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***Kibbutz Yizre'el***

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**CONGRATULATIONS** to **Alma Shkolnik** who has completed a course in the security of VIPs in the army. We wish her well in the continuation of her service.

**THANKS** to all those who contributed money to the village school in Tanzania where **Omri Senker** spent two months as a voluntary worker. The money was used to buy school stationery and food for the students.

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| **YOUNG GENERATION MEETING FOR PESACH**  Saturday 9.4.22 at 13:00 in Yizre’el’s pub.  We will raise a glass to the Pesach Festival, have lunch and give out the gifts for Pesach.  All those in the Young Generation and their partners are invited. |

**MAZKIRUT MEETING 29.3.2022**

Information

* Regulations for the closing of patios: The final draft by the Planning Committee will be presented soon.
* The Food Branch: A request was made to prepare a list of changes and improvements that have been carried out by the Food Branch.
* The court rejected Liki Lewis’s (daughter of the late Hanna Lewis) case against the kibbutz.
* The case against officials of the Kibbutz by Asael Mor is still on-going. The kibbutz is spending much time in fighting it.
* Assistance to Ukrainian refugees.: Since we have a problem with housing, it was suggested that caravans be set up at the expense of the State. It was decided to form an ad hoc committee to quickly investigate the option.

Another option was the suggestion that families take a family home to stay with them.

* Or B’Giva: Inbal Adler announced that the official festive opening of the Seniors’ Center will be on 24.4.22. Open to all. By then there will be a garden with benches, a coffee shop, medical pedicure, exhibition of pictures, personal Feldenkrais sessions, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, library, hugim for those who don’t go to Dorot BaGilboa, evening meals on Saturday nights once a month and more. The place is active and there is a warm, welcoming atmosphere. All power to those who activate the center.

1. Regulations for Enterprises and Small Businesses: Shimon Zelas explained the difference between service and small business. – A service is the initiative of the kibbutz to serve the community. A small business or enterprise is the initiative of a member who has a special interest he wants to develop, but the aim besides personal development is to earn money.

In the past there were irregularities and inefficiency in running business e.g. (rents to be paid, services provided by the kibbutz to be paid for, etc). Shimon and his committee have been working hard to form guidelines in order to help businesses become efficient and profitable. The committee provides, advice, guidelines and any help that is needed but it is up to the owner of the business to fulfill the aim of making a profit. After a prolonged and intensive discussion, it was decided to accept the regulations put forward by the committee.

1. Keren Haim Bet: This subject was postponed because most of the members that prepared the subject could not attend.

**FROM EREZ’S DESK**

**Security**: The situation in Israel has become tense and the committee in Yizre’el is organized to cover urgent situations. The team needs extra people who have the ability and knowledge to help in these situations - those with or without weapons, those who can help medically if the occasion arises. So, anyone willing to join the team should contact Erez or Brent Abramovitch.

**CHANGE IN THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR FRIDAY NIGHT MEAL.**

Since food that has been served cannot be re-served, what remains is thrown out. This situation is heartbreaking but unavoidable. It has been decided to make a change for a period of 2 months and then study the results.

**18:30 Kabbalat Shabbat in the dining room.**

**18:45 The food trolleys will be open for self service.**

The tables will be set with white tablecloths as usual on Friday night.

People are asked not to wander around during the Kabbalat Shabbat so that the ceremony will be treated with respect.

Notice for the allocation for eating at home will be added.

**FROM THE EKONOM’S TABLE**

We have slowly started to come back to the original routine of meals in the dining room after this long Corona period. Changes have been made and equipment has been bought.

1. Our old ovens don’t heat up to required temperatures and don’t keep their heat. We have bought a new oven and a new frying pan.
2. We are gradually moving over to a different kind of cooking. We are moving over to a system where food is left in the warming ovens less time. We prepare the food as needed so it doesn’t stand around. So instead of preparing one big batch, we prepare smaller amounts according to the demands. We have gone over to preparing our own soups without using soup powder.
3. We have changed our suppliers in order to become more efficient economically. We are using ozone for cleaning which works considerably better. We’ve changed our greengrocer and our cleaning materials supplier.
4. We do not serve food that is left over anymore for the safety of public health.
5. We are using up to date equipment in preparation of food so that it is more efficiently prepared and juicier to eat.
6. We increased our income through the meals prepared for Maytronics workers and prepared sandwiches for them.
7. We have added new refrigerators for vegetables that need to be kept cool in the dining room. Vegetables are available 24/7 so the refrigerator on the back veranda is now unnecessary.

We also have Friday’s vegetable market.

What Needs To Be Done?

The dining room needs to be renovated – the building is 40 years old and only minimal maintenance has been maintained. The equipment is old, the ovens don’t reach maximum temperatures, neither does the dish washer.

We will continue with the “Chef’s Stand”, make our own hamburgers, and sausages, invite chefs to come and spoil us.

We are working hard and trying to improve the service to make as many people happy as possible. There is still a lot to be done.

**THE SERVICE COMMITTEE**

* Food Branch: Very impressed with the new esthetic fridges for vegetables that have been introduced to the dining rom.
* KolBo – The place has gone through a bit of a face lift before the big renovation and the place is very aesthetic.
* Kehilanet – Kehilanet has a new format. Meetings were organized to explain the new system but because of poor attendance the meetings were cancelled. If anyone has questions, they can apply to Tze’ela
* Renovations Basket – The building management is working to update the basket.
* Health Basket – With Yitzchak’s help we are updating the basket. Thanks to Yitzchak for his help.
* Partnership House – Equipment has been replaced. Idit Halevi is helping Rahel Piekarski in organizing the rooms.

The committee is here for you. Call us if you need anything.

Stas Gavrilov, Esther B-B, Idit Halevi, Liora Kamilian, Adi A-G, Inbal Pezaro, Hedva Shaharabani and Erez Peleg.

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| **THE ELAH GROUP IS ORGANIZING CONTRIBUTIONS**  ***Thursday 7/4/2022 at 18:00 in the dining room***  Cake stands / Second Hand Items / more surprises  **18:45 - MAIN EVENT – AUCTION SALE**  **SATURDAY 9/4/2022 AT 14:00**  During the rugby game – sale of popcorn and other surprises.  WHO ARE WE DONATING TO?   * THE ANIMAL WELFARE ASSOCIATION * BET HILLEL – EMERGENCY SHELTER FOR YOUTH AT RISK   For the 2nd hand stall you can bring games, kitchen items, electrical items and other items in good condition for sale.  To collect the items call: Tzafnat Mor, Yoni Brauman, Itzik  Shechter, Alona Granot, Avishag Sharoni- Assaf |

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| ***THE CANCELLATION OF THE 54TH GILBOA ANNUAL MARCH***  *The march has been cancelled because of the inability to safeguard the marchers in these times.* |

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| ***SENIORS’ TRIP – 14.4.2022***  ***ANTIQUITIES OF BET SHEARIM AND THE AREA***  ***8:00 – Leave the kibbutz to Bet Shearim***  ***9:00 – National Park of Bet Shearim***   * ***Visit this impressive site recognized world wide by UNESCO.***   ***Enter the burial caves. Hear the history of the caves and of this era.***   * ***Visit the statue of Alexander Zayid and hear the story of the “Legend of Hashomer”.*** * ***12:30 – Lunch*** * ***13:30 – Walk through the wild flowers*** * ***15:00 – Return home.***   ***Registration soon.*** |

**English is Fun - with Rahel**

**What kids say**…. continued

My dad thinks children should be seen and not heard. I think parents should be neither seen nor heard.

Among those things that are "so simple that even a child can operate them," are parents.

My dad says that it would have been better if the children were properly spaced – about one hundred years apart.

It's hard to raise a family – especially in the morning.

An alarm clock is a device for waking people who don't have children.

A babysitter is a teenager you hire to let you stay up and play.

Some kids are like the ketchup bottles. You have to slap their bottoms a few times to get them moving.

A lot of families are so poor that they only have one car and one boat.

If children didn't ask questions, they would never know what grown-ups know.

The first thing you learn when you get a drum is that you're never going to get another one.

One important way for parents to help children grow up is for them to grow up first.

It is difficult for a child to learn to behave if he has never seen it done.

Infant prodigies are young people with highly imaginative parents,

It's nice for children to have pets until the pets start having children.

Baby care has to be learned from the bottom up.

Telling children that their school days are the happiest days of their lives, doesn't give us much to look forward to.

Children need strength to lean on, a shoulder to cry on, and an example to learn from.

Looking after babies is easy…. you keep one end full and the other end dry.

People who say they sleep like a baby haven't got one.

My daddy says Santa Claus gets into our house through a hole in his wallet.

Some parents bring their children up, others let them down.

I love my dog because it's the only thing around the house that doesn't find fault with me. …

………..more next week