



BULLETIN
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Upcoming Events

6 February Board Meeting 2.30 p.m.

Feb 13 Madeline Leibin, Rotary Peace Scholar, **“Peace Studies at TLV Uni.”**

Feb 20 t.b.a.

16 March gRotary Cycle Ride Gush Eshkol

17 March District & JRC 90th Anniversary Gala and Annual Conference”

COUNTDOWN
90TH ANNIVERSARY GALA
 &
ANNUAL CONFERENCE
7 WEEKS

Today’s Program



Naomi Tsur
 Jerusalem Green Fund
“Banking on a Greener Jerusalem”
 Celebrating the Tu B’Shvat season

Naomi Tsur was born in 1948 in Bristol, England and came on Aliyah in 1966. She is a leading Israeli environmentalist, politician and former Deputy Mayor of Jerusalem. As Deputy Mayor (2008-2013), Tsur was responsible for strategic planning, environmental protection, sustainability and historic conservation. She then stood at the head of the new *Ometz Lev* party, which ran for the city council of Jerusalem in October 2013, with a cross-sectoral list led by women. *Ometz Lev* ("Braveness of Heart") did not gain seats on the city council, but continues to build up support in order to encourage women to enter political life and achieve office. Before her term as Deputy Mayor she was the head of the Jerusalem Chapter of the Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel and coordinator of the Sustainable Jerusalem Coalition. During this time, Tsur fought many public environmental and social battles. The most significant, which succeeded against all odds, was her fight to prevent urban sprawl into the green Jerusalem Hills. The urban sprawl would have meant adding 20,000 housing units, cutting through the green Jerusalem Hills. After taking up office in City Hall, she led Jerusalem’s recycling revolution, and integrated urban nature into city planning, promoting several major projects, such as the introduction of community gardens, the Gazelle Valley Urban Nature Park and the Railway Park. Naomi Tsur heads the Israel Urban Forum, and is the founder and Executive Chair of the Jerusalem Green Fund, (www.jgf.org.il) established in 2015. The JGF is a cooperative philanthropy, whose members are actively engaged in its initiatives, while being themselves the primary funders through their annual membership contributions.

The President's Corner



Last night a group of us went to the weekly lecture series at Tantur. This week the speakers were Rabbi David Rosen and Archbishop Pierbattista who spoke on the topic "Achievements and Challenges of Jewish Catholic Relations in the Pope Francis Era." What impressed me after the presentations and the response to questions from the floor was how far the discussion had come over recent years. Differences and difficulties were not ignored but it was clear that dialogue continues in an atmosphere of trust that genuinely seeks solutions. Dialogue. We have heard that word so often but seem to meet it so rarely in our public discourse. Nowadays with our divided societies, here and abroad, we are more likely to find shouting matches, insults and abuse, rather than believing that "the other" might have a case, a point of view that deserves consideration. Moderation, understanding, consensus, are all words that have disappeared from the discourse. With these thoughts running through my head this morning I wondered how a private citizen with no particular authority or power can make a difference. We need to listen to what other people have to say, treat opinions with respect or dismiss them without aggression, or not to go for the zero game where the victor takes all. Lots to think about as individuals, as communities, in the way we treat others. In other words as, we would like to be treated ourselves. Part of the definition of "dialogue" in the Oxford dictionary states "discussion between representatives of two groups etc., exchange of proposals [from the Greek *dialogos* to converse] It was an impressive session at Tantur last night.

David Seligman President 18-19

Foundation Greetings

Happy Birthday

4 February Lillian Landau (Benny, take note!)

Thought for the Week

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"It is easier to fight for our principles than it is to live up to them". (Alfred Adler) Donate to the Foundation!!!

It is interesting that at each Scholarship Award Ceremony, as some students receive their certificate and cheque,, they hand over a letter of thanks. But not all!

ETHICS FORUM of ROTARY ISRAEL ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Friday 1 February 2019

"ETHICAL CHALLENGES FACING PUBLIC VIOLENCE IN ISRAEL

Hofein Hall
Faculty of Law
Tel Aviv University

An interesting and wide ranging program.

- **For details of the program contact Irène.**
- **Note that all proceedings are in Hebrew**



International Toast

Rotary Club St. Petersburg

It all varies from US\$ 40 per week to a diversified multinational mass media and entertainment conglomerate and other remarkable events during this coming week:

- **28 January 1724** The Russian Academy of Sciences founded in St. Petersburg by Peter the Great and was implemented in a Senate decree. Until 1917 it was called St. Petersburg Academy of Sciences
- **29 January 1920** Walt Disney started work with KC Slide Co for \$40 a week



- **30 January 1800** US population: 5,308,483; African American population 1,002,037 (18.9%)
- **31 January 1968** Nauru (formerly Pleasant Island) declared independence from Australia



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- **1 February, 1968** Saigon police chief Nguyễn Ngọc Loan executes Viet Cong officer Nguyễn Văn Lém with a pistol shot to head. The execution was captured by photographer Eddie Adams and became an anti-war icon
- **2 February 1653** New Amsterdam becomes a city (later renamed New York)
- **3 February 1994** President Bill Clinton lifts US trade embargo against Vietnam

Today we toast the Rotary Club of St. Petersburg, Russia, on the founding of the Academy of Science by Peter the Great on January 28, 1724. The RC St Petersburg was one of 3 Rotary Clubs founded in 1990 to start a network of Rotary Clubs in Russia.

Now headquartered in Moscow, the Academy (RAS) is considered a civil, self-governed, non-commercial organization chartered by the Government of Russia. As of November 2017, the Academy included 1,008 institutions and other units. In total about 125,000 people are employed of whom 47,000 are scientific researchers. The Nobel Prize laureates of the were Academy include N.N. Semenov in 1956, P.A. Cherenkov, I.M. Frank, I.E. Tamm in 1958, L.D. Landau in 1962, N.G. Basov and A.M. Prokhorov in 1964, P.L. Kapitsa in 1978, J.I. Alferov in 2000, and V.L. Ginsburg in 20



District 2490

DISTRICT 2490 CALENDAR

DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT	VENUE
15.02.19	Fri.	09.00 – 13.00	Conference of the Ethics Forum named after Heinz Buchwald	Hofein Hall, Law Faculty, Tel Aviv University
15.02.19	Fri.	09.00 – 13.00	DG meeting with new Rotarians Northern district. By invitation	Mazat Restaurant David Elazar 10, Haifa
18.02.19	Fri.		Young Speaker Competition Finals – High Schools	Tentative date. Details to follow
22.02.19	Fri.		Dedication of Rotary Forest in the South	Tentative date. Details to follow
01.03.19	Fri.	10.30 – 13.00	Young Speaker Competition Finals – Middle Schools	Matnas Beit Canada, Barlev 4, Sderot
08.03.16	Fri.	10.30 – 13.00	Young Speaker Competition Finals – Elementary Schools	Payis Centre, Yehudah Hanasi 20, Herzlia
12.03.19	Tue.	14.30 – 18.30	Tzeltner Fund	Tel Aviv University Details to follow
16.03.19	Sat.		GRotary – Bicycle ride to raise funds for PolioPlus	Eshkol District. Details to follow
17.03.19	Sun	13.00 – 22.00	District Conference Rotary Israel and the Jerusalem RC celebrate 90 th Anniversary	Jerusalem Theatre Details to follow
26.03.19	Tue.	09.00 – 15.00	The Debate Project – National Final	Beit Pisgah, Derech Erez 2, Ashdod
10.04.19	Wed.		The Debate Project – International Final	Herzliah Details to follow
30.04.19	Tue.		Distribution of Paul Harris Fellow Awards	Haifa Details to follow
1-5.6.19	Sat.- Wed.		International Conference 2018-2019	Hamburg, Germany
16.06.19	Sun.	19.30 – 22.00	Rotary New Year District Governor Changeover	Beit Kinan, Natan Alterman 51, Herzliah



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. Visiting Rotarians and visitors are welcome. Kosher meals on advance request. For this and other enquiries please e-mail the club secretary at secretj@gmail.com.



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