



# SOW THE SEEDS OF LOVE

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# BETH GILINSKY

## The Jewish Action Alliance



Beth Gilinski is the founder of the Jewish Action Alliance, the nation's leading grassroots Jewish civil and human rights program. It has led in the struggle against campus bigotry, Nation of Islam, Holocaust denial, skin heads and neo-Nazis, hate-mongering in media outlets and anti-Semitism in major corporations, and was the vanguard in the fight for justice for Crown Heights. The Alliance also has organized pro-Israel

rallies attended by thousands

Ms. Gilinsky, a graduate of Harvard and of Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs, is a public information, communications and political strategist. She considers her specialty "guerilla P.R." – getting a difficult story out to a hostile media. She has been one of America's most outspoken and effective pro-Israel activists, educating the public about Jewish rights of settlement and sovereignty throughout the land of Israel.

As an activist on issues related to the Jewish people and the Middle East, Ms. Gilinsky serves on the Advisory Boards of a number of organizations, including Interfaith Action for Christian Human Rights, U.S Committee for a Free Lebanon, Interfaith Coalition for a Free Middle East, Human Rights Forum, Women for Israel, the New York City Jewish Cultural Affairs Committee, and American Academics for Israel's Future. In addition, she is known for her bold initiatives in successful coalition-building with non-Jewish groups.

Ms. Gilinsky, named one of the top Jewish leaders in America by *Forward*, is the recipient of many other honors, among them the prestigious Defender of Jerusalem Medal for the Defense of Jewish Rights.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR



August 13<sup>th</sup>  
Beth Gilinsky  
The Jewish Action  
Alliance

August 20<sup>th</sup>  
Robert Benson  
District Governor's Day

August 27<sup>th</sup>  
David Roosevelt

September 3<sup>rd</sup>  
FELLOWSHIP DAY

September 10<sup>th</sup>  
Adi Roche  
Chernobyl Children  
Project

## REPORTER OF THE WEEK

Tuesday, August 6, 2002

President Silvio Amori opened the meeting promptly at 12.30p.m, followed by the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner" led by Scarlet Pildes. Giorgio Balestrieri, who shared the recent passing of Joe Sullivan, offered the invocation. Joe was a Past President, trustee and a dear friend of many NY Rotarians and he will be deeply missed. A moment of silence was observed in memory.

Rotarian, Jim Thompson introduced representatives of Project Hospitality for a special presentation. Project Hospitality is a Staten Island organization, which offers a wide range of social services. It was particularly overwhelmed on 9/11 and the months which followed. They were among the first organizations, which provided relief and aid to hundreds of displaced workers, evacuated from lower Manhattan. Subsequent aid has included meal service, psychological counseling, food pantry, holiday baskets and interfaith prayer services. For exceptional service to our community, Rev. Terry Troia, Executive Director (and Staten Island Rotarian) was presented a check for \$100,000 from our 9/11 Disaster Relief Fund in support of their efforts.

Bill Currie shared information about the "Gift of Life Regatta" taking place on with the club.

President Silvio introduced our guest speaker, Michael Cardozo, Esq., Corporation Counsel for the City of New York.

Mr. Cardozo shared a variety of real life cases typified by the "Tort Tax" which impacts all New Yorkers. Examples were offered of the ludicrous awards and claims paid by the City of New York, which amounted to \$575 million in 2001; a rise from \$21 million in 1978. Designed to deal with matters of negligence, the law as currently written allows for gross abuse. Mr. Cardozo referred to "pain and suffering" as an elusive concept, but one which should have a "cap" on the awards by the court and juries.

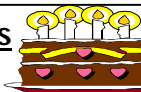
A provocative topic, which impacts each of us. A great program

Rotarian Dave Gibbs

## OBITUARY

*It is with great sadness that we announce the passing on of our dear member Joseph "Joe" Sullivan. Joe was fighting cancer for some time. He had past away on August 2<sup>nd</sup>, at noon. Joe has been a Rotarian since 1976, President of our club in 1989-1990, has served as a trustee and as President of the Council of Past Presidents.*

## Happy Birthday Fellow Rotarians



Arthur Draznin- August 13<sup>th</sup>  
O. Aldon James- August 13<sup>th</sup>

# MEMBERS COLUMN

## ANNUAL DUES AND LUNCHEON COUPON PAYMENTS

**THE ANNUAL DUES AND ADVANCE LUNCHEON COUPON PAYMENTS FOR THE FIRST HALF OF THIS FISCAL YEAR 2002-2003, ARE NOW PAST DUE. IF YOU HAVE NOT YET SUBMITTED YOUR PAYMENT, PLEASE DO SO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR QUICK FOLLOW-UP.**

## NEW MEMBERS

We are excited to announce two new members for our club. We hope that you will give them a warm "Rotary Welcome" at the next meeting

Anders Eggen – Invest. Mgmt.- Analysis  
Ivan Vosloo – South African Consul. - Political

## IN THE AUGUST ROTARIAN

- RI Saving Lives in Sierra Leone
- Gift of Limbs
- International Hospital for Children (ad)
- R.I. Hospital without walls
- A Rotary Experience – Membership Education
- Rotary's Low Cost Shelters
- Club's in Action
- Rotary World Press
- R.I. New Board

## Change in Speaker schedule:

Please note that on the hard copy of your bulletin the speaker for 8/27 appears as Lisa Evers. Ms. Evers is unfortunately not able to join us for this event, instead Larry Parks has arranged for David Roosevelt (author) to be the speaker of that day.

## BICYCLE RIDE 4 THE CURE

*COAST-TO-COAST 2002*

*Children's Leukemia Foundation*

On August 25<sup>th</sup>, Steve and Stephanie Mountford, two retired British police officers, will start their bicycle ride from coast to coast, 100 days, 60 miles each day, to raise monies for the National Children's Leukemia Foundation. They will start in Central Park and finish their ride on December 7<sup>th</sup> in San Francisco, CA. If you are a biker and/or would like to support their worthy cause, please go to [www.coasttocoast2002.com](http://www.coasttocoast2002.com) for more information.