



Weekly Bulletin of

# The Jerusalem Rotary Club

Club # 13459, District 2490

06 April 2016

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## Upcoming Programme

### 13 April Meeting:

Dr. Lawrence Weinbaum  
Israel Council on Foreign  
Relations

### "Reality Check on Israeli Foreign Relations"

### 14-16 April Outing:

Long weekend at Peniel-  
by-Galilee (7th Annual)

### 20 April Meeting:

Pending

### 27 April No Meeting:

Passover



## This Week's Programme

### Prof. Maurice Roumani

### Interdisciplinary Department, Ben Gurion University

### "Libyan Jewry, The Fate of a Minority"

Professor Maurice Roumani, Ben Gurion University of the Negev. Professor Maurice M. Roumani is a Political Scientist and a leading expert on Libyan Jews, Refugees, Migrations, Minorities and Jewish-Muslim Relations. He teaches Political Sociology and the Middle East at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev where he introduced the inter-disciplinary study of Sephardi and Oriental Heritage and founded the J. R. Elyachar Center for Studies in Sephardi Heritage.



Prof. Maurice Roumani's grandparents and other family members from Libya, 1920

Prof. Roumani was born in Benghazi, Libya, earned his BA with honors from Brandeis University, his MA in International Relations and the Middle East from the University of Chicago and his PhD in Political Studies and the Middle East from the University of London. He has held visiting positions and research fellowships at the Hebrew University, Bar-Ilan University, Harvard University, American University, The George Washington University, The University of Maryland, and the University of Rome. He is widely

published; his most recent book is "The Jews of Libya: Coexistence, Persecution, Resettlement" (Sussex, 2008) which is now in Italian edition.

The Roumani clan, numbering several dozen families throughout Libya, was one of the oldest Jewish families in Benghazi. During the war the Roumanis were torn apart and deported to many different places including Algiers, Italy, Bergen-Belsen, and in the case of Prof. Roumani as a young child, Tunisia.



## Banners and Trees



Banner exchange with James Innes of the Austin RC

The 30 March meeting of the Jerusalem Rotary Club saw a nearly equivalent number of guests to JRC members. Visiting Rotarians included: Nol Hennisson and Tatjana Hörnle of the Rotary Club of Hattingen, Ruhr, Germany; James M. Innes, Mike O’Krent, and Rita Adams from Austin Texas; and Anatoly Levit from Sloviansk, Ukraine, and his companion, Sangeeta Rawade from Mumbai, India.

The speaker, Prof. Menachem Blondheim,

was presented with a certificate representing a tree that was planted in his honor in the Paul Harris Peace Forest in Tsfat in appreciation of his presentation outlining the goals of the Truman Institute for Peace at the Hebrew University and the challenges that arise on the path to peace.



Banner exchange with Anatoly Levit of the Sloviansk RC



## Microphone Update

There is good news to report on the year long project to acquire proper microphones and audio visual equipment for the JRC. After many weeks of working with the YMCA to secure a cabinet agreeable to them and sufficient to our needs for storage and security, a cabinet has been constructed and installed. It also provides a conveniently accessible location to store the club bell, gavel, large club banner, treasurer’s box (empty of course), raffle tickets and bag in addition to the new wireless microphones and the associated electronic equipment.

Unfortunately, as has been all too obvious the past two meetings, during the relocation of the YMCA’s amplifier by the YMCA technicians something was damaged either in the amplifier or the speakers. This is something

which is being actively investigated and hopefully repaired soon.

The completion of the cabinet means that with the acquisition of a safe place to store the club’s property, the computer, projector and portable sound system which were also parts of the project can now be purchased to finally make the club independent in its audio/visual capacity and upgraded to newer equipment which will be compatible with the systems used by our future speakers.



- Kern W. ♣

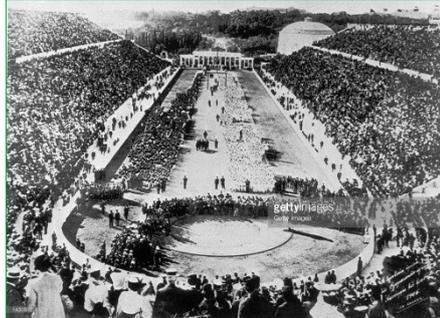


## International Toast

### Rotary Club of Athinai, Greece

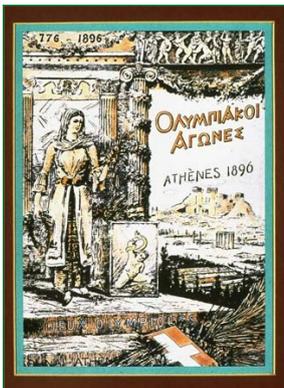
Today we toast the Club of Athinai (Athens), Greece.

Beginning on 6 April and running until 15 April 1896 the first International Olympic



Panathinaiko Stadium

games were held in Athens, Greece. It was the first of the modern Olympic games.



The Panathinaiko Stadium was the site of the games which overflowed with, what was for the time, the largest crowd ever to watch a sporting event. The 1896 "Summer" Olympics program featured 9

sports encompassing 10 disciplines and 43 events. For the Greeks the highlight was the marathon victory of the Greek runner, Spyridon "Spyros" Louis. The most successful competitor of the games was the German wrestler and gymnast Carl



Spyros Louis

Schuhmann, who won four events.

The Rotary Club of Athens is a part of District 2470, was chartered in 1928 and with 80 members it claims to be the oldest and biggest club in Greece. It meets Tuesdays at 20:30 at the Aegli Zappiou. The president this year is Ioannis Varotsos.

The club's projects at the national level include support for: a university scholarship fund awarding full 5 yr. scholarships; the Athinai Home for the Eldely; and the Association for the Protection and Recovery of Disabled Children which it co-founded. In addition it has built a church in the town of Kastoria, constructed public baths on the island of Kefallonia and contributed historical and cultural monuments in local parks. The club also sponsors an active Rotoract Club



Internationally the club participates in the annual "European Leonardo da Vinci Award" with 9 other Rotary Clubs; an award recognizing lifelong achievement in the fields of science and technology.

- Guido de W & Kern W. ♣



## You've Got Mail

### Responses to the "Not the Bulletin"

Dear Editors,

Laughter is in short supply lately so kudos to the "editors" of the **NOT the BULLETIN** for giving us belly laughs, giggles and even deep and soul satisfying laughter!

A very appreciative reader,

Ruth H.

Amusing, but with a very serious lacuna, the ludicrously few medals you are portrayed as wearing impinges on the dignity of your position.

Lenny W.

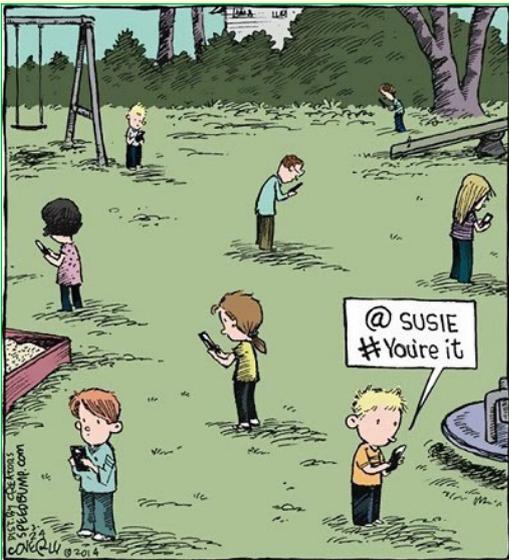
An anonymous reader reports:

President Erdogan noted that President for Life Yaron Amitai's upcoming visit to Ankara will signal the end of the estrangement between Turkey and Israel.

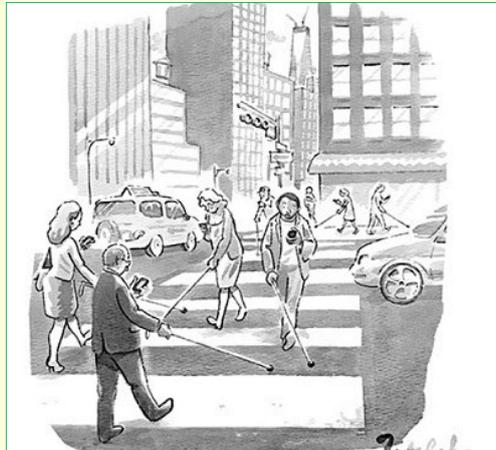




# Happy Hour



Contributions  
by Rafi A. ♣



## 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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