

Weekly Bulletin of

The Jerusalem Rotary Club

Club # 13459, District 2490

22 August 2012

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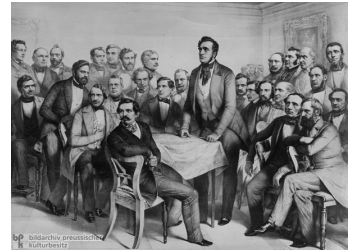
This Week's Programme

Club Assembly and Foundation AGM

We shall be devoting this week's Club meeting to a Club Assembly, which we usually hold every two months to deliver reports on Club's activities and give the membership an occasion to bring up any issue they find appropriate. Members are urged to participate actively and I hope attendance will be accordingly, this being the first Club Assembly to be held during the Rotary year 2012-13.

In anticipation of the Foundation's Annual General Meeting (AGM) there will be copies of the 2011 Jerusalem Rotary Club Foundation Audit Report available in the dining area for inspection before the meeting.

Luncheon meeting at the Jerusalem International YMCA, Wednesday 22 August at 13:00 ♣



Rotary International

Upcoming Programme

August 29:

MK Ayub Kara: "Syria, Hizbollah and Iran." Dinner meeting

September 4:

DG Visit of our Club

Future Events

September 7:

District conference: New Generations Avenue, Haifa. See page 2 for details.

October 15:

Rotary Business Conference, presided by DG Moshe Yanai. Guest Speaker: Mr. Yair Lapid.



RI President's Message—July 2012



Dear fellow Rotarians,

I am part of the first generation to grow up in Japan after a terrible war. I think it is natural that my countrymen now place a great priority on peace. We saw where militarism brought our country, and we also saw the great economic growth that came when our nation made the choice to embrace peace.

This was the decision that allowed Japan to grow and thrive. It allowed generations of children to grow up in safety, to become educated, to improve their lives. It fundamentally changed the Japanese attitude toward other countries and cultures. It caused us to open our minds, to become more tolerant, to seek greater understanding.

And it allowed us to redirect our energies toward positive goals. In Japan, it is traditional to prioritize the needs of the society over the needs of the individual. This has always been part of our culture. In the weeks and months following the great earthquake and disaster of March 2011, this was what helped us to survive and rebuild.

This is a lesson that I think the whole world can learn from, in a positive way. When we see the needs of others as more important than our own needs – when we focus on a shared goal that is for the good of all – this changes everything. It changes how we relate to the world. It changes our priorities. And it changes how we understand the idea of peace.

In the 2012-13 Rotary year, peace will be our focus and our goal, and I will ask all Rotarians to actively work for *Peace Through Service*.

A belief in the power of service lies at the very heart of Rotary. By making service our priority, we put the needs of others above our own. We empathize more deeply with the difficulties of other people; we become more generous with our time and resources, and more open to new ways of thinking. Instead of trying to change others, we recognize that everyone and everything has something to teach us.

Through service, we become more tolerant of our differences and more grateful for the people in our lives. Our sense of gratitude drives us to understand others better and to see the good in everyone. Through better understanding, we learn to respect others. With mutual respect, we live with others in peace.

And so I ask you all to put *Peace Through Service* at the forefront of your Rotary work this year, and to commit to a Rotary goal of a more peaceful world.

Sakuji Tanaka

President, Rotary International



Dear Editor,

Carry and Louis Polak have kindly offered to host Grant Rumley, the Ambassadorial Scholar from the US, upon his arrival to Jerusalem in October.

In the name of our Club I extend them our sincere thanks.

YIR,

Shlomo Khayat



Dear Yaron,

Thank you for sharing the Jerusalem Rotary Club Newsletter. Always so interesting to read!

Our club is sponsoring a Future Vision Vocational Training Team for Breast Cancer Treatment and Prevention to Adana, Turkey and by reading your bulletin's story, I see that coincidentally today you had your past president Marilyn Farber speak about a Breast Cancer project also in Turkey!



Glynis Long is leading the project here at the Rotary Club of Washington DC and perhaps she would like to liaise with Marilyn and exchange some notes. Could we establish contact?

The Rotarians cc: here are David Klaus, Club President, Mark, Chair, Maria Nelly Co-Chair, Quentin, Secretary and Jean Pierre Treasurer.

YIR,

Maria Nelly Pavisich

RC of Washington DC



Jerusalem House of Quality

From Shanghai to Jerusalem

The city of Shanghai is famous for its entrepreneurial spirit and high energy, shopping and food. But few of us know that from 1933 to 1941, some 23,000 Jewish refugees fleeing World War II lived harmoniously with local citizens in the thriving city, mostly in the "Designated Area for Stateless Refugees" in the Tilanqiao district, where the features of the Jewish settlement are still well preserved.



In 2010 the "Shanghai Jewish Refugees Museum", housed in the restored Ohel Moshe synagogue (in the photograph above) organized a special exhibition telling the stories of these lucky refugees. After opening in a few cities in Germany, has come to Jerusalem on the occasion of the 20th anniversary



sary to the relations between China and Israel.

Our in-house photographer, Art Braunstein, captured in his lens a few Rotarians who attended the opening of

the exhibition at the Jerusalem House of Quality (Beit Ot HaMutzar), across from the Mt. Zion Hotel. Among the usual suspects were Club President Rafi Aldor, R/Yaron Amitai and P/P Dick Fain.

The exhibition will be closing on August 27. Do not miss it!

Yaron A. ♣





DG Letter—July 2012

*"The days pass the year goes on
But the melody remains forever"
(An Israeli song)*

Indeed, the Rotarian melody has continued since 1905' for 107 years, and will continue forever.

We, in District 2490, are one instrument from this wonderful orchestra, an orchestra that plays all over the world through its 33,000 clubs, operating in more than 530 districts. Together we create



the harmony and the wonderful melody, a melody which people yearn in every community and in the whole world.

As in a relay race we pass, nowadays, the baton of presidency in our clubs, from one president to the other. As in a relay race the result is not determined by one participant or the other, it is determined by adding up all the results of all the participants in the group.

We have to remember – each president continues the work of the president who preceded him, and the one to follow him will continue his work. Each president is differently motivated but he is not alone – his vector stems from a combination of vectors, resulting in an adjustment of all these vectors

(And if you ask me why I choose to use this example, let me tell you: this is what happens to someone who has been married to a physics teacher.)

We are all members of Rotary, an organization that includes the four basics:

- * International
- * Volunteering
- * Friendly / Fellowship
- * Networking

Due to this amalgamation, to the joining of powers, we work for the good of the community in which we live. We work for the benefit of the world, for friendship among our members, for

the enhancement of business relations, for the endowment of business ethics, both for us and for those who surround us.

This year we will work, with pride in our steps, pride of having the privilege of being Rotarians. We will work with a sparkle in our eyes remembering our goals and the importance of our existence.

Nobel prize winner, Prof. Daniel Shechtman, besides being a world-known researcher, also makes jewelry. He recently explained how to make these jewels: "jewels are made with love, with feeling, slowly and with patience". We have

been handed a precious jewel: "Rotary". Remember to treat it according to Prof. Shechtman's instructions: with love, with feeling, slowly and with care.

This year we will fulfill the following five:



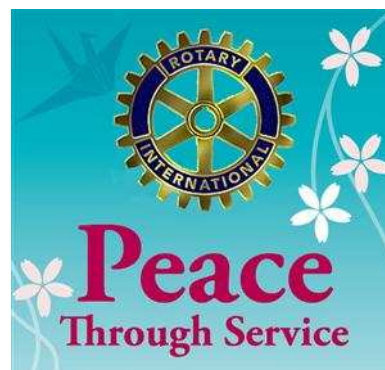
- * To refresh both our thinking and our clubs
- * To become more professional we will bring back the issue of profession to its rightful place in the clubs
- * To rejuvenate our clubs
To establish new clubs, Rotary, Rotaract and Interact
- * To be renewed with new, young, quality members and new initiatives

If we follow these at the end of the Rotary year beginning now we will be able to look around us and know that we have succeeded, we guarded the jewel that was entrusted to us, nurtured it and made it glow brilliantly.

DG Moshik Yanai

District Governor, District 2490

2012-2013 ♣





Happy Eid al-Fitr

The Scholarly Coachman



Mulla Nasruddin once took up a job as a coachman and one day had to drive his employer to a disreputable part of the town.

"Keep your eyes open," his employer advised him as he alighted from the coach at his destination. "This place is infested with thieves." Some time later the man thought of checking on his new employee.

"Is everything all right? What are you doing now?" he shouted from a window of the house he had gone into.

"I'm sitting here wondering what happens to a man's lap when he gets up," the Mulla shouted back.

A little later the employer again shouted from the window

"What are you doing now?!"

"I'm wondering what happens to a fist when the fingers are unclenched," shouted Nasruddin.

His employer was impressed.

"My coachman is no ordinary fellow," he boasted to his hosts. "He is a philosopher!"

Half an hour later he again poked his head out of the window and shouted!

"What are you doing now?"

"I am wondering who stole the horses," replied the Mulla.



Hodja Goes to the Tailor

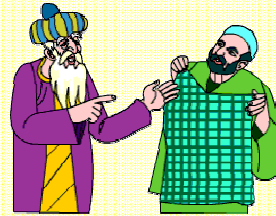
Nasruddin Hodja went to a tailor with a piece of cloth and asked the tailor to stitch him a shirt.

The tailor took his measurements.

"When will it be ready?" Nasruddin asked the tailor.

"God willing, it'll be ready in a week's time," said the man.

Nasruddin could hardly wait for the week to pass. On the morning of the seventh day he hurried to the tailor's shop. He was bitterly disappointed when he learnt that the shirt was not ready.



"God willing, it will be ready the day after tomorrow," said the tailor.

Two days later, Nasruddin was again at the tailor's shop. The shirt was still not ready.

"God willing it'll be ready on Saturday," said the tailor.

On Saturday it was the same story.

"God willing..." began the tailor.

"Stop! Stop!" said Hodja, now thoroughly fed up. "Tell me, how long will it take if you leave God out of this?"

Super Salesman

Nasruddin Hodja was trying to sell his house, but without success.

One day he prised out a brick from the wall of his house.

"Why did you do that?" asked his wife, appalled.

"Oh, foolish woman, what do you know?" said Nasruddin. "To sell anything, you have to show a sample. I propose to show this brick as a sample of our house."



Sent in by Yaron A. ♣

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 ad-
vance. For this and other enquiries e-mail the club Sec-
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