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Kibbutz Yizrael

Edi-torial: All we can do is hope for the best and make our voices heard.

May the hostages be released **NOW!!!!**

Reut's Editorial: Many "thank yous" in this week's newsletter. The Festival of Lights has illuminated our hearts and made us aware of the good things we have. My gratitude this week goes to the Hanukkah team for a rich and enlightening holiday, and especially for the interesting meeting with the artist Ze'ev Engelmair. Until now, I had a feeling of reluctance regarding "Shushka." However, when he shared how "Shushka" is mobilising to work for unity in Israel, it was impossible not to like her. In addition to Shushka's adventures, the artist spoke about the paintings he has been creating since October 7th. Amid the great sorrow, uncertainty, anger, and the endless wait for the return of the abducted, his paintings, some of which have turned into postcards and sold at the hostages' support booths, remind us of how important each small light is, together forming a great light. Let it be!

Asefa

On Monday, January 6, 2025

At 20:30

Agenda:

1 .Request for an additional candidacy period - Hadar and Tamir Lavi - **closed section for members only**

2 .Assignment of office bearers:

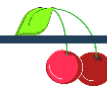
Members of the Identification Team - Yifat Assaf, Yaniv Shapira

Members of the Committee for Appointing Committees - Navot Assaf, Dotan Savir, Shelly Edelstein, Liran Penn, Albert Rosilio

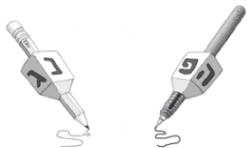
Cultural Coordinator - Tali Brauman

3 .Proposal from the Executive Committee for the profit distribution method for 2025-2027

Asefa Committee



Thank you and Blessings from the Hanukkah Team



Thank you for a holiday so rich and full of activities that required cooperation from and mobilisation of many in the community. The Holiday Committee would like to thank the numerous people who generously gave of their time and talents to make the holiday an overwhelming success, enjoyed by one and all.

We had a full and rich holiday, with beautiful and moving moments. I hope we continue to spread light, especially when it is so dark.

I hope this will be the last holiday that the hostages are still not home.

The holiday team - Tali Brauman, Shelly Edelstein, David Beutler, Ilana Peleg, Rotem (Lauden) and Yarin Rosilio, Sarit Laviv, Dagan Meir, Eli Friedman, Alma Brauman, Ariel Sadur, Reut Mor, Yifat Assaf. (For names and details please refer to the Hebrew edition-Ed).



“Thank You for Having Us” (1)



Dear Yizrael Community! We want to thank each and every one of you for welcoming us during this difficult time, when we had to leave our homes and communities, and suddenly found ourselves searching for a safe place for a short while, until the storm passes. Here on Yizrael, we found a warm corner and much more. You welcomed us, the displaced families, with warmth, love, care, acceptance, and attentive listening to all our needs.

You made us feel at home, part of your community. We met you daily, on the paths of the kibbutz, in the dining hall, at the laundry, in the kolbo, in the moadon, at the music school, in the education system, in Or B’Givah, and throughout the kibbutz. You always inquired about our well-being, offered help and support, all with a smile and generosity.

The first holiday we celebrated here was Hanukkah, and now Hanukkah has come again, and we are still here, with our faces turned toward home.

We are facing a challenging period, where we will need to rebuild our lives, our homes, and our communities in the north. This, of course, is accompanied by great sorrow and concern for the hostages who have not yet returned home, and for our soldiers on all fronts. As long as they do not return home safely, joy and calm will not be complete.

So, a big thank you from the bottom of our hearts to each and every one of you.

A special thank you to the amazing Keren Kagan and Eyal Tirosh, who were here for us, available, attentive, and sensitive 24/7. Your dedication, care, concern, and humanity are not taken for granted and evoke appreciation and gratitude from the depths of our hearts.

This period in Kibbutz Yizrael will remain etched in our hearts, as a significant experience, forever.

With appreciation and gratitude,

Hagit, Ran, Maya, Roni, and Ariel Hajaj - Matzuba

Gali, Avi, Joey, and Blue Sharon - Liman

Hava and Iris Hajaj - Liman"

 **“Thank You for Having Us” (2)** 

Dear Members,

It has been a year and three months since we moved to live in Yizrael, due to the tumultuous circumstances. Now is the time to return to our home in Gesher HaZiv. We want to thank you for opening your home and your hearts and welcoming us with open arms.

You are a wonderful community and wonderful people. The spirit of mutual aid within the kibbutz has always been emphasised, and now it has also been revealed between the kibbutzim. A special thank you to Keren Kagan and Eyal Tirosh for the connection and assistance from day one.

Finally, a special thank you to two families who have become like family to us – Nitzan and Jules Feldman, and Mali and Yossi Ba'avur

If you are in the Gesher HaZiv area, you are welcome to visit. Wishing you success on your continued journey.

Yours Sincerely, **The Duvdevani Family**



 **Thank you to the Knitting Grandmothers.** 



In the last few Saturdays, a booth has been set up in Tel Yizrael and at the rugby field (sometimes in both places and sometimes in one, due to a lack of manpower) for selling items for the Hostages Headquarters. The sales are conducted via Bit or Paybox, and the money goes directly to the Hostages Headquarters. Several members and youth have volunteered on these Saturdays, and thanks to this volunteering, several thousand shekels have already been transferred to the Hostages Headquarters!



We reached out to Galia Shemi to ask if they could knit for the Yizrael booth, and they quickly prepared items to be sold at the booth. A big thank you to the knitters who are knitting for the soldiers and have also prepared items for the Hostages Headquarters booth. We would be happy to have more women and men to fill shifts at the booth on Saturdays! **Tal Darom, Tamar Sankar, Reut Shalev.**

A New Leaf on the Groups Tree



At the beginning of the week, during an emotional ceremony attended by the parents, the first-grade children, the Coconut Group hung the leaf with the group's name on the group tree.

Dear Coconuts - Ziv, Mila, Ofri, Peleg, and Rafael.

We have been together for four months, during which we have gotten to know you and been impressed by how special and wonderful you are. What a joy it is that we have reached this special moment. Today it's your turn to hang the leaf on the group tree, on which is engraved the name you chose together and will accompany you along the way.

You are a small, happy, and unique group, and it's already time for you to leave your mark in the kibbutz. We wish you to always be rooted and strong, to know where you belong, and to be surrounded by loving friends.

Good luck,

With lots of love,

The Madrichim (leaders) of the Tlaton.

End of Year, Clearance Sale!

Kapro Products - Large Discounts

Monday 6.1.25 - 17:30 – 19:30

In the Moadon

There will be an information station and demonstrations of Kapro products plus activities for children



Community Management Meeting Summary - December 22, 2024

Participants: Ilana Peleg, Erez Peleg, Talia Arad, Yifat Segal, Ishai Levy, Kinneret Govrin, Maor Persai, Shlomo Levy, Tamir Blass, Limor Griman.

1. Presentation of the Audit Report on Planning and Infrastructure.

Invited: Uri Greenberg - Internal Auditor; Reut Shaliv, Axel Levin

The audit report, prepared during 2024, reviews the work of the Planning Committee and the management of infrastructure in the kibbutz – water, sewage, electricity, and communication. Key comments included:

- Planning: Need to integrate the planning and land areas of the entire kibbutz under the Planning Committee.

- Infrastructure: The kibbutz water network must operate according to water authority regulations.

- Energy Control: The system is outdated and does not provide consumers with the necessary information. It is recommended to invest in upgrading the electricity metering system. **Decision:** The community management accepted the report, which will be presented at the asefa.

2. Presentation of Work Plan and Budget for the Computer and Communication Sector for 2025

Maor presented the branch's structure, activities, and goals for 2025. The budget structure was also presented, including charging members for the work hours of computer and communication technicians when servicing private equipment, as is done in other service sectors (building, electricity, landscaping).

It was stated that the organisational structure and roles of the communication sector are not clear enough to the public, as well as the process for requesting services. There is room for clarity and accessibility of information.

Decision: To implement a charge of 35 NIS per hour for technician work from the communication sector when servicing members' private equipment.

(Vote: For - 6, Against - 3, Abstentions - 1)

3. Water Budget for Members' Gardens

Following a previous decision for the Yizrael kibbutz water system to operate according to water authority regulations, work was conducted to examine water expenses for irrigating private gardens, aiming to provide members with an adequate water budget for maintaining their gardens.

Criteria for defining large gardens were presented, and it was recommended to increase the budget for owners of large gardens.

Erez noted a discrepancy between actual water consumption and the amount allocated to members; for example, in 2023, members were allocated 3,000 cubic meters more than was actually consumed.

Erez proposed a new water budgeting approach with two main points:

a. Members will be credited for water consumption based on meter readings up to a recognised allocation limit. Members who consume beyond the allocation will be charged for the excess, as is currently done. Members consuming less than the allocation will only be credited based on actual consumption.

b. Owners of gardens classified as large will receive an additional 5 cubic meters each month during irrigation months.

It was said that the criteria for defining a large garden should be defined more precisely. A recommendation was made to conduct a one-year pilot, followed by an evaluation of the implications of the change.

Decision: The community management approves the proposal (after refining the criteria for large gardens) and recommends that the asefa approve it.

(Vote: For - 10, Against - 0, Abstentions - 0)

4. Utilization of Work Bonus Funds for 2024

At the end of 2023, approximately 400,000 NIS of the work bonus remained unused. After the 2024 work bonus was added and after deducting war-related expenses, 749,000 NIS remains.

A proposal was presented to reserve 49,000 NIS for unforeseen security expenses, and to use the remaining amount to cover community (kibbutz) or personal (members' bonuses) deficits.

During the discussion:

- Should the decision not be sent back to the social project team to explore ideas for funding social projects?

- It does not feel right to use this money to cover a deficit.

- This money could be added to the profit-sharing key and increase amounts across all criteria based on the proposed distribution.

- Given the community's economic situation, it is not appropriate to distribute another bonus to members.

- The current economic state is reflected in members' personal budgets.

- It is not the time to initiate and fund more community projects while trying to reduce living costs, both in the community and for individuals.

- It would be wise to reserve the money for emergencies.

At the end of the discussion, it was agreed to reserve 149,000 NIS for unforeseen security expenses.

Regarding the remaining amount of 600,000 NIS, three alternatives were agreed upon for voting:

a. Transferring the amount to the decision of the social project team.

b. Dividing the amount between bonuses for members and covering the community budget deficit.

c. Adding the amount to the profit-sharing formula for 2025.

A vote was held: For alternative A - 2, For alternative B - 6, For alternative C - 2.

Decision: The community management will recommend to the asefa to reserve 149,000 NIS from the 2024 work bonus for unforeseen security expenses and to divide the remaining amount (600,000 NIS) between covering the community budget deficit and bonuses for members.

5. Vehicle Procedure - Due to the hour, the topic was postponed to the next meeting.

Summarised by: Limor Griman.

Notice
Community Management Meeting
On Sunday, January 5, 2025

At 17:30

Agenda:

- 1. Community management goals for the year 2025**



From Erez's Desk

2025 has arrived! This week we bid farewell to 2024, which will be remembered as one of the toughest years in the history of the State of Israel. We hope that in 2025, significant changes will occur in many areas, and we will begin to return to a more rational path.

The community management is preparing to deal with increasing costs against a background of certain stagnation in income. (To put it mildly – Ed) Next week, an asefa will be held to discuss the profit-sharing key. The profit-sharing key has a critical impact on the community budget and our ability to continue operating the various services in the kibbutz. Once decisions are made regarding the "KEY," we will know how to proceed with the community budget planning. I believe we will be able to present the community plan for approval by the end of January.

Renovation of the Sports Hall Building

Following the vacating of the sports hall building by Maytronics, we carried out minor preparatory work inside the building, which will allow for the operation of offices serving the community. The renovation work has been completed and the offices are now being occupied.

The functions moving to the renovated building were previously located in various buildings around the kibbutz due, to a shortage of suitable places. Receiving the sports hall building allows us to consolidate the offices in a designated and appropriate structure and free up the other buildings for their original purposes. The sports hall

building also includes an open space with workstations for those in need of a workspace outside the home. There is also a meeting room and conference room.

In the near future, it will be possible to book the meeting room and conference room through Kehilanet. At this stage, those interested applying for a workstation, or using the meeting and conference rooms, are invited to contact **Hedva Shaharabani**.



Clarification on Insurance: In general, kibbutz members and their property are insured by the kibbutz; however, there are cases mentioned in the new kibbutz regulations (Takanon) that are important to highlight: "The members shall insure themselves with any appropriate insurance that covers damages that may occur to them or their dependents due to travel abroad, extreme sports, private vehicles, and the like." This means that the member has a responsibility to insure themselves in matters that are not kibbutz-related. If questions arise regarding the need for specific insurance, one can contact the insurance officer on the kibbutz – Shai Wittelson.

Cats in the Kitchen and Dining Area



There are several cats that have become accustomed to receiving food in the dining area and kitchen. Unfortunately, despite repeated warnings and the request not to feed cats in the centre of the kibbutz, there are still those who continue to feed the cats in these areas, including children as well as adults. **Please note** that there have already been two incidents of children being

scratched by cats in the rock garden area, and they required medical treatment. Additionally, the presence of cats in the dining area and kitchen poses a health hazard.

Feeding cats in the centre of the kibbutz is not allowed, even if they are very cute.

Cats can be fed in more distant areas, allowing for their care while avoiding causing a nuisance in the kibbutz centre.

Cooperation is required from everyone, including children.



Around the kibbutz

- * The construction of the Duvdevan children's house mamad is nearing completion.
- * The final touches in the new housing complex for the young generation are progressing at a satisfactory pace and are expected to be completed by the end of March 2025.
- * Preparation of the two apartments in the Zahat building is nearing completion and occupancy.
- * **Construction in the northern neighbourhood are progressing rapidly.**

That's all for now, Erez Peleg.



The Northern Neighbourhood

H.R. Update re the Changing of the Guard Culture Coordinator

We would like to inform the public about the schedule for the transition of the Cultural Coordinator. Tali Brauman will conclude her work in the informal education system at the end of August 2025, after which she will combine her studies in "Art Therapy" with the role of Cultural Coordinator. The ballot for selecting the new Cultural Coordinator will take place in August 2025.

During the period between Tal Darom's departure and Tali Brauman's entry into the role, the coordination will be managed as follows: Tal Darom will help the holiday teams, and Yifat Segal, the coordinator of the Tapuach cluster, will assist with ongoing cultural activities and manage public inquiries.

Kinneret Govrin and Yifat Segal





From the Duty Roster, January 2025

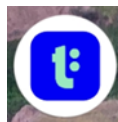


First and foremost, we would like to thank the 30 senior members aged 60-80 who volunteered to participate in cultural duties. In collaboration with Tal Darom, we created a slot for "Adapted Culture Duty." This duty does not require physical effort, which is why the veteran volunteers and several members were exempted from the duties. The Adapted Culture Duty began functioning during Hanukkah. Thank you to the many volunteers.

The new Kabbalat Shabbat and the new dishwashing machine have created new challenges that the duty officers must deal with. We would like to thank the Kabbalat Shabbat team, the food branch, and especially the team leaders on Fridays and the (heroic - Ed) dishwashers.

Niv Edelstein has been recruited to make improvements in the system. Thank you, Niv. We are already seeing results.

The logo of the Timetable app has changed on smartphones, and it now looks like this:



Your username and password are your mobile phone number.

In conclusion, we would like to remind you of key points from the duty procedure:

Who is obliged to perform roster duties (Toranut):

- Members up to the age of 65.
- Candidates about 3 months after their arrival at the kibbutz (even if still in orientation or acclimatisation).
- The Young generation living in the kibbutz.
- Youth starting from the beginning of the school year in 10th grade.

Those obligated to perform cultural duty:

- Members up to the age of 65, including those exempted from duties.
- Candidates about 3 months after their arrival at the kibbutz (even if still in orientation or acclimatization).
- Young generation living in the kibbutz.

- * Residents may volunteer for duty.
- * Members of retirement age may volunteer to continue performing duties.

Please Note:

- Duty swaps will be done independently.
- Update the duty coordinator after a swap.
- Provide advance notice for long vacations, reserve duty, or seasonal needs at the workplace.

Thank you to all the members, both young and old, who turn up for rostered duties and do so with a friendly demeanor. **Kinneret Govrin and Zohar Assaf**

Call for Applications for the Position of Social Education Manager

As we approach the end of Adi Ilan-Goldstein's second term, we are issuing a call for applications. Anyone interested in applying for the position is invited to contact Kinneret - Human Resources by January 16, 2025.

Position Description:

- The Social Education Manager is responsible for organizational and pedagogical oversight of the social education system, aimed at creating an optimal environment for children.
- The social education system operates during the school year after school hours, on Fridays, and during holidays throughout the day.

Job Scope: 80%-100%



Updates from the Tzemed Cluster

Absorption

Today, Friday, January 3, 2025, we are starting the personal interview phase for candidates for absorption into the kibbutz for the summer of 2026. Interviews will be conducted every Friday from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM, starting today and continue until February 21, 2025. A total of 14 couples will be interviewed. A big thank you to the interviewing team that volunteered for this important and demanding task!

* We are already beginning the first stage in the screening process for the summer 2027 absorption. During the months of January to March, we will conduct three Zoom meetings for all those interested in joining the kibbutz. In these calls, we will explain about the kibbutz and its communal lifestyle, the pre-absorption process, and there

will be an opportunity for questions from the interested parties. The dates of the calls are published on the kibbutz's website and on the website of the kibbutz movement.

* Recently, the committee completed its work on updating the absorption agreement. All candidates currently in the process, received the new agreement and were asked to sign it, along with the signature of the kibbutz secretary.

* In light of the new regulations coming into effect, an update was made to the integration procedure regarding the termination of the process. (See "Procedures on Kehilanet")

Housing

* Following the asefa's approval to use the additional apartment that was renovated in the Zachat moadon for internal needs, it was decided that the Kagan family, Keren & Doron, and their three children will move into this apartment, and they will be neighbours with Shimrit and Dagan Meir, and their three children. The renovation of the building is expected to be completed by the end of the month.

* **Avi Shani** will receive Judy Court's apartment and the small apartment adjacent to it as one permanent unit. The unification and renovation of the building will only take place upon receiving the budgetary approvals for the project.

Young Generation

* The change in the "employee" track in community sectors, approved by the community management last month, came into effect at the beginning of the new year. The hourly wage rates in the various sectors have been published to the young generation. The young generation procedure has been updated in accordance with this change. (See "Procedures" on Kehilanet)

Ishai Levy



From the Emergency Response Team

This time, we are happy and proud to tell you about an event held exclusively for the children of the Emergency Response Team.

On Saturday, December 21, 2024, an event took place for the children of the armed response team members. After more than a year of seeing and hearing their fathers going out for training, carrying weapons and combat gear, and generally maintaining a state of readiness, we felt the need to also honour the children for their support!

With the help of team members, a modest evening was organised, which included several "training" stations such as target shooting and candle extinguishing, with the

highlight being a real mobile police unit station, including trying on handcuffs, operating the siren, and entering the vehicle.

The children were given shirts with a custom logo made for them, and of course, we didn't miss out on some hotdogs! The evening concluded with the distribution of certificates of excellence to the young fighters, who were moved by the gesture.

Thanks to the organising team - Shlomo Cohen and Doron Kagan, to Eyal Tirosh for the cooking, to Brent Abramovich for bringing the mobile unit and accommodating all the children's requests, and to all members of the armed response team, their partners, and all the children!



Adi Laviv - On behalf of the Emergency Response Team.



Message from the Health Cluster



This week, **Tamar Sadur** started working in the Health and Welfare Cluster, one day a week. Tamar, a social worker by training, will assist in the Health and Welfare Cluster with rights advocacy, consultation, and guidance related to the welfare of individuals with special needs (members and children). Neta Blass will continue to coordinate the team, and there will be no change in the team's structure. Starting from February 1, 2025, Tamar will coordinate the consultation team in place of Dana Baum (who will continue to be part of the team).

Thank you to Dana Baum for the long period during which she coordinated the consultation team.

Best of luck to Tamar.

Talia Arad





Rotem Hillel - Touch in Emotion



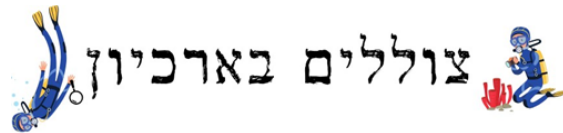
The year 2024 was a year that brought a lot of pain and trauma. In my work at the clinic and through volunteering, I met reservists, spouses of reservists, mothers of soldiers, women who were evacuated from their homes in the south and north, and many women who experienced stress and anxiety. We all, in a sense, lost the safe space we had before October 2023. The pain I encountered manifested emotionally or physically, and in most cases, it was both.

However, there were also happy moments filled with joy. Life is stronger than anything, and we continue despite the war and the hostages who should be home. I hold great hope that 2025 will bring significant change. Thanks to my studies in body psychotherapy, this year I continued to deepen my knowledge and understanding of the topic that interests me most—body-mind. How the mind affects the body and how the body affects the mind.

My aspiration in therapy is to connect individuals to their pains, bodily sensations, and rising emotions, with the aim of giving them space, time, and a safe environment. Through acknowledging them, movement, change, and hopefully healing become possible. I mainly accompany women of all ages in dealing with physical and mental changes related to our life experiences as women.

In my treatments, I combine touch with conversation and energetic tools like Bach flowers and healing. The treatment can be focused on recharging energy when needed or as a deep process for those wishing to create significant change. (The touch includes oil massage, deep tissue massage, medical massage, hot stone massage, massage combined with cupping, or a Thai massage integrated with Thai acupressure).

Starting in January, the prices of the treatments will be updated, as will the treatment durations. A regular treatment will now last one hour and fifteen minutes, and for those needing additional time, the treatment will continue for one and a half hours. I am here to offer you a safe space where you can connect with yourself, renew your strength, and undergo a significant process—at your own pace and in your own way. I would be happy to talk or meet. If there is someone in your circle whom I can help, I would love to connect. Rotem Hillel - Touch in Emotion 0523756348



Delving in the Archives

They were also in Yizrael.

In the photo...

**Brenda Smith along with Faye Dresner and Eve Morris.
You are invited to identify the children!"**

Yizrael, today, is a settlement with a very stable population, with members living, in many cases, in the same homes for forty or fifty years.

It wasn't always like this. In the 1950s, 60s, and 70s, there was a significant turnover, and only after many people leaving us in the 1980s did this blessed period of stability begin.

I guess that over 3,000 people have passed through Yizrael, not counting volunteers



and other temporary groups. This means that for every person currently on Yizrael, at least five more have left. It's a bit hard to remember them all. In the archives, I try to find the names of everyone who was here. The historical record from the beginning of the kibbutz until the 1980s was probably discarded a long time ago; there is a record that starts in the 1980s. From various sources, we have reached the names of people who were in Yizrael from 1948, and to date, we

have reached 2,300.

In the estate of Dorit Fink, I found songs she wrote in 1965 for the wedding of David and Brenda Milstein.

I found Brenda on Facebook, sent her the songs, and asked her to write memories from the time in Yizrael. This is how I discovered the story of the **Smith family**, a couple from Australia and their six children:

The eldest daughter, Helen, arrived with her partner Moishe Gold on Yizrael in 1958 with the Ginnegar group. Here, their three children, Eran, Eilat, and Galya, were born.

In 1962, their second daughter, Rita, arrived with her partner Eddie Kovner, born in Harbin, China, who grew up in Australia, and their eldest son was born on Ylzrael. In 1964, their parents Albert and Beatrice (Betty) sent Brenda, then 16, Dan, then 18, and Ben, then 12, to join their sisters in the kibbutz. A few months later, they also arrived on Ylzrael. Last to arrive, that same year, was their son Philip, who stayed for a short time. He met Rachel here, a soldier who was then on the kibbutz; he left with her and later they got married.

Albert was 51 and Betty was 50, very unusual in a settlement where the oldest members were 35. It can be assumed that it was not easy for an older Australian couple to adapt to the harsh conditions of those days, and it was also difficult for the young kibbutzniks, who saw them as very old.

In 1965, Brenda married David Milstein, born in South Africa, a member of the Alon garin. She was 17, perhaps the youngest bride in the history of Ylzrael. Their son Ilan was born on Ylzrael. Steve Blass recounts about David: "As a student in Pretoria, he lived in the student dormitories. The students marked his door and the way to his room with swastikas."

Helen and Moishe Gold left to live on Moshav Regba. When I (Jules) was on Machon on Yizrael in 1967, Albert and Betty and four of their sons were still here.

Rita and Eddie Kovner left for Jerusalem. Brenda and David Milstein returned to Australia and live near Brisbane. After their children left, Albert and Betty also had to leave and moved to Jerusalem, where Albert passed away in 1973.

A family story. Were their dreams shattered here?

I went to ask several of the older members what they remember. They barely remember the Smith family. I couldn't find anyone who remembers the names of the parents or how many sons they had. This raises reflections - how many years do you need to be on Yizrael for people to remember you? In the end, is our fate to be forgotten?

Jules Feldman



Albert and Betty Smith with their son Dan.



Schnitzel Borscht - Hanukkah 2024

Last Friday, the moadon was filled with a wide array of participants of all ages for an exciting game of Schnitzel Borscht, which has become one of the Hanukkah traditions **(and this is the opportunity to thank Miriam Davidson for her efforts over many years).**

11 teams participated in the game, and after a thrilling match, the top three places were awarded:

1st place - Zahat

2nd place - Segal Empire

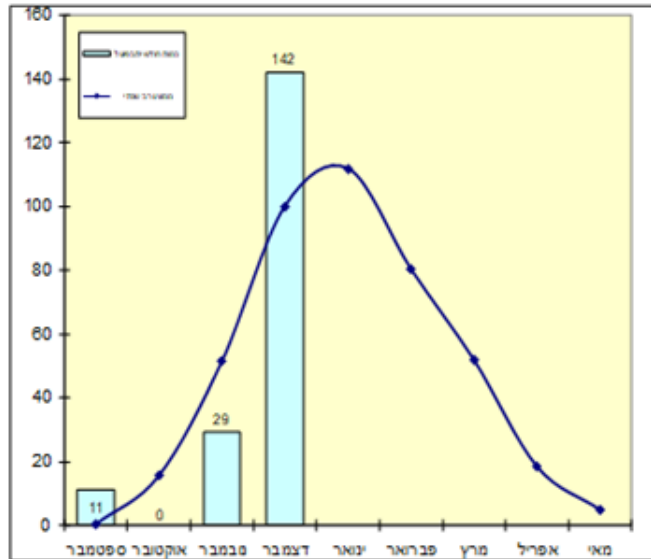
3rd place – “Habbi” (חב"י)

2/1/2025

נתוני גשם חורף 2024 - 2025

ב- 24 השעות האחרונות (עד 08:00) ירדו -	9 מ"מ
ב-7 ימים האחרונים ירדו	126 מ"מ

מתחילת חודש דצמבר 2024 ירדו -	142 מ"מ
מתחילת עונת 2024-2025 ירדו -	178 מ"מ
ממוצע רב שנתי - עד היום	167 מ"מ
שינוי מול ממוצע רב שנתי - עד היום	+7%



מאי	אפריל	מרץ	פברואר	ינואר	דצמבר	נובמבר	אוקטובר	ספטמבר	סה"כ לחודש
5	18	52	80	112	100	51	18	0.38	11



Rainfall Winter 2024-2025

Multi-year average to date: **178 mm**

As compared to the multi-year average to date: **167mm**

Rainfall Table

Month	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	Apr	May
Total	11	0	29	142					
Average	0.38	16	51	100	112	80	51	18	5

Ohad Ziv



Thinking Changes Reality

2025 Will Be Good To Us!

New Year Party with D.J. Itai Dor

Friday 3.1.2025

In "THE PUB"

From Young Generation upwards



Programme for 05/01/25– 09/01/25

Daily 08:30 – 12:00 – coffee, cake, chats, board games

Sunday 05 January

09:10 Zoom from Dorot B'Gilboa – Around the World – Jordan and Saudi Arabia

17:00 Mandela drawing with Shlomit Fink. Arrange participation directly with Shlomit

Monday 06 January

08:00 Pedicure – Limor Mualem – by appointment only

09:00 Sweet from the oven with Monica and Noa

10:00 Farewell to Hava Hajaj – hot soup and nibbles

10:30 Brain Games with Galia

18:45 Music appreciation with Stas Gavrillov

Tuesday 07 January

09:00 Round table discussion with Inbal Adler – lighting the 7th candle

10:00 Movie screening – with Galia

17:00 Woodworking with Noga Harpaz – “HaNogariah”

Wednesday 08 January

09:30 The story behind the songs

17:00 Woodworking with Noga Harpaz – “HaNogariah”

Thursday 09 January

09:30 “Flora”

09:30 Woodworking with Noga Harpaz – “HaNogariah”

10:00 A visit from the children of Ganon Rimon

17:15 Exercises on chairs with Michal Sha'anani

18:00 Veterans Gathering

English is Fun - with Rahel

AN AMAZING SENTENCE IN ENGLISH:

"I do not know where family doctors acquired illegibly perplexing handrwriting, nevertheless, extraordinary pharmacuetical intellectuality counterbalancing indecipherability, transcendentalizes intercommunications' incomprehensibleness?"

Reason: This is the sentence where the first word is one letter long, the second word is two letters; the third word is three letters long...the eighth word is eight letters long, and so on...the twentieth word is twenty letters long!

THE TEN PRONOUNCIATIONS OF - OUGH

I **thought** it would
be **rough**
to **plough**
through the
slough (slew)
though it was falling
into the **lough** that
left me **thoroughly**
coughing and
hiccouging.

Another sentence containing the OUGH words:

"A rough-coated, dough-faced ploughman strode through the streets of Scarborough, coughing and hiccouging thoughtfully."

FIVE ODDITIES OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE

- The two longest words containing only one of the six vowels (including Y) are the 15-letter defenselessness and respectlessness.

- "Forty" is the only number which has its letters in alphabetical order. "One" is the only number with its letters in reverse alphabetical order.
- Bookkeeper is the only word that has three consecutive doubled letters.
- Despite the assertions of a well-known puzzle, modern English does not have three common words ending in -gry. Angry and hungry are the only ones.
- Number one - nine hundred and ninety-nine - you can't find the letter A. (one thousand!)

IT MAKES ME REALLY UNCOMFORTABLE THAT THE WORD AUSTRALIA CONTAINS THREE A'S AND ALL OF THEM ARE PRONOUNCED DIFFERENTLY.

The word ANANAS is in Arabic, Armenian, Danish, Dutch, Esperanto, Finnish, French, German, Georgian, Greek, Hebrew, Hindi, Hungarian, Icelandic, Italian, Latin, Macedonian, Norwegian, Persian, Polish, Romanian, Russian, Swedish and Turkish....BUT in English it is PINEAPPLE.

.....more next week

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