

Weekly Bulletin of

The Jerusalem Rotary Club

Club # 13459, District 2490

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This Week's Programme

Amira Oron, Director, Egypt Department, Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs:

"Egypt Facing the Current Middle East Struggles"



Amira Oron was born in Israel in 1966. She lives in Jerusalem and is the mother of two boys.

Ms Oron earned her BA in Middle East Studies, Arabic language and literature and an MA in Middle East Studies from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

Amira joined the Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1991 and has held a number of posts, including that of vice-consul for academic and cultural affairs in Chicago,

Economic Attaché in Cairo, spokesperson of the Israeli delegation to the European Union in Brussels, and the Ministry's spokesperson in the Arabic language.

Since 2008 she has been Head of the Egypt Department at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Egypt, the Arab world's most populous country is also one of its most authoritarian. Between economic challenges and an uncertain political succession for President Hosni Mubarak, Egypt is struggling to maintain its role as an Arab leader while performing a high-wire act between the United States, regional players such as Saudi Arabia and Turkey, as well as its old foe-cum-ally of sorts, Israel.

Join us today for a fascinating presentation by Amira Oron.

Dinner meeting on Wednesday, 1 October, 19:00 at the Jerusalem International YMCA ♣



Upcoming Programme

October 8:

Sukkot eve - no meeting

October 15:

Sukkot - no meeting

Future Events

October 14:

Cluster outing to Nesher plant in Ramleh. Register with S/David Lilienthal

November 12:

Outing to the Israel Museum, guided by Rita Kersting, Guido's wife

YOM KIPPUR
EAT PRAY LOVE



Dear Editor,



Thanks for sending the bulletin. It's really very good to hear from your Rotary Club. I'll read it later and share it my next Rotary Club's meeting.

Let's keep in touch.

Brazilian greetings...

YIR,

Junio Lopes de Oliveira
Youth Exchange Officer
Rotary de Divinópolis Leste
District 4560 - Brazil



*A New Year is a new opening
A time of renewal, a great time
A wonderful opportunity to decide on a new start
To get out of the routine and into the Serendipitous*

*A New Year is a gate opening
To a new future, exciting and successful
A wonderful opportunity to decide on a new start
To happily pave new roads*

*A New Year is a fog dispersing
A time of understanding and a clearer present
A wonderful opportunity to decide on a new start .*

*The members of the Rotary Club of
Ramleh send their greetings for the
New Year to the Rotarians of the
Cluster (Eshkol) and their families.*

Shim'on Gonen, President

Ramleh Rotary Club



You have exceeded any and all expectations with the JCR Bulletin. Again warm congratulations.

Further, Alice and I wish you and all Jewish members of the Club a Happy New Year.

We hope and pray that the New Year will bring about real peace to Israel and Palestine.

P/P Rizek Abusharr
Claremont, California



Howdy Israeli Friends!



That's the new saying for "shalom" or "hello" where Misti and I are living at here in Aggieland, or better known as Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas!

It is great to be back in Texas but we sure miss Israel and all our friends there. Life is much busier here and the transition is, surprisingly, more difficult coming back than it was starting anew in Israel. It is a journey though and we are doing well.

Wanted to wish you all a Shana tova and happy holidays! May you be sealed for a good year.

Peace and Blessings,

Taylor and Misti Wilson

Aggieland, Texas



PS: Attached is a picture taken at the Texas A&M University. Oh

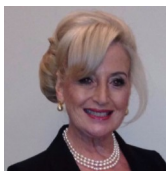
and....the thumbs up is the Texas A&M sign for Gig'em Aggies!



To my dear Jewish friends all around the world, I wish you a Happy, Healthy and Sweet New Year.

Leshana tova tikatevu vetechatemu.

Ruth Stapleton-Little
Rosanna RC, Melbourne, Australia



Shana Tova to all our Jerusalem Rotarians friends!

Roy and Sirpa Risaanen
Accra, Ghana



Innocents Abroad

Our Man in Bonn

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

On July 31st, my wife Barbara and I returned to Germany after a bit more than three exciting and inspiring years in Jerusalem. As I said at our "last supper" with you on July 30th, the only reason why I asked the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung to terminate my contract ahead of time was our strong wish to live in close vicinity to our grandchildren and our very aged parents. Barbara and I are now looking forward to the next grandson who is expected to be born this or next week.



At the end of 5774, we would like to express our deep gratitude to all of you for your wonderful friendship. What impressed us most in Israel were not the millennia-old stones, but the living, life-loving, hospitable and open-minded people whom we had the joy and privilege to meet; you were among them. For myself, this has been a life-changing experience, and one of my missions here in Germany and Europe will be to explain to my compatriots and fellow Europeans that Israel is very different from the distorted perception a growing number of them harbour.

Being a member of your venerable club has been a crucial part of my Israel experience. Meanwhile, I have returned to the fold of my home club, the Rotary Club Bonn Süd-Bad Godesberg. I am well aware that dual Rotary memberships are not acceptable; however, I'd be very happy if you would not remove me from your mailing list. As far as I am concerned, be sure of my remaining true to you.

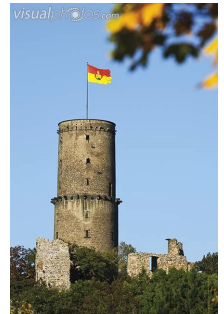
I do hope there will be opportunities to see you again in the near or distant future.

If you happen to come to the western part of Germany, you are most welcome to visit Barbara and myself at our home.

Shana Tova uMetuka!

With warm regards,

Michael Mertes ♣



International Toast

A Day that Shook the World

On 1 October 331 BC, Alexander the Great defeated Darius III of Persia in the Battle of Gaugamela, and history was changed forever. Without Gaugamela there would be no spread of Hellenistic culture, no Christianity, perhaps no Islamic State...

When Alexander had besieged Tyre he received three peace offers from Darius. But he refused and replied to Darius saying, "From King Alexander to Darius: If you wish to dispute your throne, stand up and fight for it, and do not run away. Wherever you hide, I will find you."



Alexander crossed the Euphrates and Tigris rivers unopposed. His army of 40,000 soldiers and

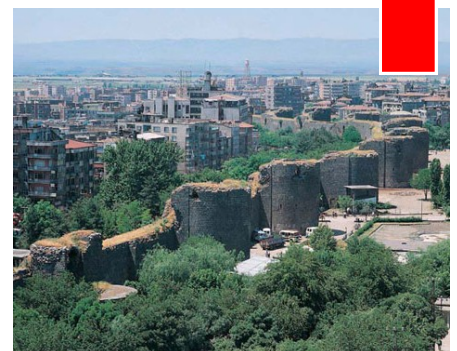
7,000 cavalry met Darius's massive army of 60,000 soldiers and 40,000 cavalry in Gaugamela, just east of modern day Mosul (IS again!). Darius desperately offered to cede half his Empire if Alexander ceased his invasion of Persia, but Alexander declined.

The fierce battle ended with Darius escaping east, only to be murdered by his own men. Alexander gave Darius a full burial ceremony at Persepolis. The Persian Empire ended with the death of Darius.

Rotary in Iraq and Iran? Forget it... So let us toast the nearest club, the **Rotary Club of Diyarbakir**, the

world's largest Kurdish city - a dusty metropolis of 600,000 in south-eastern Turkey. The club meets on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. Reliable sources informed the JRC Bulletin that the Diyarbakir RC actively discourages public beheadings.

Yaron A. & Wikipedia ♣





Happy Hour

Words of Wisdom

Sometimes, when I look at my children, I say to myself, 'Lillian, you should have remained a virgin..'

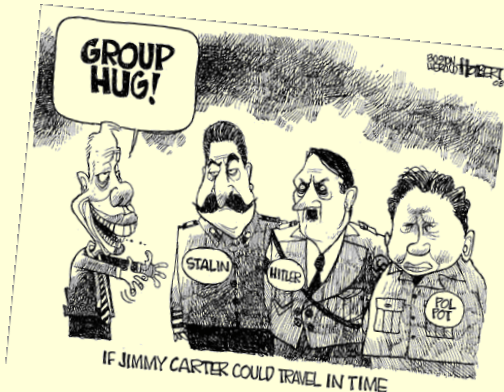
- Lillian
Carter
(mother of
Jimmy
Carter)

I had a rose named after me and I was very flattered. But I was not pleased to read the description in the catalogue: - 'No good in a bed, but fine against a wall.'

- Eleanor Roosevelt

Last week, I stated this woman was the ugliest woman I had ever seen. I have since been visited by her sister, and now wish to withdraw that statement..

Mark Twain



The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending; and to have the two as close together as possible

- George Burns

Santa Claus has the right idea. Visit people only once a year.

- Victor Borge



Be careful about reading health books. You may die of a misprint.

- Mark Twain

By all means, marry. If you get a good wife, you'll become happy; if you get a bad one, you'll become a philosopher.

- Socrates

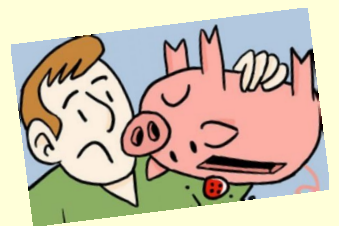


I was married by a judge. I should have asked for a jury.

- Groucho Marx

Money can't buy you happiness But it does bring you a more pleasant form of misery.

- Spike Milligan



Sent in by Carry P. ♣

Jerusalem Rotary Club

Meeting at the YMCA, 26 King David St, Jerusalem Wednesdays at 13:00, last Wednesday of each month at 19:00. Meetings are conducted in English. Visiting Rotarians and other guests are welcome.

Luncheon/Dinner cost: NIS 65, students and lone

soldiers: NIS 50. For Kosher meals please book in advance. For this and other enquiries please e-mail club secretary David Lilienthal: rawdav@gmail.com.

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