



## BULLETIN JERUSALEM ROTARY CLUB

Chartered 1929

Club #13459

District 2490



**90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

09, 16 & 23 Jan. 2019

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## COUNTDOWN TO 90<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY GALA & ANNUAL CONFERENCE

### 8 WEEKS

### Today's Program



#### Ms. Orly Wahba

Founder

Life Vest Inside, R.A.

[www.lifevestinside.com](http://www.lifevestinside.com)

### "Kindness Boomerang"

Orly Wahba was born and bred in Brooklyn, NY. In March 2018, her life-long dream to live in Jerusalem finally became a reality.

Orly is an educator, entrepreneur, author, inspirational speaker and community activist passionate about motivating people to be the best that they can.

Orly began as a Middle School educator at the Yeshiva of Flatbush, teaching the children to use the power they have to influence the world for good.

Yearning to make a larger impact with her philanthropic work Orly founded Life Vest Inside in 2011, a non-profit organization with a mission to inspire, empower and educate people of all backgrounds to lead a life of kindness. Orly's film, Kindness Boomerang went viral reaching more than 100 million people globally - landing her a spot to speak at TED. In 2017, she published her first book, "Kindness Boomerang" to help make Kindness infectious. She created and runs Dance for Kindness, also to this end.

Orly has hopes and dreams of infusing positive change in the political arena by focusing on ethics, character and values.

Orly attended Trapeze School NYC, directed community theater, plays drums and piano, figure skates, plays basketball, softball and ping pong. She received her BA in Film Production and English from Brooklyn College, and her MA in Jewish History from Touro College.

### Upcoming Events

**16 March** gRotary Cycle Ride in the Negev

**17 March** District & JRC 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala and Annual Conference



## The President's Corner



In eight weeks we will be celebrating the **90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** of the Club and the District. The well catered **Reception and Gala on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March** promises to be an exceptional event and we, as the stars of the occasion, are expected to fill at least 100 seats at the **Jerusalem Theatre** where we will hear the **Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra** perform a full concert program. No doubt our members will oblige by inviting family and friends to join them for the celebration. The day before there will be a cycling event, **gRotary**, that will take place in the Eshkol district. Also planned is the grand opening in the Negev of the second **Rotary Peace Forest**, the first being the Paul Harris Peace Forest near Safed in the north. More precise details on these events will soon follow. We already know that a number of Rotarians from abroad will be joining us and we look forward to seeing some of our old friends again..Be prepared - we'll be called on to help. The beneficiary of these activities – **Polio Plus**. *David Seligman President 18-19*

### Foundation Greetings

#### Happy Birthday

10 January **DAVID LILIENTHAL**

14 January **GILI SHANIT**

#### Thought for last Week

"The reason most people do not succeed is that they will not do the things that successful people must do. The successful scientist must follow a formula. The tourist follows a road map. The builder follows a blueprint. The successful cook follows a recipe, and, THE SUCCESSFUL ROTARIAN OF THE JERUSALEM CLUB DONATES TO HIS/HER FOUNDATION!"

#### Thought for this Week

Ernest Hemmingway wrote in his novel 'Death in the Afternoon: "What is moral is what you feel good after and what is immoral is what you feel bad after..." Feel good! Donate to the Foundation!"

### JERUSALEM ROTARY FOUNDATION

#### Annual General Meeting

9 January 2019

1. **Scholarship awards 23 May 2018**

The award ceremony took place in the YMCA Auditorium on 23 May 2018.

2. **Financial Report.**

The Auditors Report for the past year was presented, discussed and accepted. Donations from members have dropped These need to be increased to maintain the JRF basic fund.

3. **Plans for the coming year**

The Incoming Board to start planning the selection of 2019 scholarship awardees.

4. **Election of JRF Board 2019-2021**

The election of the Board 2019-2021: 6 February 2019.

5. **Vote of thanks**

The outgoing Board was thanked for managing the JRF for the past three years. Yossi Eisenberg was thanked for his support and for identifying participating schools and the selection of awardees.

### District Semi-annual Conference

The conference was held in Kfar Yoanah on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January. The event was attended by over 500 Rotarians from all parts of the country, a turnout of 50% of all members in the District. District Governor Alon Bendet in his presentation of the activities of the past half year and plans for the remaining six months, was consistently upbeat and optimistic for growth and activities. In his report he commented:

- That a 7<sup>th</sup> Rotary Peace Centre was to be opened at the Negev Arava Research Institute..
- That the Annual District Conference would be held in Jerusalem on 17 March 2019 preceding the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala.

- That members should attend the Zeltner Prize ceremony in Tel Aviv as it was an important event.
- That so far this year 4 new clubs had been established and 110 new members registered."Good. But not good enough."
- "The Debate" a competition in English for competitors from non-English speaking countries with the final to be held in Israel to be initiated. This will mirror the Young Speaker competition that the District runs for Hebrew and Arabic speakers.

After a compelling presentation by Dr. Guy Bechor, "We are in a Turbulent Middle East," prizes were awarded to clubs for achievements in a number of areas.



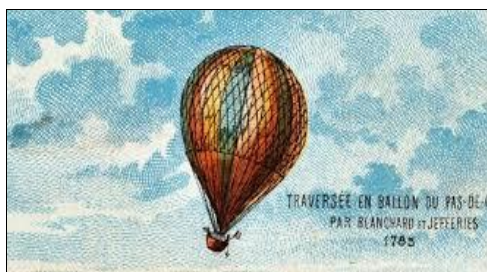
## International Toast for 9 January 2019

### Rotary Club of Dover

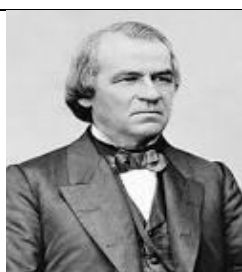
Imagine the consequences if the kidnapping of Henry Kissinger would have succeeded? Or alchemists succeeded in creating gold? The Stock Exchanges of the world would have been even more interesting this week.

**7 January 1785** 1st balloon flight across English Channel by Jean Pierre Blanchard and John Jeffries from Dover UK to Guine, near Calais, France

**8 January, 1867** African American men granted the right to vote in Washington, D.C. despite President Andrew Johnson's veto



Blanchard & Jeffries flight



Andrew Johnson



Steve Jobs



London Underground

**9 January 2007** Apple Inc CEO Steve Jobs introduces the iPhone

**10 January 1863** 1st underground railway opens in London

**11 January, 1571** Emperor Maximilian II grants Austrian nobility freedom of religion

**12 January 1971** US Federal grand jury indicts Rev Philip Berrigan & 5 others, including a nun and 2 priests, on charges of plotting to kidnap Henry Kissinger

**13 January 1404** The Act of Multipliers is passed by the English Parliament forbidding alchemists to use their knowledge to create precious metals (it was feared that if any alchemist should succeed it would bring ruin upon the state)

**Today we toast the Rotary Club of Dover** on the remarkable first flight in a balloon across the English Channel from Dover to France. RC Dover was founded in 1922, following the establishment of Rotary Clubs in Canterbury, Margate and Ramsgate. Blanchard and Jeffries had too much equipment in the basket. They dumped everything, even Blanchard's trousers but kept hold of a letter, the world's first airmail. They completed the flight in two-and-a-half hours. Only a short time earlier on 21 November 1783, Pilatre de Rozier succeeded in the first manned balloon flight for 28 minutes and reached a height of 3,000 feet.

*Dieter Ziulkowski*

#### *A Rotary Moment - What if?*

#### *Some food for thought*

##### **Rotary Membership in Taiwan**

- 23.55 million inhabitants

- 12 Rotary Districts
- 778 Rotary Clubs
- 35,467 Rotary members

##### **Rotary Membership in Israel**

- 8.32 million inhabitants

*If Israel had the same percentage of Taiwan's population as Rotarians then*

- 3 Rotary Districts
- 274 Rotary Clubs
- 12,530 Rotary members

##### **Rotary District 2490**

- 8.32 million inhabitants

*Actual status of Rotary in*

- 1 Rotary District
- 59 Rotary Clubs
- 1,420 Rotary members





## *International Toast for 16 January 2019*

### **Rotary Club of Miami**

What memorable events this week? Snow in Miami or a banana plantation in Alaska? Believe it or not!

- **14 January 1963** George Wallace was sworn in as Governor of Alabama. His address stated, "segregation now; segregation tomorrow; segregation forever!"



- **15 January 1535** Henry VIII declared himself Head of the Church of England to enable him to divorce Catherine of Aragon
- **16 January 1979** Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi fled Iran for Egypt during the Iranian Revolution
- **17 January 1893** Queen Liliuokalani was deposed by an American coup and the Kingdom of Hawaii became a republic
- **18 January 1788** First elements of the First Fleet carrying 736 convicts from England to Australia arrives at Botany Bay to set up a penal colony



The First Fleet arrives in Botany Bay



Snow in Miami 1977



Gen. Francisco Franco

**19 January 1977** Snow falls recorded in Miami, Florida. This is the first time in the history of the city that snowfall occurred. It also fell in the Bahamas! Snow has since then fallen in 1989, 2010 and 2018. Global warming?

**20 January 1965** Generalissimo Francisco Franco meets with Jewish representatives to discuss legitimizing Jewish communities in Spain after almost 500 years since the expulsion by Ferdinand and Isabella

Today we toast the Miami Rotary Club on the first recorded snowfall in their city 42 years ago. The Rotary Club of Miami is the fifth oldest Rotary Club in Florida, having received its charter on 1<sup>st</sup> March 1917, after being sponsored by the Rotary Club of Jacksonville. One of their main activities is sponsoring scholarships for school students. They meet for lunch on Thursdays in the Miami Yacht Club.

*Dieter Ziulkowski*



## *International Toast for 23 January 2019*

### **Rotary Club of Sydney Cove**

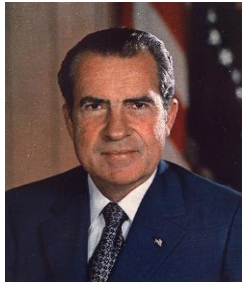
Mahatma Gandhi in South Africa! The National Day of 'Down Under' (occasionally called Australia) and other remarkable events remembered.

**21 January 1934** Parisian baker and "student of medieval life" Henri Littière appears in court charged with forcing his adulterous wife Juliette to wear a chastity belt. Having committed the same offence in 1932, he was sentenced to three months in prison and fined 50 francs for cruelty to his wife

**22 January 1908** Katie Mulcahey is arrested for lighting a cigarette, violating the 1-day old "Sullivan Ordinance" banning women from smoking in public and is fined \$5. Appearing before the judge she stated "I've got as much right to smoke as you have. I never heard of this new law. No man shall dictate to me."

**23 January 1973** US President Richard Nixon announces that an accord had been reached to end the Vietnam War

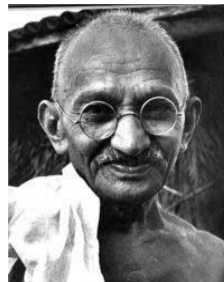
**24 January 1857** University of Calcutta founded as the first university in South Asia



**Pres. Richard  
Milhouse Nixon**



**Gen. Jan C. Smuts**



**Mahatma  
Ghandi**



**Capt. Arthur Philip**

**25 January 1914** An Indian mass meeting in Durban,, South Africa, unanimously endorsed the agreement between General J.C. Smuts and Mahatma Gandhi regarding voluntary registration, poll tax, recognition of Indian marriages and other rights for Indians resident in South Africa

**26 January 1788** Captain Arthur Philip and British colonists hoist the Union Flag at Sydney Cove, New South Wales, now celebrated as Australia Day

**27 January 1945** Soviet troops liberate Auschwitz and Birkenau Concentration Camps in Poland



**Aushwitz Concentration Camp**



**Sydney Harbour Bridge**

Today we toast the Rotary Club of Sydney Cove, where 231 years ago the Union Flag of Great Britain was hoisted and which is today's National Day of Australia. The Rotary Club of Sydney Cove was founded in 1988 and meets for breakfast every Friday on a boat in Sydney Cove.

**Dieter Ziulkowski**



## *From the Archive*

For all of its 90 years the club has been active on community projects both big and small. The Community Services Committee continues this tradition to this very day and has a proud record of the earlier Matching Grants projects and now with the Global Grants as well as many smaller grants for community needs as these are identified. Some of these activities will be featured in future Bulletins.



In 1989/90, Yossi Cassuto was Club President. With his Swedish connections he learnt that Sweden was upgrading its hospitals and was getting rid of equipment that was still in perfect condition. He managed to arrange the transfer of a container load to Yad Sara worth US\$60,000. The photograph shows Yossi, in elegant blazer and red tie, together with fellow Rotarians and staff from Yad Sara, when the medical equipment, that included wheel chairs and other aids to help the disabled, was handed over. A very successful and worthy project.



**JERUSALEM  
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**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 at [secrotj@gmail.com](mailto:secrotj@gmail.com). Visit our website: [www.JerusalemRotaryClub.org](http://www.JerusalemRotaryClub.org)**

