



BULLETIN JERUSALEM ROTARY CLUB

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Upcoming Events

11 December
to be announced



Sharon Ehrnwald

Today's Program – But For the Grace of God – serving people with intellectual and developmental disabilities

Sharon Ehrnwald is the Director of Overseas Relations at Israel Elwyn. She did her BA in Social Work at Ariel University and a MA in Non-Profit and Community Organization Management. Sharon has been employed at Israel Elwyn for five years, starting as a Job Placement Coordinator in the Jerusalem & Southern Israel Branch (Bet Shemesh)

Tova Pincas is the Director of Adult Day Programs at Israel Elwyn. She did her BA in Social Work at Hebrew University and her MA in Art Therapy at Haifa University. Tova is a Certified S.W. students' mentor and current Director of the Adult Day Center, Seniors Program, Sensory Garden – Sabbah Center in Jerusalem. She has been employed at Israel Elwyn for 20 years, starting as a Support Coordinator in the Sabbah Center. Tova has lectured at conferences in Israel and abroad and is a content expert with Quality Management Standard, specializing in Cognitive Accessibility

Foundation Greetings:

Russ McDougal will celebrate his birthday on December 11, a week from today! But it is never too early to send good wishes to him for a healthy and happy year ahead!

Foundation Thoughts of the Week:

An unknown author wrote: "Life's greatest achievement is the continued remaking of yourself so that at last you know how to live".

And while you are engaged in this activity, remember to DONATE to the FOUNDATION!



The President's Corner

The first item on the agenda of this week's club board meeting will be a short ceremony at the YMCA's Gan Shalom, bilingual kindergarten. We will affix a plaque commemorating the club's gift to the Y to acquire book shelves for the Gan's parent and child play space. This is in keeping with our regular support for the Y, which has been our meeting place since 1952. Over the years, the Y and Rotary, with their shared ethos of promoting peace among different groups and public service, have been a good fit.

Coincidentally, the 28 November edition of the Jerusalem Post's "In Jerusalem," featured an extensive article on the YMCA and its recently appointed CEO Rana Fahoum. Ms Fahoum is a native of Nazareth who moved to Jerusalem when she enrolled at the Hebrew University. She became CEO of the Y after a distinguished career in education.

One of the points she made to her interviewer is that the Y is a "shared domain," which requires that its users coexist with and respect one another. She wishes that Jerusalem was more like the Y—sentiments that we, as Rotarians, can share.

Robert Hammer



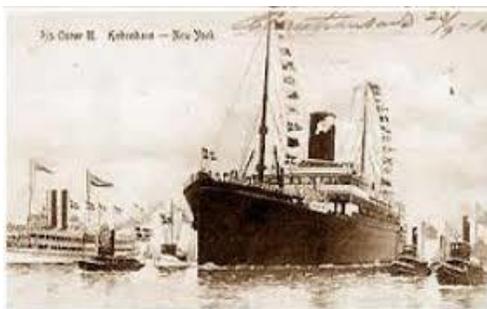
International Toast – Rotary Club Warszawski, Poland

Three historical events that happened on the day of our Rotary meeting on 4 December:

1619 38 colonists from Berkeley Parish, England disembark in Virginia and give thanks to God. Considered by many the first Thanksgiving in the Americas. The 1619 arrival of 38 English settlers in Charles City County, Virginia, concluded with a religious celebration as dictated by the group's charter from the London Company, which

specifically required "that the day of our ships arrival at the place assigned ..in the land of Virginia shall be yearly and perpetually kept holy as a day of thanksgiving to Almighty God...

1915 Henry Ford's peace ship, Oscar II, sails for Europe 'to get the boys out of the trenches by Christmas'. Ford chartered the Oscar II and invited prominent peace activists to join him. He hoped to create enough publicity to prompt the belligerent nations to convene a peace conference and mediate an end to World War I, but the mission was widely mocked by the press, which referred to the Oscar II as the "Ship of Fools" as well as the "Peace Ship". Infighting between the activists, mockery by the press contingent aboard, and an outbreak of influenza marred the voyage. Five days after Oscar II arrived in Norway, a beleaguered and physically ill Ford abandoned the mission and returned to the United States. 3 years later on the same day in **1918** US President Woodrow Wilson sails for Versailles Peace Conference in France.



Zofia Kossak-Szczucka and Wanda Filipowicz

Peace Ship Oscar II

1942 In Warsaw, Zofia Kossak-Szczucka and Wanda Filipowicz set up the Żegota organization. The Konrad Żegota Committee was the Polish Council to Aid Jews with the Government Delegation for Poland an underground Polish resistance organization, and part of the Polish Underground State, active 1942–45 in German-occupied Poland. Richard C. Lukas estimated that 60,000, or about half of the Jews who survived the Holocaust in occupied Poland (such estimates vary), were aided in some shape or form by Żegota. Operatives of Żegota worked in extreme circumstances - under threat of death by the Nazi forces, and sometimes in the midst of a hostile population. Their work required exceptional bravery, and many were recognized as Righteous Among the Nations after the war.

This week we are toasting the Rotary Club of Warszawski, Poland on this extraordinary event and example of humanity during dark and horrible times, the founding and work of Żegota.

Dieter Ziulkowski



Some other news

Following our international toast to the Rotary Club of Nuremberg, German on 20 November we received the following e-mail from it's President Prof. Dr. Martin Ulrich (translated from German by the editor):

Dear Rotarian Friend Ziulkowski,

Many thanks to you for your e-mail. With pleasure I will give this information at our next meeting, that you have toasted our Rotary Club on this important event. Both our clubs are sharing the year of charter of 1929! I am happy that we established contact in this way and will be pleased to stay in touch.

With Rotarian Greetings Yours Martin Ulrich, President of Rotary Club Nuernberg

Photos from the visit of District Governor Matty Harel on November 27. From left to right: Matty with our President Robert, with David Seligman, with Rotarian visitors from the US, with David Neumann



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.