



BULLETIN
JERUSALEM ROTARY CLUB
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 District 2490
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Upcoming Events

**Until next Purim
 a Year of:**

- *Carousing*
- *Wingding*
- *Celebration*
- *Parties*
- *Escapades*
- *Larks*
- *Revels*
- *Whoopie.....*

Purim Phantasies

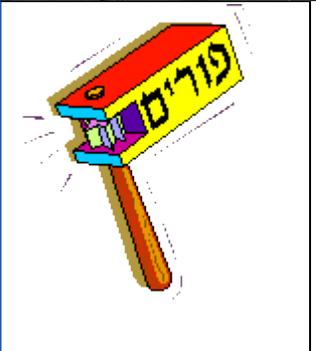


*PURIM In SHUSKAN
 EAST*

King Achashverus of the Persians and the Medes Queen Vashti Carshen Shethar Tarshish Hegai Mordecai son of Jair son of Shimai son of Kishabeni a Benjamite Esther a Virgin Shasgaz Bigthan Teresh Haman the son of Hammedatha the Agagite Hathach Zeresh Harboa Parsandatha Dalphon Aspata Poratha Adalia Aridatha Parmashtal Arisai Vaizath the ten sons of Haman son of Hammedatha



{Possst...the unknowns are all eunuchs. The King's high pitched advisers and Guardians of the Harem.}



Geert's Wise Words Nook



There are always good reasons for enjoying a Festival. Some are serious, some are not. But Purim is special as it's a time when you can really let yourself go. So:

Ten reasons for celebrating Purim.

1. Making noise in the synagogue is a mitzvah.
2. Levity is not reserved for the Levites.
3. If you're having a bad hair day, you can always wear a mask & no one will know who you are.
4. Purim is easier to spell than Khanuka, Chanukah, Chanuka, Hanuka --the Hebrew name for the Festival of Lights.
5. You don't have to kosher your home as for Pesach and change all the pots and dishes.
6. You don't have to build a sukkah and eat outside.as required at Succot.
7. You get to drink lots of wine & you don't have to stand for Kiddush.
8. Mordechai - 1; Haman - 0.
9. You won't get hit in the eye by a lulav or have an etrog drop on your foot.
10. You can't eat hamentaschen on Yom Kippur.

Which all goes to show the wisdom of our forefathers. A Blessing to you All. Drink as much as you like. It is permitted. Also gambling –shh!

Geert Cohen Stuart

(Editor's note: That's not really a picture of Geert but it was better than the blurry one of him that was available. Apologies to his dear wife Marian and readers who thought that Geert was not looking too well.)

Greetings from a dear friend

My Dear Jerusalem Rotarian Friends,

As one of the many expats from diverse countries to have found a temporary home and opportunity to serve the community in Jerusalem and specifically in the Jerusalem Rotary Club, I want to extend to you my heartiest congratulations. I want also to thank the club for many years of friendship. The club provided a great home base for assistance in the process of relocation and acclimatization to living in Jerusalem. More importantly it provided a platform for assisting in the betterment of the community.

I am sad not to be able to celebrate this milestone with you (though you will note that I was able to send my most precious representative, Barbara, to you on Feb 13th to convey personally our greetings). After nearly 21 years in Israel and 18 of them with you in the Jerusalem Rotary Club, though we are now back in the United States, we feel as if we left our home and are now expats, once more, but, strangely, in our country of origin.

Best regards in Rotary,

Kern Wisman

[Kern was the Bahai Representative to the Government of Israel. During all his and Barbara's time in Jerusalem he was an active member of the club. He often served on the Board, the Community Services Committee and the Jerusalem Rotary Foundation. He was President of the club in 2005/06 and during the shared presidency 2008/09. We wish Kern and Barbara a Happy Naw-Rúz.]

Foundation Greetings Ruth Harris

Foundation Thought for the Week

Happy Birthday

23 March –Maureen Fain and Marcelle Mina

Happy Anniversary

22 March - Shlomo and Yedida Khayat

“It takes thirty four muscles to frown and only thirteen to smile. Why make the extra effort????”

Worth the extra effort is making a donation to our Foundation!!



International Toast

Rotary Club Shushan, Persia

We need look no further than the Kingdom of the Persians and the Medes whose Empire stretched from India to Ethiopia, in all some 127 provinces, famous for skullduggery, plots, intrigue, misogyny and conduct that today would occupy the International Criminal Court for many years. You don't believe me? Read the Book of Esther. But Purim is for Merriment. So? Forget the story and enjoy the day.

- 375 BCE King Ahashverus of the Persians and the Medes holds a convocation of his soothsayers, necromancers, astrologers and crystal ball gazers
- The convocation comes up with a startling unanimous agreement that in the distant future a man with a strange name that sounded through the mists of time like Punky Horses would establish an organization that had a symbol that looked like a spikey wheel. (Ridiculous!)
- The good thing, the King's advisers, all eunuchs, told him was the group would be for men only.
- So the King decided to pre-empt Punky Horses and establish a gathering of men (no eunuchs admitted) that he would call Wheelery because they would meet at different places to confuse the women.
- Then in a moment of insanity they allowed women to come in.
- The King realized that the moment Queen Vashti, a wise and beautiful lady but no longer in the bloom of youth, would want to join.
- What to do? Easy. Say "Hey Presto!" and you are divorced.
- Organise a Beauty Competition, get all the naïve but pretty maidens of the 127 provinces to compete, choose the choicest, get rid of the rest.
- The King, well versed in the arts of lechery, claims his droit de seigneur (something an oracle told him about) and gets besotted with the lovely Esther.
- She however is nobody's fool and guided by her wily Uncle Mordechai) who is a founding member of Wheelery, she is elected to membership and in due course becomes President;
- Consternation in the land and the besotted King can do nothing
- The rest - - is history.

Today we Toast the Rotary Club of Shushan. It has four members (allegedly) and meets in a bunker on the outskirts of Persepolis. When they meet is secret and the President? Nobody knows. **LE'CHAIM.**



From the 90th Anniversary Gala Concert Program

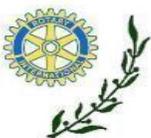


THE JERUSALEM ROTARY CLUB

Since being chartered as a member of Rotary International in 1929, as the first club in Palestine/Israel, we are proud of our 90 years of service to the Jerusalem community and to our shared projects with our sister clubs in many countries. We congratulate Israel Rotary District 2490 for its development from the time of our foundation to the countrywide Rotary District today. On this, our joint 90th Anniversary, we wish all a future of growth, community service and peace.

מועדון רוטרי ירושלים

מאז אשרוד מועדון רוטרי ירושלים בשנת 1929 על-ידי רוטרי הבינלאומי כמועדון הראשון בארץ ישראל, המועדון גאה ב-90 שנות שירות לקהילת ירושלים ובפרויקטים משותפים עם מועדונים במדינות רבות. אנו מברכים את רוטרי ישראל-איזור 2490 על התפתחותו מאז הקמת מועדון ירושלים ועד לאזור רוטרי הנוכחי שקיים בכל רחבי המדינה. ביום השנה ה-90 המשותף שלנו אנו מאחלים לכולנו עתיד של צמיחה, שירות לקהילה ושלווה.



The Jerusalem Rotary Club meets every Wednesday at 1 p.m. (13.00) at the Jerusalem International YMCA on King David Street. On the last Wednesday of every month it meets in the evening at 7 p.m. (19.00). NIS75 covers lunch/dinner, the Rotary program and a presentation by selected speakers. Visiting Rotarians and visitors are welcome. Kosher meals on advance request. For this and other enquiries please e-mail the club secretary no later than four hours before the meeting at secretj@gmail.com. Visit our website: www.JerusalemRotaryClub.org