambrian rocks of the Eilat area and the Sinai Peninsula. During 1973-1977 I carried out mineral exploration and ran a geological consulting office in Toronto, Canada. In 1977 I joined the Geological Survey of Israel as senior research scientist continuing my geological research in the Sinai Peninsula until 1982. After the return of Sinai to its owners my scientific efforts focused on geochemical exploration, tectonic processes and the volcanogenic history of the Hermon Range. While at the GSI, and since retirement, part of my time was, and still is, devoted in providing consultation and technical assistance on ancient materials (jewelry, pottery, glass, faience, plaster) to the Israel archaeological community.

Since completing the Israel Ministry of Tourism tour guide course in 1997, besides guiding small groups I have carried out a number of geo-archaeological investigations including those pertaining to the historicity of the Old Testament (e.g. Hezekiah's Aqueduct), the destruction of the Israelite city of Lachish, scientific evidence pertaining to the 70CE Temple Mount conflagration (the Josephus Flavius narrative) and the provenance of ballast on the sunken Maagan Michael Persian-period merchantman vessel. During the last decade I am increasingly more involved in research pertaining to early Judeo-Christianity with publications and film (Discovery-Science) now in final stages of preparation. I have lectured widely on the subjects above and have published over 100 peer-reviewed scientific manuscripts in the geological and geo-archaeological sciences.



International Toast

The Rotary Club of Vevey, Switzerland

194 years ago, today, the famous author Fyodor Mikhailovich Dostoyevsky was born in Moscow.

His best known work, "The Idiot", though, was mostly written in Vevey, Switzerland.

He was the second child of Dr. Mikhail Dostoyevsky and Maria Dostoyevskaya (born Nechayeva). Fyodor was introduced to literature at the age of three when his nanny read him heroic sagas, fairy tales and legends. Later the Bible was used by his parents to teach him how to read and write while also introducing him to a wide range of literature. Dostoyevsky in later life credited these nightly readings by his parents with the awakening of his imagination. His parents passed away in 1837 and 1839. It was at this time that Dostoyevsky enlisted in a military academy in St. Petersburg and started a military career. Dostoyevsky experienced immediate success with the publishing of his first novel in 1845. His utopian views and dreams of social reform resulted in him being exiled to Siberia in 1854 where he served in the military until he was permitted to return to Russia in 1859. Three years later he began travels to Western Europe, travels which were noted in his "Winter Notes of Summer Impressions" where he criticized capitalism, materialism, Catholicism and Protestantism. In spite of this criticism, a year later he visited Paris and the casinos of Wiesbaden and Baden-Baden where he succeeded in losing all his money gambling. In 1868 Dostoyevsky married his stenographer Anna Snitkina, a relationship which allowed him to write and publish "Crime and Punishment" in a short time. After their first child died after only three months in February of 1868 in Geneva the couple went to live in nearby Vevey.

"The Idiot", his most famous work. This vo-



Dostoyevsky's home in Vevey, Middle floor

Geneva, a city which today has about 19.000 inhabitants. This beautiful city on the sunny side of the lake with a very beautiful view of the Alps is much beloved by film stars, Charley Chaplin having lived there a large part of his life. In the 19th century Vevey attracted a lot

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Vevey from Mont Pélérin



Elisabeth Leo-Dupont



Grand Hotel du Lac, Vevey, Meeting place of Rotary

- Guido de W. ♣



You've Got Mail

Dear PP Mark

Hope you are enjoying your leisure cruise holiday ! I would like to offer my heartiest gratitude to your kindest hospitality and attentive care given to Rotaractor President and her and also grateful for similar hospitality by all our Rotarian friends in Jerusalem.

I just attended their monthly meeting and enjoyed so much their trip presentation with all the interesting photos with you and at Rotary meeting and YMCA kindergarten . Thank you again and look forward to reciprocating all of your hospitality when you next visit Macao.

A warm hello from all the Rotaractors and myself (second from left in the second row) !

Best regards
Elizabete
President 2015-16
Rotary Club of Macau



Yaron,

Thanks for your hospitality today. Come & visit our club in San Diego.

Rex Brite
Bonsal, CA



Editor's Note: The caricature that President Yaron is holding was drawn by Rex Brite during the club meeting. It jokingly depicts President Yaron saying: "Make all your Rotary checks out to me, personally"



Jerusalem Rotary Club Outing

A visit is planned to the Greek Orthodox Patriarch, the Patriarchate, churches and sites in the Christian Quarter of the Old City on **Friday morning, 11 December 2015**. It will be a fascinating opportunity to be exposed to one of the oldest communities in the Old City. Afterwards we can share our experience over lunch in an exotic eatery. The tour will be led by Lenny Woolfe.

We need to confirm numbers so please let me know a.s.a.p. if you plan to participate.

David Seligman



New President and Club Board

The 2016-17 Jerusalem Rotary Club Board, in an election conducted this past week, unanimously elected Ms. Nuha Tannous to be the Club President for the Rotary year 2016-17 reported election teller David Seligman on Monday.

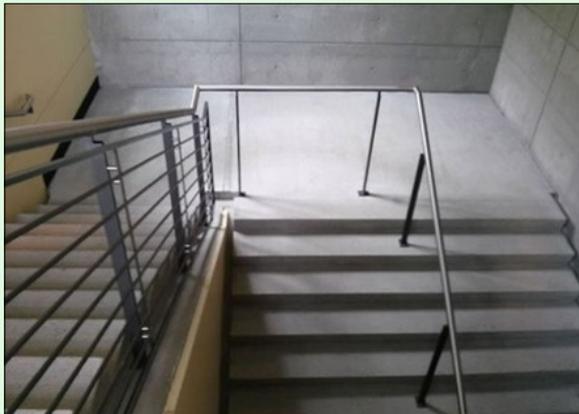
The 2016-17 Club Board consists of Immediate P/P Yaron Amitai; Past Presidents: Ruth Harris, David Seligman, Nezar Tannous, and Kern Wisman; and Rotarians: Tony Kolankiewicz, David Lilienthal, Elias Messinas, Perry Roded, and Guido de Werd.

The Secretary and Treasurer will be announced in due course.



Happy Hour

A few Design and Execution Fails



Contributions by 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.

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