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***Kibbutz Yizre'el***

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**MAZAL TOV** to **Danit and Ben Kirshberg** on the birth of their daughter, sister to Omer. Mazal Tov to **Irit Shemesh** on the birth of her granddaughter. Mazal Tov to the families.

**MAZAL TOV** to **Nimrod and Efrat Kaplan** on the birth of their son, brother to Teo. Mazal Tov to **Bernice and Milton Kaplan** on the birth of their grandson. Mazal Tov to the families.

**THANKS** from **Karen Shtampfer Kagan** for condolences and the support at this difficult time.

**THANKS** from **Elad Ilan** for the help given by **Gil Hillel, Barry Feldman,** **Daniel Shapira and Eyal Tirosh** in organizing an event for his co-workers at the pool.

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| **THE CLEANERS**  On Sunday 24.10.21 the cleaners have a day trip.  Those who usually have the cleaners on that day, will skip a week. |

**FROM THE CORONA TEAM**

We have decided that the time has come (almost) to get back to normal routine and allow visitors into the dining room on Friday nights. These visitors must have a green pass (3 inoculations) / recovered from the Corona virus or a valid negative test.

At the entrance to the dining room every Friday night there will be two people who will check the green pass of those who are not residents. This will be from 19:00 till the Kabbalat Shabbat.

Those who are willing to volunteer to help in this matter are asked to contact Anna Abramovitch. We will be grateful to the volunteers because this is the only way we can allow guests in the dining room on Friday night.

**MAZKIRUT MEETING 11.10/2021**

1. Information

* Moar explained that with the new format, they are having difficulty in reporting on the community budget so there has been a delay. The next report will be on the first 8 months of the year.
* The Corona team recommended that guests be allowed into the dining room on Friday nights with a check of green passes at the entrance. The Mazkirut agreed.
* Yitzchak Peleg and Nitzan R Feldman reported that Geva is facing a 52 million shekel law suit for withdrawing from the wind turbine agreement they signed. Yitzchak and Nitzan suggested that we support them morally and financially. They felt we should meet with Geva and together think what can be done and help them get legal advice using the money we have for “environmental struggles”.

1. Closing of Patios

The idea of closing patios is not to add an extra room to a house but to keep the patio and close it with aluminum supports, glass or wire netting.

Some patios have built-in foundations and others have not so the closing of patios is not the same for all houses and all neighborhoods.

After an extensive report on the situation and discussion, it was decided that a committee will be formed that will prepare a complete proposal on the subject of closing patios to the Mazkirut based on data from the field and recommendations from the Planning Committee.

1. Meeting with the Regional Council

On 9.11.2021 there will be a meeting at Yizre’el with the Regional Council where issues relating to us and the council will be raised and discussed. They include: the building of the Music School, footpaths, support in the fight against the wind turbines, fixing up the entrance to the kibbutz, the length of time taken to receive building permits and more. Suggestions of additional topics to be raised, can be forwarded to the Mazkirut.

THE NEW BARMITZVAH GROUP “ELAH”

The group has met and discussed the aims and the program of their year of activities. At a seminar they launched the new program.

Their leaders are: Rinat Chikorel, Yoni Brauman and Tzafnat Mor

The group: Oren Beutler, Amitai Karat, Goni Lipshitz, Talia Gilad, Yonatan Baum, Yotam Darom, Yael Shechter, Ido Sharoni, Kama Dolinko, Tamar Granot.

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| ***WANTED***  ***“JEZABEL PRODUCTIONS” – Yizre’el Film and Documentation Team***  ***Purpose: To document kibbutz events, collect and preserving filmed material to be used in the future for different purposes.***  ***We are looking for people with photography running in their veins who will be happy to take part in this new branch on the kibbutz.***  ***You do not need experience or prior knowledge of the subject, professional***  ***training will be given while on the team.*** |

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| ***THE LIGHTING AND AMPLIFICATION TEAM***  ***WANT PEOPLE TO JOIN THE TEAM***  ***Come and be part of a young, vibrant team at full volume.***  ***Part of the duty roster will be counted as duty with the team.***  ***The request is for those of all ages and both sexes.***  ***For additional information contact Tal – 052-3754326 or***  ***Anan – 052-6309633.*** |

**THE CLOWN AMBULANCE**

This beautiful project was formed by two medical clowns who want to fulfill the dreams of children who are hospitalized for a length of time in hospitals all over Israel.

The clowns have contact with the children and their families while they are hospitalized and go out with them to make wishes come true.

This is a touching experience. One girl at the Emek hospital wished to go to Gan Garoo. They took her there where she was given a private tour and afterwards a birthday picnic.

A crowdfunding campaign has been opened and you are asked to open this link to contribute.

<https://www.jgive.com/new/he/ils/donation-targets/60723>

**A REQUEST TO RE-DISCUSS THE MODEL FOR THE NEW HOUSING**

Yishai Levi and Ofri Ziv argue that the proceedings prior to the vote on the model for the new housing in the northern neighborhood were not valid. There was no opportunity to meet with the architects for explanations, not enough time to examine the plans and discuss issues before the vote.

The request was brought to the Mazkirut and it was rejected. Once more, the request stands for a review of the subject.

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| ***AN INVITATION BY THE SENIORS’ COMMITTEE***  ***TO AN EVENING WITH***  ***AMAD DALAL***  *Amad Dalal is an international oud player, an excellent lecturer at the Tzfat College, singer and conductor of orchestras.*  *He has performed in Israel and abroad since he was 13 and has won many prizes for his performances.*  *In a one hour workshop, Amad will explain and demonstrate Arab music and will encourage audience participation.*  ***SUNDAY 24.10.21in the moadon***  ***18:00 Supper***  ***18:45 Meeting with the artist.*** |

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| ***KIBBUTZ TRIP TO THE DESERT***  ***FRIDAY – SATURDAY***  ***19-20/11/2021***  ***The trip is for the Young Generation upwards*** |

**English is Fun - with Rahel**

CORONA BLUES

I'M NOT ADDING THIS YEAR TO MY AGE, I DIDN'T USE IT!

I would never have believed that a few weeks of uncut hair would weigh 20 pounds because that is what the scale says.

Masks are apparently the new bra – they're uncomfortable, you only wear them in public, and when you don't wear one everyone notices.

Husband and I went grocery shopping with masks, got home, took off masks, brought home the wrong husband! Stay alert people!!

All my passwords are protected by amnesia.

Q. There's a gap in your resume…What were you doing in 2020?

A. Washing my hands.

Nine months past Corona.

Q. Who's the father?

A. Don't know. He wore a mask.

I'm at the age where my mind still thinks I'm 29, my humour suggests I'm 12, while my body mostly keeps asking if I'm sure I'm not dead yet.

I find, these days that most of my conversations start out with: Did I tell this already? Or What was I going to say?

I really think tossing and turning at night should be counted as exercise.

You know it's a cold day when your teeth start chattering and they're still on the nightstand.

I see people around my age mounting climbing. I feel good getting my leg through my underwear without losing balance.

You know you're getting old when a recliner and a heating pad is your idea of a hot date.

The adult version is "head, shoulders, knees and toes" is "wallet, glasses, keys and phone."

Having some states lock down and some states not lock down, is like having a peeing section in a swimming pool.

**..................more next week**