



Weekly Bulletin of
The Jerusalem Rotary Club
Club # 13459, District 2490
24 May 2017



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Upcoming Programs

May 27th—Ramadan Begins



May 31st—No Meeting
Shavuot Festival of weeks

June 7th—Dinner
Rotary Farewell to
P/P Kern & Barbara Wisman
At Alma Restaurant—By
Reservation ONLY

June 14th—Lunch
Pending Confirmation

June 21st—Lunch
The Honorable Mr. Gilles Beschoo Plug,
Ambassador-Embassy of the Kingdom
of the Netherlands
"Dutch-Israeli Relations in a Changing
World"

July 5th—Changeover Dinner
YMCA—19:00 hours

Suggestions for speakers or
subjects for a talk or discussion
are welcome.

Please write to the Chair of the
Program Committee,
Art Braunstein, via the Contact
Form on our website.

www.rotaryclubjerusalem.org



This Week's Program

Lt. Moshe Brodetsky

"From the Battle of the Rhine to the Battle for Jerusalem"



Moshe Brodetsky was born in Michigan City, Indiana in 1924 of Palestinian Jewish parents. At the age of 10, he spent one year in the Land with them and then moved to New York. There he later joined the Betar Zionist youth movement where Misha Arens was one of its leaders.

Moshe went into the Army in 1943 through ROTC and then volunteered for combat duty. He was chosen for the Army Linguistics Program to be trained in Norwegian, in preparation for an Allied invasion of Europe through Norway, which never came.

Lt. Moshe Brodetsky during his service in the US Army, 1944. (photo credit: BRODETSKY FAMILY)



By 1945, Moshe was serving as an infantry platoon officer in eastern France. His unit was among many to race toward the Rhine River in the final months of the war. Caught in a German ambush near the Rhine, Moshe led his men to safety under heavy fire while sustaining serious wounds. While recovering in hospital, he was awarded the Silver Star for his bravery and resourcefulness during battle.

After the war, hundreds of Jewish veterans stepped forward to defend Israel. Moshe was one of them, landing in Jaffa in 1946. Both his parents had been active pioneers of the Second Aliyah, but were expelled from the country by the Ottoman Turks during the First World War along with thousands of other Jews. Moshe had come home.

By 1947, Moshe was studying at the Hebrew University on Mount Scopus under the GI Bill when he was recruited by the Etzel underground group. He trained other members in small arms in the secrecy of a Rehavia apartment. By the time the Arab invasion of Israel began, Moshe was part of an Etzel force defending Kibbutz Ramat Rahel, under heavy attack by the Jordanian Legion. Moshe and his comrades managed to hold off the attack and were planning to make a last stand at the entrance to the kibbutz when a Palmah unit joined them and helped repel the Arab forces thus saving this vital access route to Jerusalem.

Lt. Moshe Brodetsky had crossed paths with military history at two of its most fateful junctions. In the decades that followed Moshe remained active in Zionist causes, especially in the struggle for Soviet Jewry. But that's another story.

Moshe was featured within the In Jerusalem Magazine on April 28th, "A Hero of Two Armies" at

<http://betarimna.blogspot.co.il/2017/05/moshe-brodetsky-in-jerusalem.html>



From your Editor

✓ MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Dear Friends,

As of this week, Jerusalem is going through extreme turmoil! With important events going on, including Rotary Functions.

The 50 years of Jerusalem's unification



Donald Trump's visit, which literally paralyzed the city!

The Farewell Party for Kern and Barbara Wisman at the Alma Cafe—On the 7th of June 2017

at 19:00 hours.

*Cost : 90 Shekel per person for a "sumptuous" Italian style dinner
RSVP to David Seligman , to make a reservation and confirm your attendance.*



Last, but not least, Rotary's Traditional Changeover, on the 5th of July 2017—19:00 hours, at our usual hangout, the YMCA.

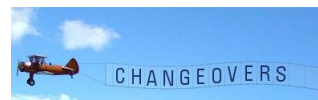
We shall be saying Good bye and Thank you to President Dan Shanit, and Hello and Good Luck to President Elect David Lilienthal.

Please, save the two above dates.

I trust that I will see you all then!

I wish you all a very good week till the next Bulletin !

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FROM ELI KENNER IN BANGKOK



NEW CLUB IN BANGKOK

A new Rotary Club was chartered in Bangkok 2 weeks ago, during Thailand's district convention, in the presence of RI current President John F. Germ :

The D.A.CH Club.

A week later, they had their first official meeting at the Anantara Hotel.

The Jerusalem Club banner was the first ever to be exchanged in this new Club.

In his brief speech, our own Eli Kenner said:

"The reason your club was formed is because it is the only German-speaking club in Thailand

The Jerusalem Club is the only English speaking Club in Israel

A haven for expats and free thinkers, a Club only for the broad minded."





Un Coeur pour La Paix

(A Heart for Peace)

Un Coeur pour La Paix (A Heart for Peace) is a French NGO that supports operations for children suffering from heart defects at Hadassah Ein Karem.

These heart defects often have a genetic background that arises from the problem of consanguineous (cousins marrying cousins) marriages.

This NGO was a major partner in the Global Grant that was initiated by the Annemasse-Genevois Rotary Club and in which the Jerusalem Rotary Club participated and was the host club supervising the project implementation.

Un Coeur pour la Paix has extensive high level connections in France and through its impressive fund raising has paid for over 700 life-saving operations on the vulnerable children.

This Global Grant paid for operations for ten children and the specialist training for a pediatric cardio-surgeon, a genetic counselor and a medical technician.

David Seligman



P/P Michel Benveniste exchanging Flags with President Dan Shanit

P/P Michel Benveniste of the “Annemasse-Genevois” Rotary Club, is the initiator of the Global Grant Project “Un Coeur pour La Paix” which was recently completed.

Michel is also the Treasurer of The ICC (Inter Countries Committee) France-Israel (French Section)

RYLA INTERNATIONAL

In French

from 13 th to 18th of October 2017

MONTPELLIER

Organised by CRJ during
ROTARY INSTITUTE 2017

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From Shlomo Khayat

ICC Israel - France

Inter-Country Committee (ICC) builds and cultivates peace, fellowship, and long-term relationships between Rotarians in two countries.

The Mission of an Inter-Country Committee is to improve cross-cultural understanding by encouraging Rotarians to connect with Rotarians in other countries to strengthen fellowship and to stimulate Rotarian initiatives and actions.

The purpose of an Inter-Country Committee is to connect people of two different countries.

A way to achieve these goals is to foster projects in common in one or other country or in a third country.

The ICC Israel- France has two sections, the French and the Israeli one the French section is well established and covers all the Rotary Districts of France, the President is Marianne Fraenkel, the Secretary George Hardy and the treasurer is Michel Benveniste.

The Israeli Section is frailer, after some years of inactivity there is an effort to revitalize, the new President is our own Shlomo Khayat with some 12 members from different Rotary Clubs in Israel.

Today the two sections of the ICC are joining their efforts to foster an educational project: Sending a young Israeli to the RYLA in Montpellier- France, from 13 to 18 October 2017. The RYLA is in the frame of the French Rotary Institute to be held in the same period in Montpellier.

The RYLA is for 50 participants, students in their final year or young professionals, aged from 20 to 28 years old, all fluent French speakers.

The subjects to be discussed:
business is of 25% per year !

E-BUSINESS, economic growth of e-

MEDIAS, the development of new technologies and information sources generate a new approach to acquiring knowledge.

Ethics, e-Business and Media, cannot be developed without commitment and suitable ethics.

The cost of the RYLA per participant is 600 euros plus travel expenses.

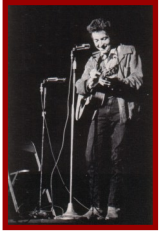


International Toast

From Guido de Werd

On the RC of Duluth,
Minnesota, U.S.A.

<http://duluthrotary.org/>



It is a coincidence, that two weeks after the IT on the birthday of the British singer Donovan, we can remember today his famous colleague and hero, last year's winner of the Nobel Prize for Literature, Bob Dylan. He is so famous, that it is not necessary to describe his life and work in detail. Bob Dylan was born, Robert Allen Zimmerman (May 24, 1941) in Duluth, Minnesota.

Today he is a legendary American poet songwriter, singer, painter, writer, and Nobel Prize Laureate.



With Joan Baez

His parents were Jewish. He grew up as a Jewish child. He later converted to Christianity, but always maintained strong ties to Israel.



Three times he performed in Israel, the last time in 2011, despite of protests from the BDS/movement.

Concert in Ramat Gan 2011

He has been influential in popular music and culture for more than five decades. Much of his most celebrated work dates back from the 1960s, when his songs chronicled social unrest. Early songs such as "Blowin' in the Wind" and "The Times They Are a-Changin'" became anthems for the Civil Rights Movement and anti-war movement. Leaving behind his initial base in the American folk music revival, his six-minute single "Like a Rolling Stone", recorded in 1965, enlarged the range of popular music. Dylan's lyrics incorporate a wide range of political, social, philosophical, and literary influences.

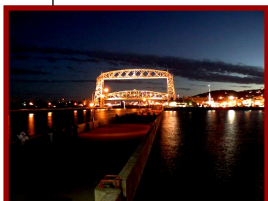
White House 2010



President Obama "Medal of Freedom" for Dylan, 2013

Dylan was born in Duluth, Minnesota, a city near the Canadian border. The city with about 90.000 inhabitants today has a harbor and a canal/connection to the Atlantic Ocean that reaches in Quebec (Can.). The city is the main port for the transport of raw materials from the inlands.

Duluth, Hubbridge at night



There is a very old Rotary tradition in Duluth. The club was chartered 1911 and already 1912 the convention of the American Rotary Clubs was held in Duluth. The club is very active. The members meet every Thursday at noon in the Meeting Great Hall Gimmi Club or for Dinner at Great Lakes Ballroom Holiday Inn Hotel. The club belongs to District 6910. This year president is Elaine Hansen. The Club Foundation was founded 1991 and many members are supporting the foundation every year. The RC Duluth supports above all local organizations, aside to the international "End Polio now". Every year the club or-

Duluth, panoramic view



Elaine Hansen, President 2016 2017



Visit of DG Herbert Schmidt to the RC Duluth, 2016

ganizes a car show, a roses exhibition and sale.



Friends of RC Duluth, gathering food for the food bank



Cheque, signed by Elaine Hansen, for St. Louis River Experience



truck driving for the gathering of food for the Duluth food bank, organized by RC Duluth

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9-ot9PQ2uJU>
performing "it is all over now, baby blue" in Tel Aviv, 2011
<http://www.haaretz.com/blogs/a-special-place-in-hell/bob-dylan-it-turns-out-does-live-in-israel-1.368946>



From Yvette Nahmia-Messinas

www.jpost.com/Blogger/Yvette-Nahmia-Messinas



Standing Before the Gate to Jerusalem's Golden Anniversary



The Jerusalem unification day is approaching rapidly and I feel like this should be a different anniversary.

We Israelis collectively need a breakthrough; we need to reconnect to our original vision of creating a State for all of its citizens with Jerusalem as its capital, shining its light to its citizens and the world.

When we got back to the land of our foremothers and forefathers we envisioned to create here a model community, a State based on the Jewish and ecumenical values. You shall love your neighbor as thyself being a central backbone of our tradition.

I wonder: What is the breakthrough I desperately seek for Jerusalem at its golden anniversary of unification?

At my weekly coaching session while at a deep relaxed state I saw an image of myself as being Jerusalem's old city. Surrounded by walls, my gates open to the world to come close and approach. However, when I looked at the image again, through my mind's eye, I saw that there was one gate which was closed. No-one could approach me via that gate.

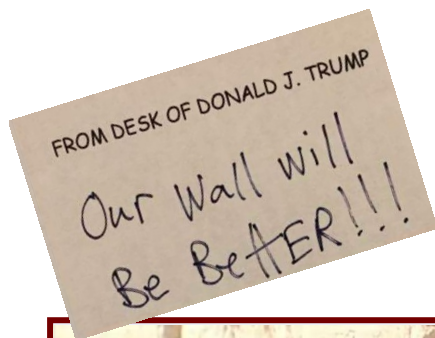
I needed to open my Gate of Mercy. And what is the key, my coach asked, to open that Gate? Mercy I responded and Love. I needed to break down the walls that block my heart from loving; Not to withhold my love based on nationality and religion. To be able to love a German, to be able to love an Arab, to be able to love the other. And thinking about my shut Gate of Mercy, I sense that for the breakthrough to occur at a communal, national level, we each need to do the work of opening our hearts; to our fellow citizens, from different backgrounds, colors, nationalities, religions, gender, political views and sexual orientation.

We the startup nation, need to not only grant the Mobileye technology from Jerusalem.

Jerusalem, this beloved city that we hold dear in our hearts and prayers is asking of us to render her a startup to loving one's neighbor as oneself, a startup to compassion and cooperation among its communities. Because only then, when her different parts come together, in unison, will she be shalem.

In Jewish tradition we have the notion of the Messiah who is expected to come to redeem us through the Gate of Mercy.

Let us bring down the closures, roadblocks and walls of our hearts and embrace each other. Perhaps then, after we have done the work of healing the pain nesting in our hearts, we will be freed from withholding our love. And then the Gate of Mercy, the Golden Gate walled up since medieval times will burst open for love and cooperation to come through to unify the city in an exquisite, golden, embrace.



Happy Hour



*"I will build you a brother".
he whispers!*

Fallon began his series of Trump jokes by reminding the audience that the president touched down in Israel. "Then they welcomed him to Tel Aviv (and) Trump said, 'Whose Aviv and what am I supposed to tell him?'" "Aviv?" Fallon said, continuing the joke while immersed in his Trump persona. "I've seen his show on Netflix. I love it."

Israeli Ambassador to the United States Ron Dermer could hardly contain himself Monday during a meeting with Donald Trump after the President mistakenly implied Israel is not located in the Middle East.

"Our Secretary of State has done an incredible job," Trump said at a meeting with Dermer, Rex Tillerson and other U.S. and Israeli officials. That's when the President made this geographical blunder:

"We just got back from the Middle East." Trump said to the room.

"We just got back from Saudi Arabia."

Dermer can be seen stifling a laugh while he throws his face in his hand. He quickly moves his hand through his hair, disguising his inability to handle the President's gaffe.



Trump offers up his own off-script pronouncement. "Just so you understand," he says, quieting the press, "just so you understand — I never mentioned the word or the name Israel in conversation. Never mentioned it." As he's talking, a clearly horrified Netanyahu's eyes dart everywhere. "They are all saying I did," Trump continues, unaware. "Never mentioned the word Israel."



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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