



Weekly Bulletin of

The Jerusalem Rotary Club

Club # 13459, District 2490

25 March 2015

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Upcoming Programme

1 April:

District Governor Mali Levi's visit to the JRC: "The State of Rotary Israel Today and Tomorrow"

8 April:

Passover/Easter - no meeting

Future Events

16-18 April:

Annual outing to Peniel-by-Galilee. For details see page 3

7-10 May:

55th annual District convention near Iraklio, Crete

22 May:

Outdoor gathering and BBQ of the JRC - Aqua Bella Park



This Week's Programme

Prof. Israel Knohl, Bible Studies, Hebrew University of Jerusalem:

"The Exodus between History and Myth"

Israel Knohl was born in Jerusalem and has a doctorate in Bible from The Hebrew University (1989), where he is the Yehezkel Kaufmann Professor of Bible (2013). He is also a Senior Fellow at the Shalom Hartman Institute.



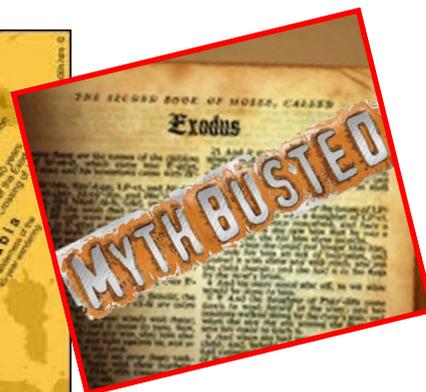
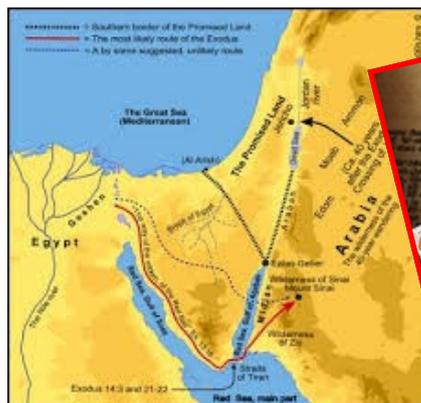
Israel has served as a visiting professor at University of California at Berkeley, Stanford University and the University of Chicago Divinity School.

His numerous publications include: *The Sanctuary of Silence* (Augsburg Fortress Publishers, 1994), which won the Z. Shkopp Prize for Biblical Studies; *The Messiah before Jesus: The Suffering Servant of the Dead Sea Scrolls* (University of California Press, 2000), which was published in eight languages; and *The Divine Symphony: The Bible's Many Voices* (JPS, 2003). Israel's latest book, *Messiahs and Resurrection in the Gabriel Revelation* (2009).

Among his many publications of relevance to his topic today is *Where Are We From?: The Genetic Code of the Bible*, (Tel Aviv: Dvir Press, 2008, in Hebrew) which deals with the origins of the Jewish People.

Today he lives in Jerusalem with his wife Dalia, who holds a Ph.D. in Theater, and their three children.

Art Braunstein, Programme Chair ♣



Dinner meeting at the Jerusalem YMCA, Wednesday, 25 March at 19:00



Aloha!

Hawaii was great... lots of highlights... scenery, Pearl Harbor Memorial, pleasant drives... relaxed. Now in Thousand Oaks (north of Los Angeles) visiting Marilyn's family... mostly in assisted living...that fall and vulnerable time of life...

Off to Las Vegas Wednesday....then take the Amtrak Sunset Limited from LA to New Orleans for a week. We give a talk at a Rotary District Peace Symposium in Chapel Hill North Carolina, visit the Peace Center at UNC and then drive down to Kissimmee (Disneyworld) for a week and transatlantic cruise from Fort Lauder-

dale to Amsterdam. Fly back to TLV and then off to Crete for the District Conference... Then I hope no travels for a while.

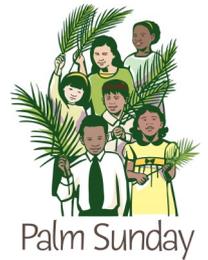
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Mark Z.



For all members celebrating Palm Sunday on 29 March, the Rotary Club of Jerusalem wishes you a very Happy Easter.

Hosanna !!



International Toast

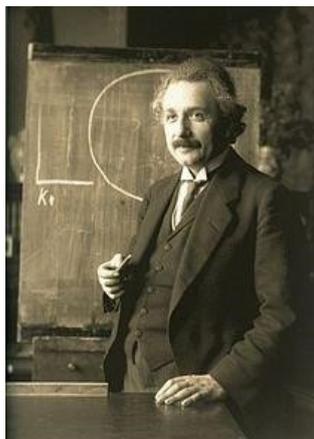
Ulm

On March 20th 1916, Albert Einstein published his General Theory of Relativity. Einstein was born on 14 March 1879 in Ulm, in what was then the Kingdom of Württemberg. In 1921 he received the 1921 Nobel Prize in Physics for his "services to theoretical physics".

Einstein was visiting the United States when Adolf Hitler came to power in 1933. Being Jewish he realised the danger of returning and did not go back to Germany, where he had been a professor at the Berlin Academy of Sciences.

Until his death in 1955 at the age of 76 Einstein was affiliated with the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, New Jersey.

On the eve of World War II, he endorsed a letter to President Franklin D. Roosevelt alerting him to the potential development of "extremely powerful bombs of a new type" that recommended that the U.S. begin similar research. This eventually led to what would become the Manhattan Nuclear Project.



Later, with the British philosopher Bertrand Russell, Einstein signed the Russell–Einstein Manifesto, which highlighted the danger of nuclear weapons.

Einstein was notable for helping establish the Hebrew University of Jerusalem which opened in 1925, and served on its first Board of Governors. In 1952 Einstein was offered the position of President of Israel.



He declined and wrote in his response that he was "deeply moved" and "at once saddened and ashamed"

that he could not accept the great honour.

This week we toast the **Rotary Club of Ulm**, where Einstein was born. The club was Chartered in 1955. They meet every Monday at 12:30 for luncheon except for the first Monday of the month when they meet for dinner at 19:30, at the Maritime Hotel on Basteistraße. The President is Michael Pluta and the Secretary Michael Sawodny (Note: there are no less than three Rotary Clubs in Ulm!!).

Albert Einstein *

* and Shlomo Khayat ♣



Farewell

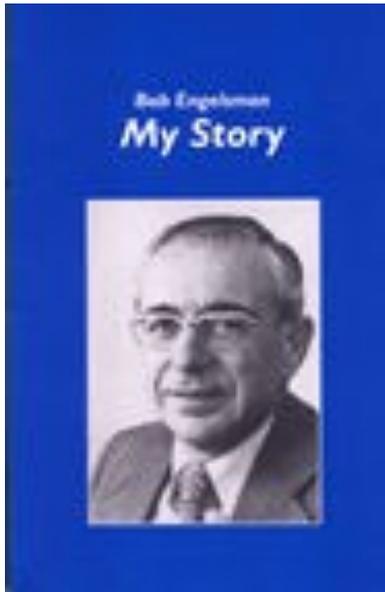
Bob Engelsman z"l

It is with deep regret that we learnt of the passing of Bob Engelsman last week after a short illness. Bob was an active member of the club for many years until he and his wife Hettie z"l left Jerusalem, where they had been longtime residents, for the Beth Juliana protected housing in Herzliya.

Bob, a Holocaust survivor, was concerned with the rebuilding of the Jewish community in Amsterdam after WW2 and after coming on Aliyah to Israel had been very active in the Association of Dutch Olim.

The funeral took place at the Givat Shaul cemetery in Jerusalem that was attended by several members of the club who remembered Bob with respect and affection. Bob is survived by children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

David S. ♣



My Story

Bob Engelsman, officially registered as Simon Godschalk Engelsman, was born in Amsterdam on July 27, 1920. Although he came from a sheltered background, he had to fight for his place in society just like everybody else, among other reasons because the Germans persecuted the Jews, and he had to flee from the Netherlands.

After a dangerous journey he managed to reach 'neutral' Switzerland, where at first he was interned in a work camp, but later was given permission to live and study in Geneva as a free man. Thanks to some useful contacts, he was enrolled in the Academy of Music of Geneva. In addition to forging a professional career for himself as a result of his father impressing on him the importance of taking the Chartered Surveyor exams, Bob Engelsman held many administrative functions in Jewish as well as non-Jewish organizations and institutions in Holland.

Although he dedicated himself to many people other than to Jews and Judaism, and many people occupied a special place in his life, no one was as important as Hettie, whom he had known from the time she was still in school. He pledged his heart to her when they met again in February 1945 towards the end of the tempestuous war years, on her arrival in Switzerland from Theresienstadt. Hettie and Bob were married in Geneva on July 10, 1945.

Of his memoirs, "My Story", Bob had this to say:

"My story is the story of a socially involved man who collected a wealth of experience in the turbulent sea of life and who, for the occasion of his eightieth birthday, and in honor of those who are no more, recorded his memories, illustrated by many photos."

<http://www.docostory.com/en/book/bob-engelsman>



District News

A new Rotary Club is born

The new **Rotary Club of Nesher** received its Charter on Monday, 23 March 2015 in the presence of District Governor Mal Levi.

The new club -the newest of the District's 60 clubs- is located in Nesher, some 15 km from Haifa. The club holds its meetings every Monday at 19:30 at the Bet Landau in Giv'at Nesher.

The Jerusalem Rotary Club, the oldest club in the District, extends congratulations and best wishes to the newborn.

We welcome the Nesher club to the Rotary family and look forward to welcoming and meeting them in Jerusalem.

P/P David Seligman ♣





Jerusalem Marathon

Winner

P/P Moshe Raz has done it yet again!

On 13 March, Moshe ran the Jerusalem Marathon - 10 km in the respectable time of 1:42:38 (1 hour, 42 minutes and 38 seconds). He passed the half-distance mark (5 km) in 0:52:38.

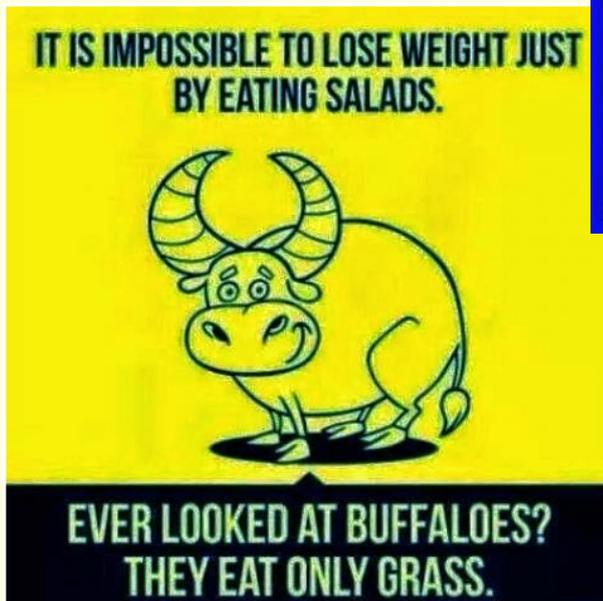
Congratulations!

The JRC Bulletin ♣

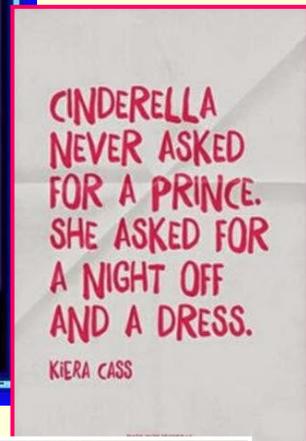


Happy Hour

So true.....



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, children under 18: NIS 30.

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

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