



Weekly Bulletin of

# The Jerusalem Rotary Club

Club # 13459, District 2490

9 January 2013

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## This Week's Programme

**\*\*\* Snow Alert – Snow Alert – Snow Alert \*\*\***

Due to weather forecasts for a snow, wind and rain storm, the Club meeting for this Wednesday is cancelled.

The Board meeting will be held on Wednesday next week, 16 January, after the Club meeting.

Keep warm, dry and safe.

YIR

P/ Rafi Aldor



♣ **No meeting this week** ♣

## Upcoming Programme

### January 16:

Mitchell Barak, Founder, Kevun Research, Strategy and Communications: "The Israel Elections – Into the Home Stretch"

### January 23:

Pending

## Future Events

### February 1:

Semi-annual District conference - "Quality, Excellence and Ethics" Netanya College.

### April 25-28:

Annual outing to Peniel-by-Galilee



## William Margolies z"l

**It is with deep regret that I inform you of the passing of our friend and member William Margolies on Friday 4 January.**

**The funeral took place on Sunday, 6 January 2013 at the Sanhedriya Cemetery.**

**The Shiv'a will be at 22 Hovevei Zion, Talbieh, at 10.00 -13.00 and 16.00 -21.00.**

**P/P David Seligman**



Dear Editor,

Due to predictions for earlier snow storm, the Club meeting tomorrow is cancelled. The Board meeting will be held on Wednesday next week.

P/ Rafi Aldor

Dear Shlomo and Yedida,

Will you please convey my sincerest good wishes to all friends at Rotary, for a year when we may make a mark among those in need, a year of good fellowship, and peace for Israel and those around us.

With warmest good wishes,

Bernice B. R.

Following PM Netanyahu's visit to Berlin, R/Michael Mertes was

interviewed by the German radio station Deutsche Welle on December 6. Read the interview on <http://www.kas.de/israel/en/publications/32996/>

Yaron A.

**OOPS.** There were two typos in last week's issue (JRC Bulletin 2 January 2013):

- \* On page 2, the correct terms is Bylaws, not Bye laws.
- \* On page 4, the title should be "A Clever Woman", not "Garbage Truck Law", which obviously belongs to another place and another time.

Curiously enough, no one has noticed these glitches. . . Hello, is there anyone out there?

**Bye Bye !!**

The Editor ♣



## International Toast

As no meeting, in absentia raise your glass as you read this, for the week's Toast.

### Grants Pass, Oregon

On January 9, 1936, Donald Duck began his career as a solo star after he had already had some entrances in Mickey Mouse cartoons since 1934. The title of that first Donald Duck solo cartoon was "Don Donald". Throughout his career, Donald showed that he was jealous of Mickey and wanted his job as Disney's greatest star, similar to the Bugs Bunny and Daffy Duck rivalry.

We know for sure that Donald was (and still is) a citizen of **Duckburg**. Unfortunately, there is no Rotary in this world famous town. This is why we have to turn to the place where the cartoonist Carl Barks (1901 – 2000), the constructor of Duckburg, used to live. The quality of Barks's scripts and drawings earned him the nicknames *The Duck Man* and *The Good Duck Artist*. Writer-artist Will Eisner called him "the Hans Christian Andersen of comic books."



Barks spent the last years of his life in Grants Pass, Oregon – and there, we do find a Rotary

Club. Not surprisingly, one of their activities is the co-organisation of an annual "Duck Derby" – a "quacking success" story, as their website tells us. 15,526 ducks were launched at the start in 2010. The City & County High School Athletic programs were the beneficiaries of the event. The revenues were used to make athletics infrastructure improvements at the four area high schools.

The Grants Pass Rotary Club meets Wednesdays at 12:15 pm at Wild River Publick (*sic*) House, 533 NE F Street. Their charter date was March 20, 1924. Their current President is Kevin Clark. They do not tell us the number of members they have, but considering the 33 committee chairs they advertise, they probably outnumber our club.

Michael M. ♣





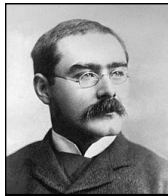
### The Burden of Jerusalem

By Rudyard Kipling

But Abram said unto Sarai, "Behold thy maid is in thy hand. Do to her as it pleaseth thee." And when Sarai dealt hardly with her she fled from her face.

Genesis XVI.6.

In ancient days  
and deserts wild  
There rose a feud –  
still unsubdued –  
"Twixt Sarah's son  
and Hagar's child  
That centred round  
Jerusalem.



(While underneath  
the timeless bough  
Of Mamre's oak,  
mid stranger-folk  
The Patriarch slumbered  
and his spouse  
Nor dreamed about Jerusalem).

For Ishmael lived  
where he was born,  
And pastured there  
in tents of hair  
Among the Camel  
and the Thorn –  
Beersheba, south Jerusalem.

But Israel sought  
employ and food  
At Pharaoh's knees,  
till Rameses  
Dismissed his plaguey multitude,  
with curses,  
Toward Jerusalem.

Across the wilderness  
they came,  
And launched their horde  
o'er Jordan's ford,  
And blazed the road  
by sack and flame  
To Jebusite Jerusalem.

Then Kings and Judges  
ruled the land,  
And did not well by Israel,  
Till Babylonia took a hand,  
And drove them from Jerusalem.

And Cyrus sent them back anew,  
To carry on as they had done,  
Till angry Titus overthrew  
The fabric o Jerusalem.

Then they were scattered  
north and west,  
While each Crusade  
more certain made  
That Hagar's vengeful  
son possessed  
Mohamedan Jerusalem.

Where Ishmael held  
his desert state,  
And framed a creed  
to serve his need. –  
"Allah-hu-Akbar!  
God is Great!"  
He preached it in Jerusalem.

And every realm  
they wandered through  
Rose, far or near,  
in hate or fear,  
And robbed and tortured,  
chased and slew,  
The outcasts of Jerusalem.

So ran their doom –  
half seer, half slave –  
And ages passed,  
and at the last  
They stood beside  
each tyrant's grave,  
And whispered of Jerusalem.

We do not know  
what God attends  
The Unloved Race  
in every place  
Where they amass  
their dividends  
From Riga to Jerusalem;  
But all the course  
of Time makes clear  
To everyone  
(except the Hun)  
It does not pay to interfere  
With Cohen from Jerusalem.

For, 'neath the Rabbi's

curls and fur  
(Or scents and rings  
of movie-Kings)  
The aloof,  
unleavened blood of Ur,  
Broods steadfast on Jerusalem.

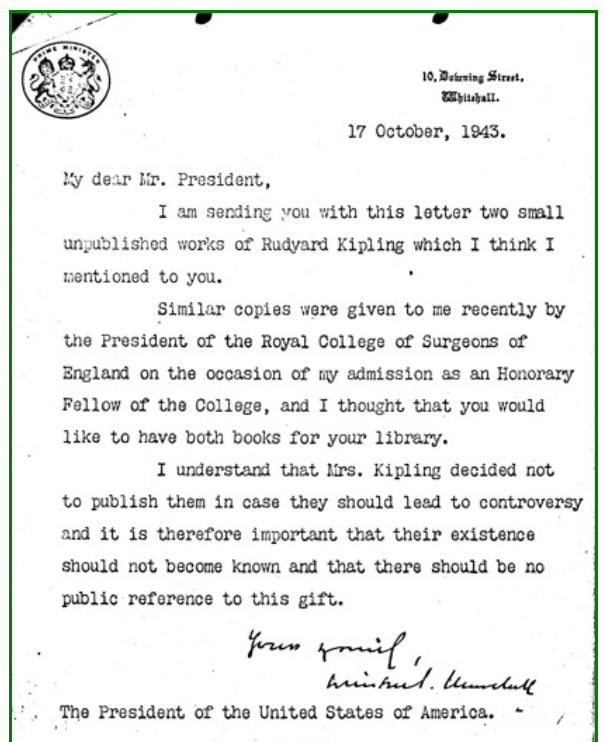
Where Ishmael bides  
in his own place –  
A robber bold,  
as was foretold,  
To stand before  
his brother's face –  
The wolf without Jerusalem:

And burthened Gentiles  
o'er the main  
Must bear the weight  
of Israel's hate  
Because he is not  
brought again  
In triumph to Jerusalem.

Yet he who bred the  
unending strife  
And was not brave  
enough to save  
The Bondsmaid from  
the furious wife,  
**He wrought thy woe, Jerusalem!**

Unpublished, 1931 (?)

*Opinion*  
Plus ça change ça reste la même chose.....  
David S.







# Happy Hour

## Famous Last Words

- \* "Man will never reach the moon regardless of all future scientific advances." - *Dr. Lee DeForest, "Father of Radio & Grandfather of Television."*
- \* "The bomb will never go off. I speak as an expert in explosives." - *Admiral William Leahy, US Atomic Bomb Project*
- \* "There is no likelihood man can ever tap the power of the atom." - *Robert Millikan, Nobel Prize in Physics, 1923*
- \* "Computers in the future may weigh more than 1.5 tons." - *Popular Mechanics, forecasting the relentless march of science, 1949*
- \* "I think there is a world market for maybe five computers." - *Thomas Watson, chairman of IBM, 1943*
- \* "I have traveled the length and breadth of this country and talked with the best people, and I can assure you that data processing is a fad that won't last out the year." - *The editor in charge of business books for Prentice Hall, 1957*
- \* "But what is it good for?" - *Engineer at the Advanced Computing Systems Division of IBM, 1968, commenting on the microchip.*
- \* "640K ought to be enough for anybody." - *Bill Gates, 1981*
- \* This 'telephone' has too many shortcomings to be seriously considered as a means of communication. The device is inherently of no val-



ue to us." - *Western Union internal memo, 1876.*

- \* "The wireless music box has no imaginable commercial value. Who would pay for a message sent to nobody in particular?" - *David Sarnoff's associates in response to his urgings for investment in the radio in the 1920s.*
- \* "The concept is interesting and well-formed, but in order to earn better than a 'C,' the idea must be feasible." - *A Yale University management professor in response to Fred Smith's paper proposing reliable overnight delivery service. (Smith went on to found Federal Express Corp.)*
- \* "I'm just glad it'll be Clark Gable who's falling on his face and not Gary Cooper." - *Gary Cooper on his decision not to take the leading role in "Gone With The Wind."*
- \* "We don't like their sound, and guitar music is on the way out." - *Decca Recording Co. Rejecting the Beatles, 1962.*
- \* "Heavier-than-air flying machines are impossible." - *Lord Kelvin, President, Royal Society, 1895.*
- \* "Airplanes are interesting toys but of no military value." - *Marechal Ferdinand Foch, Professor of Strategy, Ecole Superieure de Guerre, France.*
- \* "Everything that can be invented has been invented." - *Charles H. Duell, Commissioner, US Office of Patents, 1899.*



Sent in by David S. ♣

## 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 60, students and lone soldiers: NIS 20. For Kosher meals please book in advance. For this and other enquiries e-mail the club Secretary: [zvi.sharoni@gmail.com](mailto:zvi.sharoni@gmail.com)

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