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Today's Program "Jewish German popular science author Dr. Fritz Kahn (1888-1968)" - Rotarian Thilo von Debschitz, Graphic Artist

Per chance, Thilo von Debschitz came across an image dating from 1926: the illustrated graphic aid "Man as an industrial palace" allows viewers to look into the human body depicted as a vibrant enterprise with floors for offices and manufacturing. The author of this fascinating infographic was Dr Fritz Kahn (1888-1968), a once well-known writer of popular science books who had faded from view since. The books of the Jewish medic were burned and banned by the Nazis, and he fell into oblivion. In an entertaining Zoom talk with lots of images, our Rotarian friend from Germany will introduce us to a forgotten universalist and speak about selected methods used by Kahn as a means of visualizing information.

https://www.taschen.com/pages/en/catalogue/graphic_design/all/45518/facts.fritz_kahn_infographics_pioneer.htm

Thilo von Debschitz (*1966) is an educated graphic designer who lives and works in Wiesbaden, Germany. He is head of the design studio Q and teaches as lecturer at the RheinMain University. The Paul Harris Fellow is board member in his Rotary Club Wiesbaden-Kochbrunnen and organizes the weekly programme since four years. Thanks to a temporary residence as volunteer at Kibbutz Sarid more than 30 years ago, Thilo von Debschitz is still able to speak three very important sentences in fluent Hebrew.

Upcoming Events

20 May, 2020 tba

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

Foundation Greetings

OOPS! We missed wishing Uri Savir Happy Birthday on May 11. We hope it was a happy one - even being closed in!

Foundation Thoughts of the Week:

Marcus Aurelius could have been one of our neighbors! He said, many centuries ago, "The art of living is more like that of wrestling than of dancing; the main thing is to stand firm and be ready for an unforeseen attack."

Let's not forget the Foundation!



The President's Corner

The Jerusalem International YMCA is in distress. Like many businesses and not-for-profits, it has had to suspend most of its activities due to the COVID19 pandemic. This includes the Three Arches Hotel, the restaurant and the sport complex--major sources of operating income. It has had to furlough 95% of its 200 employees.

Rotary and the Jerusalem Y share common purposes: service to the community; the promotion of peace and understanding among the different peoples who live here. The Jerusalem Rotary Club has enjoyed the Y's hospitality for over 60 years. We cannot ignore its emergency appeal for funds. The Club is contributing. We urge our members and friends to contribute individually as well.

Google "Donations--Jerusalem International YMCA." That will take you to the on-line donation site. When you donate, please state in the comments section that you are a member or friend of the Jerusalem Rotary Club.

Depending on the lifting of health and safety precautions, the Jerusalem Rotary Foundation has tentatively scheduled its scholarship award ceremony for 24 June 2020 at the YMCA auditorium. That evening, we are also scheduled to have our annual presidential changeover at Bet Shmuel.

According to published reports, effective 14 June, the government is allowing all public gatherings, albeit with some restrictions, provided there is not a resurgence of infection. While we would like to hold these events as scheduled, public health concerns could force us to conduct alternate programs. We hope to know for certain by 27 May, when the Jerusalem Rotary Foundation board holds its next meeting.

But, even if the government permits these events, your health and safety come first. Most of us are considered at high risk. Consult your doctor and let us know if you and your guests can participate in these events. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Robert Hammer



International Toast – Rotary Club of Helgoland

Three noteworthy historical events that happened on 13 May, the day of our meeting:

1890 Lord Salisbury offers Helgoland to Germany in exchange for Zanzibar, Uganda & Equatoria. Helgoland is a small archipelago in the North Sea. A part of the German state of Schleswig-Holstein since 1890, the islands were historically possessions of Denmark, then became the possessions of the United Kingdom from 1807 to 1890, and briefly managed as a war prize from 1945 to 1952. The islands are located in the Helgoland Bight (part of the German Bight) in the southeastern corner of the North Sea and had a population of 1,127 at the end of 2016. They are the only German islands not in the vicinity of the mainland. They lie approximately 69 kilometres (43 miles) by sea from Cuxhaven at the mouth of the River Elbe. During the period of British possession, the lyrics to "Deutschlandlied", which became the national anthem of Germany, were written on one of the islands by August Heinrich Hoffmann von Fallersleben in 1841, while he was on holiday there. In addition to German, the local population, who are ethnic Frisians, speak the Helgolandic dialect of the North Frisian language called Halunder. Hel(i)goland used to be called Heyligeland, or "holy land", possibly due to the island's long association with the god Forseti.



Helgoland



Bezael Academy



Capt. Schroeder and MS 'St Louis'



1906 Bezalel Art School opens in Jerusalem. Bezalel Academy of Arts and Design is an academic college of design and art located in West Jerusalem, Israel. Established in 1906 by Jewish painter and sculptor Boris Schatz, Bezalel is Israel's oldest institution of higher education. It is named for the Biblical figure Bezalel, son of Uri who was appointed by Moses to oversee the design and construction of the Tabernacle (Exodus 35:30). The art created by Bezalel's students and professors in the early 1900s is considered the springboard for Israeli visual arts in the 20th century. Bezalel is currently located at the Mount Scopus campus of Hebrew University of Jerusalem, with the exception of the Architecture department, which is housed in the historic Bezalel building in downtown Jerusalem. In 2009 it was announced that Bezalel will be relocated to a new campus in the Russian Compound, as part of a municipal plan to revive Jerusalem's downtown. The new Bezalel campus is planned by the Tokyo-based award-winning architectural firm SANAA.

1939 MS St Louis departs Hamburg with 937 Jewish fugitives. The Motorschiff St. Louis was a German ocean liner which carried Jewish refugees from Nazi Germany in 1939 intending to escape anti-Semitic persecution. The refugees tried to disembark in Cuba but were denied permission to land. The captain, Gustav Schröder, went to the United States and Canada, trying to find a nation to take the Jews in, but both nations refused. He finally returned the ship to Europe, where various countries, including the United Kingdom, Belgium, the Netherlands and France, accepted some refugees. Many were later caught in Nazi roundups of Jews in occupied countries, and some historians have estimated that approximately a quarter of them were killed in death camps during World

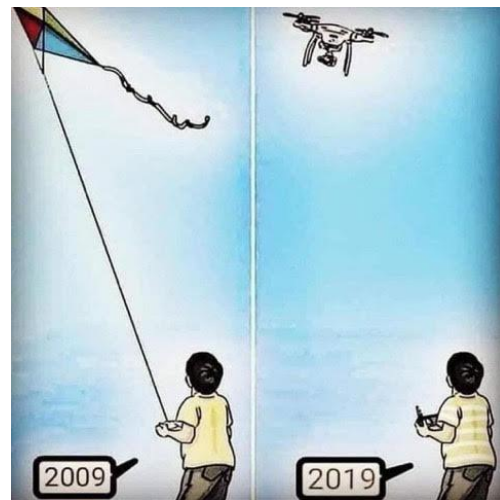
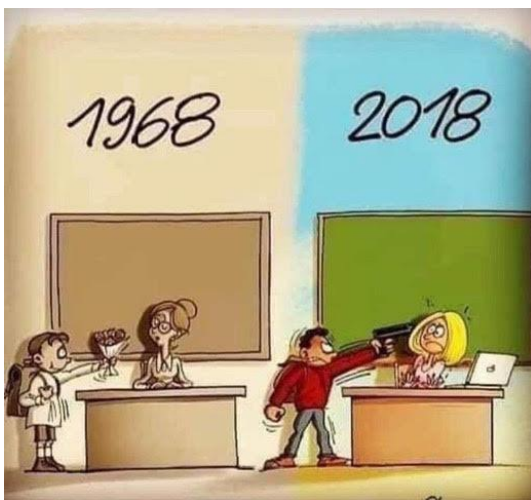
War II. These events, also known as the "Voyage of the Damned", have inspired film, opera, and fiction. After the war, the Federal Republic of Germany awarded Captain Gustav Schröder the Order of Merit. In 1993, Schröder was posthumously named as one of the Righteous among the Nations at the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial in Israel.

Today we are toasting the Rotary Club of Helgoland on the historical event of their islands becoming part of Germany in 1890 and the Rotary Club of Helgoland on its 25th anniversary. Inspiring, an island with a very small population of less than 1,500 people having a Rotary Club - congratulations!

Dieter Ziulkowski

Some other news


Times have changed, contributed by Carry:



One of our projects, past and present

From the Rotary Year 2016 – 2017:

Shalom Kita Alef. Continuation of the yearly project of helping needy children going to school for the first time (1st graders) by buying them school supplies and other needed items. Project is conducted via the Jerusalem schools system.

	<p>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.</p>
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