ROTARY CLUB OF NAHARIYA

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מועדון רוטרי נהריה

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Nahariya, July 31,1971. והריה

To the President

Dear President

At our weekly meeting last Sunday your club was toasted, greetings and good wishes were sent to your club members. We feel that this is one way international relations could be fostered, and please do remember should some of your members ever be in Israel it would be our pleasure to receive them as honoured guests.

The site of our town Nahariya dates back in history to some 4000 years ago when the early Canaanites built a temple of fertility on the seashore some 100 metres from our present swimming pool. Two thousand years later the Roman "Via Maris" was constructed, passing through the future Nahariya. The Crusaders too left their imprint, building one of their castles to the north of the town, at a place which was called "Castel Imbert" and which was known already during Phoenician times as Ch'siv. Today the "Achsiv" Mediterranean Club (Club Méditerranée) is well known internationally. 10 kilometres to the south is the town of Acco, derived from the Crusaders' name "St. Jean d'Acre".

In modern times our town appears on the map as a small agricultural settlement established some 35 years ago. Today as a thriving sea-side resort of over 25,000 inhabitants, Nahariya has firmly established herself as one of the beautiful towns of our country. Thirty four hotels and recreation homes dot the town; a beautiful beach and pool form the centre of attraction during the summer months, and from Nahariya the tourist can conveniently see the rest of the Gaillee, its holy places, kibbutzim, Druze and Moslem villages, sites of interest to the historian, archaeologist and plain lover of nature.

Our main industries are an asbestos-cement plant employing about 600 workers, a textile spinning and dyeing industry, a dairy-product and ice-cream plant, a modern expanding hard-metal tool factory and a number of various smaller factories and workshops. In addition Nahariya is the site of a well equipped regional hospital.

in agriculture we produce milk, beef-cattle, poultry, eggs and vegetables. Citrus fruit and avocado are grown for export and of late roses and carnations which are sent to the markets of Europe.

This then is our town. Our Rotary Club was chartered in 1952 and today comprises 46 members representing Nahariya's agriculture, industry, medicical profession, education and general services.

Greetings and good wishes,

Sincerely Yours,

Chairman of the International Service Committee.

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