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90th Anniversary **19 December 2018**

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Upcoming Events

26 December An Evening of
 Mid-Winter Madness”
02 January “Tipat Halav in
 Myanmar”
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Foundation Greetings

19 December

Happy Birthday
Leah Neumann

Today's Program

Dr. Jonathan Devor, Ph.D. (Astronomy)
Director of Research
Roadmetric Ltd
Jerusalem

"Amazing Astronomical Discoveries"

Jonathan Devor is a data scientist and Director of research at Roadmetric.



He has a PhD (Astronomy) from Harvard, holds 3 patents, and authored over a dozen scientific papers in Astrophysics. He is married and a father of two. Jonathan was born in Israel, served in the elite IDF intelligence unit, 8200. He then took degrees in Physics and Computer Science from the Hebrew University. He moved to the US for his PhD studies at the Harvard Center for Astrophysics (CfA). While there he developed novel computational methods for analyzing the orbital dynamics of stars. After completing his thesis in 2008, he was recruited to work as a senior software engineer at the Silicon Valley headquarters of Cisco Systems.

After spending nearly a decade in the US, it was time to “settle down”. So in 2011, Jonathan decided to move back to Israel, where he became a senior analyst at an international hedge fund, WorldQuant. He then moved on to work as a data scientist at the anti-fraud company, Forter (highlighted in the bestseller “Startup Nation”). And finally, he joined the Jerusalem start-up RoadMetric, where he currently heads the development effort to build an autonomous machine-learning algorithm that identifies traffic infractions.

He is a regular contributor to the Q&A on-line forum, Quora (with around 100 million users). To date, he has published 1,300 answers in a range of topics, for which he has earned its 2018 “top writer” award.



International Toast -

Rotary Club of Springfield MA

The event that triggered political Zionism and a cut-off ear sent for safekeeping – all this and much more happened during the coming week:

17 December 1903 The Wright Brothers make the first sustained motorized aircraft flight at 10:35 a.m., piloted by Orville Wright at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina



18 December 1969 House of Lords votes to abolish the death penalty in England, Wales and Scotland (Northern Ireland 25 July 1973)

19 December 1922 Theresa Vaughn, 24, confesses in court in Sheffield, England, to being married 61 times over 5 years in 50 cities in three countries

20 December 1522 Suleiman the Magnificent accepts surrender of the surviving Knights of Rhodes, who are allowed to evacuate. They eventually settle in Malta and become known as the Knights of Malta

21 December 1891 1st game of basketball, based on rules created by James Naismith, played by 18 students in Springfield, Massachusetts

22 December 1894 French officer Alfred Dreyfus court-martialed for treason, triggers worldwide charges of anti-Semitism (Dreyfus later vindicated)

23 December, 1888 Vincent van Gogh cuts off his left ear with a razor, after argument with fellow painter Paul



Gauguin, and sends it to a prostitute for safe keeping

This week we toast the Rotary Club of Springfield MA on the event of the 1st game of basketball on 12 December 1891. The club has its meetings at the Basketball Hall of Fame on Fridays noon time.

James Naismith (November 6, 1861 – 28 November 1939) was a Canadian-American physical educator, physician, chaplain, sports coach and innovator. He invented the game of basketball at age 30 in 1891. athletics but then left Montreal to become a physical education teacher at the YMCA International Training School in Springfield, Massachusetts. **(Dieter Ziulkowski)**

