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Today's Program - "New Fruits -- Shavuot Corona Thoughts about Restoring the Old and Owning the New" by Rabbi Ian Pear, Shir Hadash Congregation Jerusalem

Ian Pear is a Rabbi, lawyer and social activist living in Jerusalem. Together with his wife Dr. Rachel Pear, he founded Shir Hadash, a popular Jerusalem based Synagogue, Educational Institute and Israel Advocacy Center. Shir Hadash is located in the heart of the Jerusalem English speaking population and is but a short walk from the major hotels and the Old City.

Partially due to its 'international' location, Shir Hadash has not just serviced its local community, but also serves as a center for Spiritual Diplomacy—the act of hosting, teaching and inspiring high level visiting delegations of non-Jewish Politicians, Academics, Clergy and Journalists.

Rabbi Pear has also worked for Laster and Goldman, Israel's premier environmental law firm; and while he decided not to continue as a practicing lawyer, he regularly takes advantage of that experience by teaching groups about Judaism and the environment and engaging in environmental activism. He also has offered a weekly class at the OU Israel Center on the intersection between Jewish and Israeli Law.

Rabbi Pear received his ordination from Yeshiva University, and holds a degree in International Relations from Georgetown University's School for Foreign Service, a JD from NYU School of Law and an LLM in Israeli Law from the Hebrew University

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of Jerusalem. He is the author of three books, including the best-seller *The Accidental Zionist*.

The Pear's have five children, the oldest serving in the Air Force Intelligence Unit as a commander, and the youngest the star pupil in Shir Hadash's very own much acclaimed Early Childhood Center.

We have a virtual meeting again using the internet application ZOOM. Please log in as follows: just before 1:00 pm (1300), of the meeting date, click on the following "Join URL": <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86112105200> or only the numbers [86112105200](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86112105200) in the log-in window of ZOOM

This will be a LUNCH MEETING, NOT A DINNER MEETING !!!!

Fellowship Greetings

The Cassutos will be celebrating an anniversary three days from now on May 30!

Foundation Thoughts of the Week

Since we are all in the courtroom this week:

"Justice is a machine that, when someone has given it a starting push, rolls on of itself." Galsworthy, *Justice II*

"The administration of justice is the firmest pillar of government." George Washington, Letter to Randolph, 1789

"Judges ought to be more learned than witty, more reverend than plausible and more advised than confident. Above all things, integrity is their portion and proper virtue." Bacon, *Essays of Judicature*

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The President's Corner

As Rotarians, we are committed to high ethical standards in our business, professional and personal lives. Rotary's Four-Way Test reminds us to consider whether what we think, say or do is the truth; fair to all concerned; whether it will build goodwill and better friendships; and, will it be beneficial to all concerned.

Thus, Sunday's opening of the trial of Prime Minister Netanyahu on charges of bribery, fraud and breach of trust, should be a source of satisfaction that in Israel, the law applies to us all and all are accountable for our conduct.

An indictment, however, is only an accusation. No evidence has been presented in open court and it is the prosecution's burden to prove violations of the law--not just ethical lapses--beyond a reasonable doubt. That too, is part of fairness.

All the best,

Robert Hammer



International Toast – Rotary Club of **Malchin, Mecklenburg**

Three noteworthy historical events that happened on 27 May, the day of our meeting:

1689 Antonie Heinsius succeeds G Fagel as Grand Pensionary of Holland. During the time of the Dutch Republic, the Grand Pensionary was the most prominent member of the government. Though officially only a civil servant of the Estates, the Grand Pensionary was the *de facto* leader of the entire republic, second only to the stadtholder, and often served in a capacity similar to that of today's prime ministers. Heinsius was born at Delft on 23 November 1641, son of a wealthy merchant and patrician. He became Grand Pensionary of the States of Holland, and thereby the most powerful man in the Estates-General of the Netherlands, on 27 May 1689, when William III became king of England and had to move to London. He was the confidant and correspondent of William, who left the guidance of Dutch affairs largely in his hands. Heinsius was a tough negotiator and one of the greatest and most obstinate opponents of the expansionist policies of France. He was one of the driving forces behind the anti-France coalitions of the Nine Years' War (1688–97) and the War of the Spanish Succession (1701–14). After the death of William III in 1702, Heinsius remained Grand Pensionary of Holland until his own death in 1720.



Antonie Heinsius



Heinrich, Sophie Schliemann, part of Priams treasure



F Knoechlein

1873 Heinrich Schliemann discovers "Priam's Treasure" a cache of gold and other objects in Hisarlik (Troy) in Anatolia. Heinrich Schliemann (6 January 1822 – 26 December 1890) was a German businessman and a pioneer in the field of archaeology. He was an advocate of the historicity of places mentioned in the works of Homer and an archaeological excavator of Hisarlik, now presumed to be the site of Troy. His work lent weight to the idea that Homer's *Iliad* reflects historical events. Schliemann's excavation of nine levels of archaeological remains with dynamite has been criticized as destructive of significant historical artifacts, including the level that is believed to be the historical Troy. A cache of gold and several other objects appeared on or around May 27, 1873; Schliemann named it "Priam's Treasure". He later wrote that he had seen the gold glinting in the dirt and dismissed the workmen so that he and his wife Sophia could excavate it themselves; they removed it in her shawl. However, Schliemann's oft-repeated story of the treasure's being carried by Sophia in her shawl was untrue. Schliemann later admitted fabricating it; at the time of the discovery Sophia was in fact with her family in Athens, following the death of her father.¹ Sophia later wore "the Jewels of Helen" for the public.

1940 British and Allied forces begin the evacuation of Dunkirk (Operation Dynamo) during WWII . In the Le Paradis massacre, 97 soldiers from a Royal Norfolk Regiment unit are shot after surrendering to German troops. The Le Paradis massacre was a war crime committed by members of the 14th Company, SS Division Totenkopf, under the command of *Hauptsturmführer* Fritz Knoechlein. It took place on 27 May 1940, during the Battle of France, at a time when troops of the British Expeditionary Force were attempting to retreat through the Pas-de-

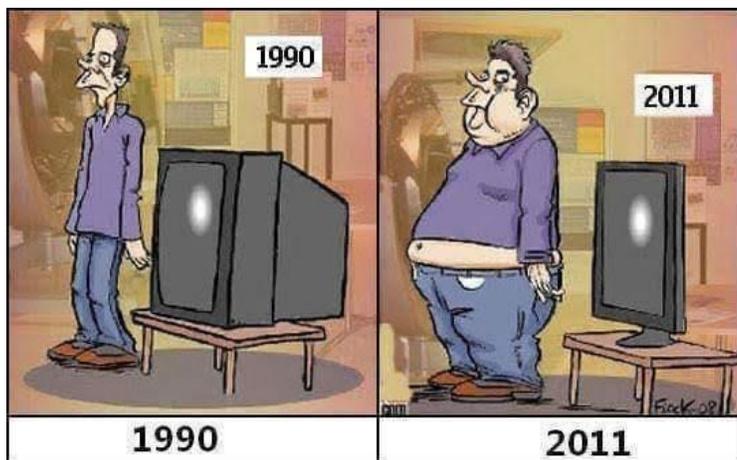
Calais region during the Battle of Dunkirk. Soldiers of the 2nd Battalion, the Royal Norfolk Regiment, had become isolated from their unit. They occupied and defended a farmhouse against an attack by Waffen-SS forces in the village of Le Paradis. After running out of ammunition, the defenders surrendered to the German troops. The Germans led them across the road to a wall where they were murdered by machine gun fire. Ninety-seven British troops were killed. Two survived, with injuries, and hid until they were captured by German forces several days later. After the war, Knöchlein was convicted by a war crimes court, with the two survivors acting as witnesses against him. For his part in the massacre, Knöchlein was executed in 1949.

Today we are toasting the Rotary Club of Malchin, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern on the discovery of Troy and Priam's Treasure by Heinrich Schliemann on 27 May 1873. The RC of Malchin is probably located closest to Ankershagen where Schliemann grew up. Today their home houses the *Heinrich Schliemann Museum*.

Dieter Ziulkowski

 *Some other news*

Times have changed, contributed by Carry



The participants of last week's ZOOM meeting, courtesy of Eli:



Contribution by Dan:

From East Jerusalem to the Heart of the Israeli Venture Capital World

Over the past few years, Shayma Sharif (MEET Class of 2008) has become a role model for a new generation of female students with a passion for technology and entrepreneurship. She was just promoted to a Principal at [NFX](#), a Silicon Valley venture firm with an office in Tel Aviv, and she was recently featured for her achievements on [Forbes Israel's 30 Under 30](#) list and on The Marker's 40 Under 40. She's only 29!

Born and raised in East Jerusalem, Shayma joined MEET in 2006. Shortly after graduating from our program, she was accepted to the Technion – Israel Institute of Technology – where she received her Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering and Master's degree in Transportation Engineering. She then joined the Boston Consulting Group in Tel Aviv in 2018. Last year, Shayma took another ambitious step and became an Associate, and now a Principal, at the VC firm NFX in Tel Aviv, where she is responsible for investments and relations with startups. As part of her social activism, Shayma served as a MEET instructor and is currently a MEET Board Member.

In her recent [interview for CTech](#), Shayma explains how the Israeli VC ecosystem is slowly opening up to more professionals like herself. She says that, "it is a combination of working hard and getting the foundation to be able to do this type of role, but also having someone who is willing to hire a person from a different background. As long as we have more of these combinations going forward, we will see more Arabs in the industry in Israel. The more we see people like us in the roles that we aspire to, the more subconsciously we believe that we can do it. So, I want to help do that and inspire younger people like myself."

We'd like to take this opportunity and congratulate Shayma on her success – well done!





One of our projects, past and present

From the Rotary Year 2019 – 2020:

The Aphasia Centre at the Hadassah Academic College in Jerusalem. The Centre provides support to people who after a stroke or accident suffer from aphasia, the loss of speech and/or mobility. The intention was to develop a Global Grant project to help the Jerusalem Centre develop a training programme to increase the pool of trained support staff that would enable additional Aphasia Centres to be established in other parts of the country. Currently the only Centre providing this continuing support exists only in Jerusalem. Sadly we have not been able to garner partners from other clubs outside Israel. The JRC will continue to support the activities of the Jerusalem Centre, such as the exhibition of aphasia participants' photographs that was mounted at the Jerusalem Theatre during the 90th Anniversary Conference and Gala, while continuing to work towards the larger Global Grant initiative.



**The Jerusalem Rotary Club meets every Wednesday at 1 p.m. (13.00) at the Jerusalem International YMCA on King David Street. On the last Wednesday of every month it meets in the evening at 7 p.m. (19.00). NIS75 covers lunch/dinner, the Rotary program and a presentation by selected speakers. Kosher meals can be ordered until 90 minutes before the start of the meeting, by sending a message to our secretary
054-4295680. Visiting Rotarians and visitors are welcome.**