

Voices Israel Group of Poets in English

ABOUT VOICES

The Voices Israel Group of Poets in English started in response to a letter from Leslie Summers published in the Jerusalem Post, July, 1971. The founding members, Leslie Summers, Reuben Rose, Moshe Ben-Zvi and Jacob Katwan held their first meeting in August of that year.

The goals of Voices Israel are to provide an outlet for writers of English poetry in Israel, to encourage new poets in their art and to promote friendships through poetry.

MEETINGS

Voices Israel presently has over 140 paid-up members from Israel and abroad. Meetings are held every month in local groups: in Israel there are currently groups in Jerusalem, Tel-Aviv, Haifa, Beersheva, Netanya / Sharon, Upper Galilee, and Western Galilee. Some meet in person and some via Zoom. We also have a zoomed Global Group for Israeli and overseas members with no local group.

NEWSLETTER

Voices Israel publishes a monthly Newsletter detailing the times and locations of our monthly poetry meetings, awards and publications gained by Voices members, publishing opportunities, and a selection of members' poetry.

VOICES ONLINE

The <u>Voices Israel website</u> contains details of our latest events, copies of newsletters, information regarding our annual poetry anthology and our two Poetry Competitions. Visit our <u>Facebook page</u> for the latest news, upcoming events, photos of recent events, links to items of interest, and discussions concerning English-language poetry, including links to poems.

Secretary

POETRY WORKSHOPS

Voices Israel runs regular workshops, with professional guest poets and presentations by our own members.

VOICES ANTHOLOGY

Every year we publish an anthology of the best poems submitted by members and other poets from Israel and abroad. They are judged anonymously by a panel of judges led by the editor. Submission guidelines are published <u>on our website</u>.

THE REUBEN ROSE POETRY COMPETITION

Our Reuben Rose Annual Poetry Competition offers substantial cash prizes and the opportunity for winning poems to be published. Details are available on our website (<u>https://voicesisrael.com</u>).

THE BAR SAGI YOUNG POETS PRIZE

Voices Israel runs an annual competition for young poets aged 12 to 18, in memory of Bar Sagi, an accomplished teenage poet who sadly died of cancer before reaching 16. It is sponsored by Prof. Anthony Joseph, her grandfather, and offers cash prizes and the publication of winning poems in our annual Anthology.

JOINING VOICES

Joining Voices Israel at an annual subscription rate of NIS120 or US\$40 will entitle you to a copy of the anthology at no extra charge. You will also receive the monthly newsletters and be eligible to participate in monthly poetry readings and for discounted rates in our poetry workshops that are held several times annually. To join, please see the options on the Join Us or Renew Membership page of our website.

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