

Weekly Bulletin of

# The Jerusalem Rotary Club

Club # 13459, District 2490

19 July 2017

## Club Officers

### President:

P/ David Lillienthal

### Secretary:

R/ Benjamin Landau

### Treasurer:

P/P Robert Hammer

### Immediate Past President:

P/P Dan Shanit

### President Elect:

To be elected

### Board Members:

R/ Art Braunstein

P/P Don Edelstein

P/P Richard Fain

P/P Shlomo Khayat

PDG Irene Lewitt

R/ Perry Roded

R/ Uri Savir

R/ Lenny Wolfe



## This Week's Programme

**R/ Art Braunstein, USFSO (ret.):**

### "Fighting Antisemitism"

Art Braunstein has been the Club's Program Chair for the past seven years. He has extensive experience in interfaith activities. As such, he is a Board Member of the Israel Interfaith Association.

He did his first Masters in Paris, France, an erstwhile Catholic country. As a U.S. Foreign Service Officer, he was posted, over a 30-year career period, mostly to Arab and Moslem countries, but also to the Latin American Catholic sphere.

Art was senior English editor for all texts in Yad Vashem's Holocaust History Museum that opened in 2005 and has guided VIP visitors there. Six years ago he founded the non-sectarian Jewish Covenant Alliance, R.A. (JCA) to foster the educational struggle against Antisemitism and Regime Evil worldwide.

*The focus of his talk will be on specific approaches and tools for Jews and non-Jews alike to combat Antisemitism based on extensive personal experience and action. Relevant articles on the JCA website, [www.covenantalliance.org](http://www.covenantalliance.org), are Chosen People against Antisemitism; The Tribulation of Christian 'Uprooters: Blacks and the Shoah.'*



The focus will be on specific approaches and tools to combat antisemitism based on extensive personal experience.

R/ Art Braunstein has been our club's Programme Chair since 2009.

Please make all effort to attend and to bring along your guests.

**Lunch meeting, Jerusalem YMCA, Wednesday 19 July at 13:00 ♣**

## Upcoming Programme

### July 26:

Micha Feldmann, Head Ethiopian Outreach Project SELAH – Israel Crisis Outreach Centre:

**"Responding to Crisis in the Ethiopian Community"**

\*\* Dinner Meeting \*\*

### August 2:

R/ Tony Kolankiewicz, U.S. Military and USFSO (ret.)

**"From Genocide in Southeast Asia to Resurrection in Eastern Europe"**





## *To Be or Not to Be?*

### **Should we Establish an Amuta?**

Perhaps it is lucky for the club that the amuta was not formed. An amuta is a legal entity that is required to submit legal accounting and a professional report every year. That is quite costly.

Also, most likely the amuta will be checked once every few years by the tax authorities (as is routine in Israel) and at that time the fee for a CPA and other preparations can be high.

We are Rotary. Our funds are limited. Our activity is financially limited. We are a volunteer organisation. Our bank accounts are considered "vaad kita".

Do we really need to be an amuta? Do we want to take the risk of spending a chunk of our limited budget on formal costly legalities?

Eli K.

The Board has decided to establish the Amuta as a result of the disagreement to use the existing registered foundation for this matter.

I am afraid that your bewildering description does not represent reality. There are over 30,000 Amutot registered in Israel and other than an annual report, there is no hassle in management of most of them.

You do not have to look very far- has there ever been any problem in running our own Foundation, which is established as an Amuta?



Dan Shanit

And finally, we had substantial difficulties in the past year in managing our finances. Such an account as you mentioned was not allowed to receive our 400,000 Shekel grant money, which had to be returned to the US.

The world has changed and we have to realize it or be unable to function. Rotary and our club have a purpose, beyond a weekly lunch meeting.

Dan S.

I personally sit on the board of many amutot so permit me to give my humble opinion.

Unless it is absolutely critical that you open an amuta I would strongly recommend against it.

The amount of bureaucracy and red tape involved today has become absurd due to the fact that many organizations abused the rights given to amutot in the past and the government has cracked down with compliance requirements.

The active participation of a qualified accountant and lawyer have become mandatory.

If there is no other way for Rotary to function other than becoming a registered Amuta, so be it, but I would strongly recommend that this option be avoided if at all possible.....this from personal experience.....

My "two cents" worth.....

R/ David Zwebner



There are serious reasons pro & against an AMUTA.

I propose that you convene asap a small committee of "specialists" to discuss the subject & take a decision after evaluating all the aspects. This committee should be of no more than 5-6 members.

This is a too serious matter to be discussed in the Board where many members like me doesn't understand in financial and legal matters.



The decision of this committee will be approved by the Board without further bla bla discussions.

All the Best,

Shlomo K.

**At the Board meeting this week, this issue is on the Agenda. We will keep you updated.**

**P/avid Lilienthal**



## Rotary President-elect Sam F. Owori Dies

Rotary International President-elect Sam F. Owori died unexpectedly on 13 July due to complications from surgery. Sam was a member of the Rotary Club Kampala, Uganda, for 38 years.

"Rotary has become a way of life for me – with the intrinsic value and core belief in mutual responsibility and concern for one another as a cornerstone," Sam said when he was nominated last year. "I feel immense satisfaction knowing that through Rotary, I've helped someone live better."

Sam's term as Rotary's 108th president would have begun on 1 July 2018.

"Please remember Sam as the outstanding, hard-working Rotarian he was," said Rotary International President Ian Riseley. "In this difficult time, I ask you to keep his wife, Norah, the Owori family, and Sam's millions of friends around the world in your thoughts."

Under Sam's leadership, the number of clubs in Uganda swelled from nine to 89 over the course of 29 years.

Sam saw in Rotary members "an incredible passion to make a difference," and wanted to "harness that enthusiasm and pride so that every project becomes the engine of peace and prosperity."

Sam was the chief executive officer of the Institute of Corporate Governance of Uganda, whose mission is to promote excellence in corporate governance principles

and practice in the region by 2020. Previously, he was executive director of the African Development Bank, managing director of Uganda Commercial Bank Ltd., and director of Uganda Development Bank. He has also served as corporate secretary of the Central Bank of Uganda.

He served as member and chair of several boards including FAULU (U) Ltd., (now Opportunity Bank), the Uganda Heart Institute, the Centre for African Family Studies, Mulago

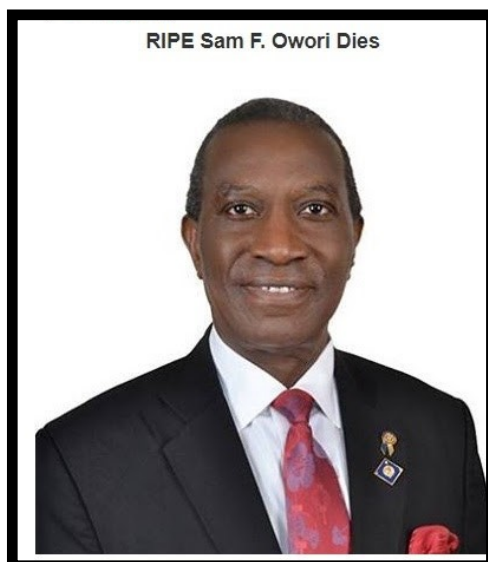
Hospital Complex, Mukono Theological College, and the Kampala City Council.

Sam also was the vice chair of Hospice Africa Uganda, and board member and chair of the Audit Committee of PACE (Programme for Accessible Health, Communication, and Education) in Uganda.

"Sam was a special person in so many ways, and his unexpected death is a huge loss to Rotary, his community, and the world," Riseley said. "We are establishing details on plans to celebrate his life as they become available."

Rotary is establishing a memorial fund in Sam's honor and will provide details soon.

*RI News* ♣



Dear Members,

We share in the pain and grief of the family and Rotary worldwide at the untimely loss of RI President Elect Sam F. Owori, and wish us all wisdom and strength to honor his memory by strengthening.



P/David Lilienthal

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## Happy Hour

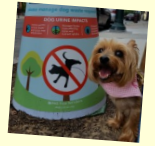
### Zen Teachings

1. **Do not walk behind me, for I may not lead. Do not walk ahead of me, for I may not follow. Do not walk beside me for the path is narrow. In fact, just b u g off and leave me alone.**
2. **Sex is like air. It's not that important unless you aren't getting any.**
3. **No one is listening until you fart.** 
4. **Always remember you're unique. Just like everyone else.**
5. **Never test the depth of the water with both feet.**
6. **If you think nobody cares whether you're alive or dead, try missing a couple of mortgage payments.**
7. **Before you criticize someone, you should walk a mile in their shoes. That way, when you criticize them, you're a mile away and you have their shoes.** 
8. **If at first you don't succeed, skydiving is not for you.**
9. **Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach him how to fish, and he will sit in a boat and drink beer all day.**

10. **If you lend someone \$20 and never see that person again, it was probably well worth it.**

11. **If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything.**

12. **Some days you are the dog, some days you are the tree.**



13. **Don't worry; it only seems kinky the first time.**

14. **Good judgment comes from bad experience ... and most of that comes from bad judgment.**

15. **A closed mouth gathers no foot.**

16. **There are two excellent theories for arguing with women. Neither one works.**



17. **Generally speaking, you aren't learning much when your lips are moving**

18. **Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it.**

19. **We are born naked, wet and hungry, and get slapped on our ass ... then things just keep getting worse.**

20. **Never, under any circumstances, take a sleeping pill and a laxative on the same night.**

*Sent in 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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