



# Weekly Bulletin of The Jerusalem Rotary Club

Club # 13459, District 2490

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## This Week's Program

**Prof. Emeritus Harvey Goldberg**

**Cultural Anthropologist-The Hebrew University**

**The Different Facets of Libyan Jewry**

**Harvey E. Goldberg** is Professor Emeritus at the Hebrew University in the Sarah Allen Chair in Sociology and Anthropology. After graduation from Columbia University, he completed his MA and PhD at Harvard University and then joined the faculty of the University of Iowa. He came to the Hebrew University in 1972 and became Professor Emeritus in 2007. Professor Goldberg utilized his unique opportunity in Israel to study Jews who had past life experiences in Muslim lands. His first field research from 1963 - 1965 was in a village settled by Jews from a mountainous region in Libya. He got to know the people of that community, learning about their past as a small minority in an Arab Muslim



environment. His work has combined Anthropology and Jewish Studies and much of his

specialized research has dealt with the Jewish community in Libya. He has written extensively. "Jewish Passages: Cycles of Jewish Life" was published in 2003. A translation from Hebrew of an indigenous account of the Jews of Libya called **The Book of Mordechai** by Mordechai Ha-Cohen was released in 1993. Other books include "Jewish Life in Muslim Libya" and a co-edited volume, "Perspectives on Israel Anthropology (2010).

## ⇒ Upcoming Events

**15 August** Qadi Iyad Zahalka, Director of the National Sharia Courts of Israel "Sharia Law for the Feast of the Sacrifice"

**15 August** Community Services Committee at 2.30 p.m.

**22 August** Election of JRC Board 2019-2020.

**5 September** DG Alon Bendet visit.

**APPEAL** For many years we have managed to produce the club Bulletin every week. It is a task that requires hours of work that depends on a regular flow of material.

Members are requested to send contributions to help the editor continue the long tradition of a weekly Bulletin.

## The President's Corner



The club Board is elected each year by the membership and it meets regularly each month.

Occasionally there are special circumstances and there will be additional meetings.

The standard board consists of 11 members: the Immediate past President, the incoming President, 4 past Presidents, 5 members. Each board serves for one year and is responsible for the effective and hopefully efficient running of the club. Meetings lasting up to two hours are chaired by the President and the agenda covers all aspects of the club's activities.

Business aspects are usually a matter of report but matters of content, say relating to speakers and their topics, positions to be taken by the club on local or national events or how we present ourselves to the broader public, often results in heated discussions. The President acts as the Speaker in the Knesset and often has to control the individual voices from becoming a cacophony.

At its last meeting after receiving the Treasurer and Secretary's reports, information on new and prospective members, updating from the Community Services Committee, the Jerusalem Rotary Foundation, the forthcoming District Governor's visit on 5 September and possible fundraising strategies, the discussion moved to a matter of concern.

How were we to respond to the Nationality Law that was passed at the Knesset? It is a matter that reflected on us all and how it affected Rotary's concept of inclusiveness and plurality.

The discussion, sometimes reasoned, sometimes heated, sometimes emotional, was an interesting mosaic of opinions. Initial focus was on how it affected the Druze community but it was pointed out that there were also other minority groups that included the Bedouin, Christian and Muslim communities.

It emerged that only one person on the Board had actually read the law, albeit in English translation, while the rest were relying entirely on media reports. As this realization sunk in, discussion calmed down, and it was decided not to take any action until all had an opportunity to read the law itself. Action deferred but action will be taken on a more informed basis.

As you see not all Board meetings are boring. We do have a policy that any member is free to sit in on a meeting and we look forward to that happening. The Board represents us all, so make sure that you vote in the current election for the Board for 2019-2020.

**IT'S YOUR BOARD – VOTE!**

**David Seligman**  
President 2018/2019

### FOUNDATION NEWS:

In relation to our 90th Anniversary celebrations, we would like to contact as many of our former club members as possible. We all received a list of names of former members last week.

The Foundation suggestion for this week is: Hammer home the idea that our Foundation is not a luxury. It fills a vital need. Support it!

**August 9 is Bob Hammer's birthday**

### FROM THE SECRETARY:

Please use the social media (Facebook, Linked In etc.) with which you reach out to your friends, to contact those on the list that you may know or remember. Send any answers that you receive to our Secretary, **Geert Cohen Stuart**. Thank you!

## BOARD ELECTIONS

2019 - 2020

We are required by RI and the District to elect our Board for the 2019 – 2020 Rotary year.

- ♣ Ballots with full instructions will be distributed by e-mail and hard copy from Wednesday 1 August.
- ♣ Voting ends on Wednesday 22 August at 7.30 P.M.(19.30)

♣ All members are eligible to stand for election to the Board and will be on the ballot.

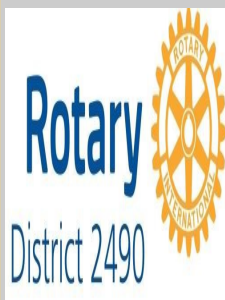
♣ If you are unable to serve on the Board for genuine reasons (health, work, obligations, indolence [?] let Robert Hammer, the election coordinator, know.

**It's your Board.**

**Make sure you vote!**

### DISTRICT NEWS:

#### 90th Anniversary



On the occasion of the 90th anniversary of Rotary Israel and the Jerusalem Rotary Club a Grand Gala will be celebrated on March 17 2019 at the Jerusalem Theatre.

The NIS180 ticket will cover a reception and a special concert of the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra.

All proceeds of the evening will go to the Polio Plus project of Rotary that aims to eliminate the scourge of polio worldwide.

The orchestra will perform a full program that will include a surprise item.

All Rotarians and guests are invited to participate in this unique event.

#### **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.



Kosher meals are available. To order, call or text Geert Cohen Stuart at 054-429-5680 by 11:30 A.M. For further enquiries please contact us through the Contact section on the website. Please visit our website: [www.rotaryclubjerusalem.org](http://www.rotaryclubjerusalem.org)

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