

Weekly Bulletin of

The Jerusalem Rotary Club

Club # 13459, District 2490

28 October 2015

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Upcoming Programme

30 October Meeting:

District Conference No.1
"Rotary Marked by Empowerment and Expansion" Kfar Yona Community Center, 8:00 -12:30

4 November Meeting:

Annual General Meeting of the Jerusalem Rotary Foundation

11 November Meeting:

Speaker: Prof. Moshe Sharon

"The Development of Baha'i Studies in Israeli Academia"

8-14 March:

Special Trip to Cyprus possibly taken with the Eshkol



This Week's Programme

Dr. Nissim Moses

Historian, Bene Israel Heritage
President India Jewish Heritage Center



"India in Israel, The Jewish Community of Indian Origin"

[A discussion inspired by the recent visit of India's President to the Holy Land]

Since Dr. Moses retirement, he has dedicated his time to research on the Heritage & Genealogy of the Bene Israel (BI) community of India. He has developed an Integrated Family Tree, which currently has more than 40,300 names several thousands of photographs & several hundreds of Bio-Briefs. This work is on display at the Diaspora Museum (Beit Ha Tefusoth) in Tel Aviv. Additionally, he has written several articles on the culture, traditions, cuisine etc. of the BI's which are on his restricted membership website and have been published in several International Journals and referenced on several websites.



Professionally, Dr. Moses, a recognized expert in acoustics, has in his career, been responsible for the establishment of the Acoustic Departments of Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI), the Acoustic Unit of The Ministry of Environment, the master's level course in acoustics at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, and the establishment of the IAI-Sales-Liaison Office in New Delhi, India, winning 19 contracts and achieving sales of \$450 million in signed contracts during his term. He is the past Chairman of the Building Acoustics Committee of the Israel Standards Institute 1970- 1972, and served as an Acoustic Expert (Borrer) of the Israel Supreme Court in the Case of Dr. Kanowitz Versus the Herzliya Airport & the Ministry of Transport. Dr. Moses was a Member of the Central Secretariat (Mazkiruth Ha Artzi) of the Histrut Ha Mehandesim & the Lishkat Ha Mehandesim. And a past Haver Vaad Mehandesim I.A.I., serving as "Overall Chairman Pensions & Insurance Committee".



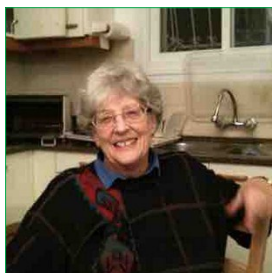
From the President

A Four Month Review

Dear members,

A third of the Rotary year has passed. Let's review what has happened to us during this time.

In September we lost our long-time member Helene Stuart z"l. Helene joined the club in 2003, shortly after the loss of her husband, Bob Stuart z"l. We will cherish her memory, as well as her oh-so-British sense of humour and general lightness of being.



On 1 July, the Rotary year was ushered in to the sound of an enthusiastic bagpiper,



followed by a merry party at the YMCA.

The hot summer and the High Holidays that followed saw many members taking off to greener pastures in Europe, Canada, USA, the Himalayas and beyond. In the meantime, your board, treasurer, secretary, and president were busy filling up the committees with fresh faces, revising old concepts such as fireside program (under Tony K.), fundraising (under Sandi D.), planning exciting outings and events (under Lenny W., David S. and others), embarking on an international project (under Dan S.), and providing you weekly with succession of high-standard speakers (under Art B.) and a great Bulletin under a new editor, Kern

W. A splendid new website has been designed and created by Secretary David L., and Mark Z. has put much energy in creating and maintaining Club relations with the outside world through social media such as Facebook, Twitter and the like.

In September we hosted District Governor Emile Al Asmar and his wife. Over the past few months we also hosted



many guests and visiting Rotarians, culminating in in last week's visit by 11 cheerful Rotaractors from Macau.



In the coming two months it is my intention to focus on what I see as our primary challenges:

To spread the word about our Club in Jerusalem and beyond (Mevaseret, Har Adar, Zur Hadassa, etc.), and so thereby increasing attendance

To recruit new members among the potential communities in Jerusalem and its outlying suburbs. It is hoped that potential members will come from all sectors of the populace: Jewish and Arab, locals and expats, professionals, academics, diplomats, NGO staff, foreign and local press, younger and older, active and retired.

During the month of November we will present to the club the new format of the Fireside Program, the planned fundraising events, and a complete plan of outings and events for the rest of the Rotary year 2015-2017. During that period we will also elect a President for the Rotary year of 2016-2017.

In the meantime, let us all hope and pray that recent tensions in our city subside, and that calm reign supreme once again.

May the Force be with you!

P/Yaron Amitai ♣



You've Got Mail

Hi Rabbi (David L.)

We have enjoyed the happy moment with all you guys. Have a good day and hope to see you again.

Roy Tang

Professional Development Director

Rotaract Club of Macau 2015-2016



Dear friends and colleagues,

You may be interested in an article I have contributed to the new issue of the *Israel Journal of Foreign Affairs*. I wrote it on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the establishment of German-Israeli diplomatic relations and the 25th anniversary of German reunification.

One of my theses is that Germany needs Israel as a dialogue partner in order to better understand the moral foundations, underlying security interests, and strategic requirements of its own international responsibility.

With best wishes

Yours,

Michael (Mertes)



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Slovak Hungarian Rotarians in Jerusalem

Dunajska Streda is a town in south-western Slovakia, close to the Hungarian border (pop. 25,000) and its Rotary Club (District 2240) was established almost 3 years ago. Two of its members (PE/Laszlo Viola and R/Jozef Danter) visited Israel these days but were unable to attend our last Club meeting because their group arrived in Jerusalem a few hours later.

For me it was some experience not only to meet for the first time Rotarians from Slovakia, but also from a small peripheral town whose inhabitants feature a split personality. As PR/Laszlo put it: his nationality is Hungarian and his citizenship is Slovak. He speaks, of course, both languages. He explained that the population of Dunajska Streda is ethnically 80% Hungarian and only less than 20% Slovak, but all of them, of course, live, work and mingle freely. Historically, what is the Slovak Republic today was, until WWI, part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. Between the two world



was it was part of Czechoslovakia, during WWII it was a separate pro-Nazi puppet state, following the war Czechoslovakia was again united and in 1993 Slovakia separated

from the Czech Republic, but southern Slovakia was all the time inhabited mostly by Hungarians.

The 23 members of the local Rotary Club are active in local community projects and are looking for ideas from other clubs and for ties with clubs in other countries. I gave them a roundup of our re-

cent projects and left with them our Club brochure and a copy of our last Bulletin. Following our meeting I drove them to the Jerusalem House of Quality on Hebron Road, which happened to host an exhibition of paintings by a Slovak artist, sponsored by the Slovak National Museum and the Slovak Embassy in Israel. They knew the painter and were, of course, elated. My guests hope to come back to Jerusalem next year and hope to bolster our clubs' ties by then.

- Rafi A.

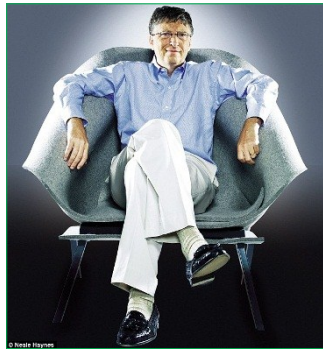
(Editor's note: Besides his Rotarian activity, Rafi is the Board Chairman of the House of Quality.)



International Toast

The Rotary Club of Seattle Washington, USA

Today sixty years ago, 28th October 1955, Bill Gates was born in Seattle, Washington. Now he is one of the most famous persons in the world, having changed the lives of almost every one of us. He is an American business magnate, philanthropist, investor, computer programmer, and inventor.



This week's International Toast salutes the Seattle Rotary Club, the oldest club in the birthplace of Bill Gates.



In 1975, at an age of twenty Bill Gates founded together with Paul Allen the firm Microsoft, which became the world's largest PC software company. During his career at Microsoft Bill Gates held the positions of chairman, CEO and chief software architect, and was the largest individual shareholder until May 2014. At this moment Bill Gates is the richest man in the world with a fortune of approximately 82 Billion Dollars.

1973-1974 Gates was a student at Harvard University, but in 1974, with the permission of his parents, he left the University after one year to start his own firm together with his friend Paul Allen. The story of the m developing together the first computer operating system and the starting of their firm in a garage is legendary. A short ten years later, in 1985, the first retail version of Windows came onto the market, the success of which was world changing. Until now ten versions of Microsoft have been produced, and subsequently installed on the majority of the pc's in the world. The only other similar success is that of the late Steve Jobs (1955-2011) who as everyone knows founded Apple successfully introducing an alternate pc— operating system and the I-pods, I-phones and I-pads which followed and have since 2010 dominated

our digital lifestyle.

From 1975 until 2006 Gates was responsible for the strategy of Microsoft, during which time Microsoft's perceived monopoly was challenged in the courts in 2000.

Gates and his wife founded the charitable "Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation," which is



now counted to be the world's wealthiest charitable foundation, with a value of more than \$34.6 billion.

Bill Gates lives with his wife Melinda and their three children very withdrawn in Medina , Washington, on a hill overseeing the Lake Washington, where he will celebrate his birthday today. He is still the Chairman of Microsoft, but he is concentrating now on theoretical and technical aspects of the firm.

Seattle, the city of birth of Bill Gates, is the biggest town in the north



-west of the US, in the state Washington, some 150 kilometers south of the frontier to Canada, with approximately 700.000 inhabitants. The city forms with Portland and Vancouver (Can.) the economic, cultural and intellectual center of the region.

Seattle has some fourteen Rotary-clubs. I couldn't find any relation between Bill Gates and Rotary. Therefore I choose for the International Toast the oldest of the clubs, the 1909 founded Seattle Rotary Club Number. 4, belonging to District 5030, which claims to be the world largest Rotary-Club. At the peak the club had 850 members, at the moment some 600. The club has three paid employees! The 2015/2016 President is Sue Nixon. The weekly meetings are on Wednesday, without having a special location.

- Guido de W. ♣



Happy Hour

Random Thoughts



Dietary Caution

Never put both feet in your mouth at the same time, because then you won't have a leg to stand on.

Definition

Aging (ajing) v. The process wherein one loses hair, memory, bone density, eyesight, hearing, taste buds, bladder control, and sex drive, and finally gains the free time to enjoy it all.



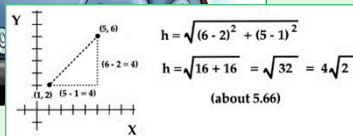
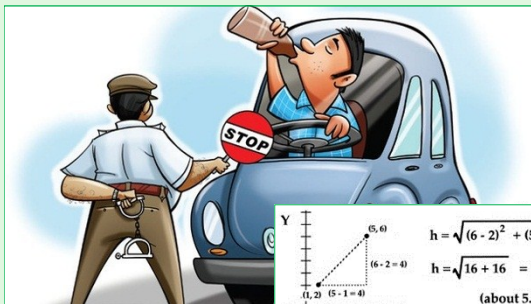
A Guide to Worrying

The future was invented in order to spoil the present.

--A line from "Et Dieu Crea la Femme"



Contributions by Kern W.



A Deriving Test

Yesterday I wrote, "Alcohol and calculus don't mix: don't drink and derive."

One friend wrote back, "You are so right, you could get your Deriver's License revoked."

Another friend wrote, "On the other hand we like to share a drink and integrate."

I guess in the end it really doesn't make any differential!, but maybe I need new friends.

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 through the Contact section on the website.

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