



# BULLETIN JERUSALEM ROTARY CLUB

Chartered 1929  
Club #13459  
District 2490



30 October, 2019

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### **Club Officers 2019-2020**

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Robert Hammer

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### *Today's Program*

Topic: "The Changing Demographics of the Middle East"

Speaker: Stuart Palmer  
International Marketing Specialist, COHAV Israel Advocacy

Stuart Palmer is a retired Engineer who made Aliya from the UK in 1981 with his wife and three children. He spent much of his working life in Israel as the International Marketing Manager for a group of companies in the North of Israel and thus came into contact with many people from many different countries and cultures. Since retiring, he has become the Director of ICAN (International Citizens Action Network) whose organization is actively involved in advocating Israel's position in the conflict with the Palestinians. Stuart is also Chairman of CoHaV (the coalition of hasbara volunteers) [www.cohav.org](http://www.cohav.org), the umbrella organization of over 140 various advocacy groups around the world. He is a member of the advisory committee for the Haifa University program "Ambassadors Online". Stuart spends much time lecturing to groups and communities in Israel as well as visiting groups of tourists, solidarity missions and others.

### **Upcoming Events**

30 October 2019  
To be announced

### *Foundation Greetings:*

We have no celebrations this week!!!

### *Foundation Thoughts of the Week:*

Mark Twain said, "If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything".

So let us always be truthful and mindful that our Foundation needs US for its support!



## *The President's Corner*

The next meeting of the club board is scheduled for 6 November immediately after the regular club meeting. If you have any suggestions for discussion topics, please submit them to me.

Robert Hammer



## *International Toast – Rotary Club*

Three remarkable events happened in history on 30 October:

**1948** Operation Hiram: Israelis take control of Galilee. Operation Hiram was a military operation conducted by the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) during the 1948 Arab-Israeli War. It was led by General Moshe Carmel, and aimed at capturing the Upper Galilee region from the Arab Liberation Army (ALA) forces led by Fawzi al-Qawuqji and a Syrian battalion. The operation, which lasted just 60 hours (October 29–31), was marked by heavy fighting between Arabs and Jews, and ended just before the ceasefire with the neighboring Arab countries went into effect. As a result of the operation, the Upper Galilee, originally slated by the United Nations partition plan to be part of an Arab state, would be controlled by the newly formed state of Israel, and that more than 50,000 new Palestinian refugees would leave for Lebanon.



M Carmel



Al-Qawugji



Stalin



Bosporus Bridge in Istanbul

**1961** Soviet Party Congress unanimously approves a resolution removing Stalin's body from Lenin's tomb in Red Square as part of de-Stalinization efforts

**1973** The Bosphorus Bridge in Istanbul, Turkey is completed, connecting the continents of Europe and Asia over the Bosphorus for the first time. Official name is 5 July Martyrs Bridge and unofficially the First Bridge, it is one of the three suspension bridges spanning the Bosphorus strait in Istanbul, Turkey. The Bosphorus Bridge had the fourth-longest suspension bridge span in the world, and the longest outside the United States until the completion of the Humber Bridge in 1981. Currently, the Bosphorus Bridge has the 33rd-longest suspension bridge span in the world. The idea of a bridge crossing the Bosphorus dates back to antiquity. For Emperor Darius the

Great of the Achaemenid Empire (522 BC–485 BC), as recorded by the Greek writer Herodotus in his Histories, Mandrocles of Samos once engineered a pontoon bridge across the Bosphorus, linking Asia to Europe, enabling Darius to pursue the fleeing Scythians as well as position his army in the Balkans to overwhelm Macedon. Leonardo da Vinci proposed a parabolic arch bridge to Sultan Bayezid II in 1502 or 1503.

This week we are toasting the Rotary Club Istanbul Sultan Ahmet International on the remarkable engineering achievement of the first Bosphorus Bridge, linking Asia with Europe. In a report in the British Rotary magazine 'Rotary Wheel' in August 1929, there is an account of Jim Davidson, the Special Commissioner for Rotary Extension, arriving in Istanbul, Turkey in 1928. Although some meetings were arranged and several officials expressed interest, Davidson left Turkey with the feeling that it would take perhaps years before conditions in Turkey were such that the introduction of such a movement as Rotary could be successfully accomplished. He was right. Istanbul was not chartered till 23 March 1955.

Dieter Ziulkowski



### *Some other news*

Received below important message from Rotary International:

Today, on World Polio Day, Rotary and its Global Polio Eradication Initiative partners announced that wild poliovirus type 3 (WPV3) has been eradicated worldwide. WPV3 is only the third infectious human disease-causing pathogen to be eradicated in history, following smallpox and wild poliovirus type 2. This achievement means that two of the three wild polio strains have now been wiped out, an important marker of progress against the disease.

The announcement comes on the heels of recent news that Nigeria has gone three years without a case of wild poliovirus, which means that the entire African region could be certified wild poliovirus-free in sometime in 2020.

“The eradication of wild poliovirus type three is a critical step in Rotary’s fight to eradicate polio,” said Michael K. McGovern, Chair of Rotary’s International PolioPlus Committee. “Even as we’re addressing major challenges in Pakistan and Afghanistan, we continue to make historic progress that shows us that eradication is possible. Today is World Polio Day—a time to reflect on our efforts, how far we’ve come, and the work that still needs to be done to fulfill our promise of a polio-free world. It’s important that we remain optimistic and harness the momentum of this good news as we tackle the remaining challenges in the global effort to end polio.”

Anyone can help Rotary and its partners continue to make progress against polio. Donate to End Polio Now and view Rotary’s World Polio Day program, which will be available starting at 12 PM CDT/6 PM CEST.



**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.**