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Kibbutz Yizrael

Reut's Edi-torial: A week of waiting and anticipation, some may say, has frayed our nerves. Along with following the Olympics in Paris (some more than others), August is already here, in its full intensity, and the hostages are still there. Chag Hameshek, Yizrael's 76th Anniversary, will be marked at the end of this weekend, with our traditional pool party. This year there will be stalls where evacuees can market their ware

s.... (Let us hope the security situation will enable us to celebrate – Edi-tor)

A word from Edi-tor. This past week, as part of the anniversary activities, many members participated in a number of ongoing projects for the welfare of those affected by the war. Well done, Yizrael.



Celebrating the Life of Bernice Kaplan - 5.8.24



Speech by Adele Kaplan at Bernice's Memorial

What a long year this has been! A year in which our country has had to face enormous and difficult challenges and a year in which we, as a family, have tried to come to terms with the loss, and the void left by the passing of our beloved Bernice.

Bernic, a real lady who carried herself so gracefully – like a dancer. Bernice who welcomed everyone with graciousness and kindness. She exuded an aura of composure, which always made us feel that she would be a 'calm port in a storm'.

Bernice had an enquiring mind. She enjoyed learning and books. She taught English and was loved by her students. But above all – she was devoted to family – and had so much nachat from the gorgeous grandchildren.

I know that I speak on behalf of Milton, Charles, Rahleen, Laurence and myself when I say that we, as a family, owe a debt of gratitude to Bernice for the uncomplaining devotion with which she cared for Boris and Bella in later life – when they both depended on her for so much.

Watching how Milton, Cigal, Yonatan and Einav, Nimrod and Efrat and their families have conducted themselves this past year has been a real eyeopener for us. In Proverbs it says 'Eshet chen titmoch kavod – a woman of grace sustains honour'. You have indeed honoured your wife and mother in the way you have been 100 percent there for one another at all times – a very close and special family.

Bernice would be so proud of you all – and I know she would want you to live the best lives possible.

Dearest Bernice – we will never forget you!

Yehi Zichrona Baruch May her memory be blessed

Yonatan Kaplan

Thank you all for joining us today to remember Bernice Kaplan, our beloved mum.

A year has passed and it's hard to come to terms with it.

How do you come to terms with losing such a strong, vibrant, gentle, and kind woman? Such a big part of all of our lives.

I'm not going to lie. It's not easy not seeing you when we walk into the house. Not to celebrate chagim and smachot together. Not to give you a call to tell you about our fantastic vacation we had in Europe and to go into details about the all the sites we saw and for you to reminisce about your experiences in the same places.

We celebrated Passover eve in Tuscany, a place you always wanted to visit. It was as if your neshama was hovering around us and joining the celebrations, making sure everything was perfect.

Everything you did was just perfect, you always looked perfect.

Mum, I'm sorry that I didn't say that I love you often enough but my love for you was without boundaries.

I will cherish our moments together, forever.

Your legacy lives on in us. We carry your love, your wisdom, and your spirit with us every day. Thank you for everything, Mum.

Cigal Kaplan

If only heaven had a phone line.

When I was a little girl, I remember waking up during the night and finding you sitting at the square dining table writing letters to your mum.

Each time we went to the Kolbo or to the dining room, I remember you always checking the post box for letters from your mum.

It was something that you always did.

Something that we always did too... checking for letters from Savta Annie.

We used to talk.

I always called you every morning after dropping the girls at school.

I always called while in the car on my way to a business meeting.

We used to talk about girls all the time.

We just used to talk.

We haven't spoken about the girls this past year.

Mum, so much has happened this year.

Annabelle has moved two schools.

Sienna has moved three schools.

We have moved homes,

We have moved countries

We have moved.

You have moved away from us.

If only heaven had a phone line, I would tell you ...

Life is sad.

We are all sad.

The world is sad

It was your birthday yesterday.

We ate toasted cheese sandwiches.

No flowers, no balloons, no l'chaim

I just wish heaven had a phone line.

Annabelle and Sienna

Savta,

<u>Together</u>: Everyone in the family has a specialty

Sienna: Yoni is good at booking holidays

Annabelle: Einavi is good at running

Sienna: Alona is good at tutoring

Annabelle: Michael is good at basketball

Sienna: Ariella is good at reading

Annabelle: Nimi is good at cooking

Sienna: Efrati is good at looking after the little kids

Annabelle: Teo is good at Krav Maga

Sienna: Keano, is good at being cute

Annabelle: Mum is good at making everything look pretty

Sienna: Annabelle is good at singing

Annabelle: Sienna is good at making us laugh

Sienna: Saba is good at playing in the pool with the grandchildren

Together: And Savta, you were good at everything!

Love from Annabelle and Sienna

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Congratulations to Yifat and Moshe Mizrahi

on the birth of their granddaughter,

a daughter for Eden and Ron.

Congratulations to the entire Mizrahi family, and to Ron's family.

Wishing you an abundance of joy, light, health, and lots and lots of love.

Updates from the Young Generation Committee

Always proud of our girls! Stav **Mashali and Inbal Mizrahi** have been released from regular military service and have returned to civilian life! We are very proud of them!

Warm congratulations to Yoav Reuven on his enlistment in the Artillery Corps.

May it be a good and meaningful service!

And once again, we say to all the soldiers in regular and reserve duty, we rely on you! Thanks to you, we are here!

Very proud of everyone. Looking forward to seeing everyone at home on the paths!

Monica Brustein

Gift for Rosh Hashana

For the community / maintenance / agriculture

As we approach Rosh Hashanah 2024, we are getting organised. This year, we will be giving both gift vouchers which can be used in various shopping chains for you to choose from.

Those who preferred to receive credit in their allowance and wish to do so again this time - do not need to inform us, they are already on the list.

Please inform us by 15/8/2024, only if you wish to change your selection from the previous time.

Soon, a link will be sent in an SMS message from the gift site.

For any questions or concerns - feel free to contact us, and we will be happy to assist.

Kinneret and Hedva.

Economic Council

On Monday, 12/08/2024

At 20:30

Agenda

- 1. Summary of the past six months in the community
- 2. Ad Hoc Committee summary examining ways to increase livelihood

Thank You's

<u>Thank you, no. 1</u>: Adi Goldstein Ilan would like to thank all those of us that have volunteered to do activities with our children and those of us who are working with the children in the various branches.

Thank you, no. 2: Thank you to Benny Segal

Finally, I completed my surprise, to perform a magic show in Gan Alon and Gan Rimon. Hopefully soon also in the kindergarten, and Grades 1-3.

I want to thank Benny for helping me cut out the cardboard circles, which I collected daily from the dining room, in order to give each child (who is also a magician) a magic gift to amaze their parents.

Lulu (Aryeh) Cohen

<u>Thank you, no. 3:</u> Regiment commander Ilana Groisman of regiment 858 would like to thank all those involved in hosting them. (You can look for your names in the Hebrew Newsletter – Ed)

<u>Thank you, no. 4:</u> "End of the holidays" is just a moment away. We are hard at work preparing for the next school year.

This year, Adi, our stunning and charming assistant who worked with us, decided, together with her commune friends, to leave a significant memory with the community of Yizrael, children and parents

We welcome the colourful bus that has been added to the Gravel Garden... It was enthusiastically received.

Thank you to Adi and all her lovely friends from the service year!! We love you all!



Update from the Horticulture Branch

Hello everyone,

We finished planting a new olive grove a month ago. The plantation is located below the Sadot neighbourhood and can be seen from there. 80 dunams were planted, and 80 are planned for 2025.

The main variety in the plantation is Koroneiki, known for its high-quality oil. Other varieties include Arbequina, known for relatively good quality and a more delicate taste, and Ascolano, a variety developed in the country, distinguished by high yields and medium to high quality. All varieties in the plantation are suitable for mechanical harvesting (a harvester that picks both grapes and olives) using the espalier method. The entire planting was done by the branch without the help of contractors or external labour, and the team deserves all the credit for that. (Kudos – Ed) Please feel free to reach out to any of the branch workers and managers with questions about the work being done in our fields. Your interest is important to us! See you in the fields.

Written by: Ohad Ziv, Report for the newsletter: Jeremy Perling



Community Management Meeting Summary - August 4, 2024

Present: Erez Peleg, Maor Persai, Kinneret Govrin, Talia Arad, Yifat Segal, Ilana Peleg, Shlomo Levi, Tamir Blass, Limor Griman.

1. Compensation for IDF Widows (Invited - Uri Gilad)

The absorption committee brought up the topic for discussion following a question raised by one of the families interested in the absorption process to the kibbutz. Uri presented the topic and the information gathered so far. A brief and non-comprehensive survey was conducted in collective kibbutzim, but no clear consensus was found.

Various opinions were expressed in the discussion regarding the specific case and the subject in general.

Decision: A working team will be established, including Uri Gilad, Erez Peleg, and Talia Arad, who will draft a comprehensive and principled proposal for community management - the team will bring relevant legal and other opinions and examine all issues on the subject.

2. Gate Access Policy in the Kibbutz (Guests - Eddie Solow, Rochelle Matalon)

The discussion was about two gates that were recently replaced by electric gates by the Agriculture Branch - the gate, north of the Horticulture branch offices) and the gate near the rugby field. The proposed policy for the north gate is to allow pedestrian access through the Pedestrian gate using the PAL system, and to restrict the use of both the moving gates to agricultural vehicles only.

Erez presented the considerations for determining this policy:

- From a security perspective, we prefer to reduce the number of entries to the kibbutz to the absolute minimum. Opening the electric gate may lead to a situation where additional vehicles enter after the member who opened the gate.
- In the kibbutz's master plan, there is no connection to Highway 60 (the road to Afula), so there should not be vehicle exits from the western side of the kibbutz to this road. The only thing legally allowed is the passage of agricultural vehicles across the road towards the fields and not integration into the road.

Eddie and Rochele came to request that all kibbutz members be allowed to open the electric gates and pass through with vehicles. The arguments they presented were:

- All gates belong to the kibbutz, and everyone should have the right to pass through them without differentiation between members.
- Opening the rugby gate for the passage of all members' vehicles can reduce the number of vehicles crossing the kibbutz.
- Opening this gate will contribute to the well-being of the members and save time and money.

In the discussion, the following points were made:

- If it is decided that only agricultural vehicles will be allowed to use these gates, all non-agricultural permissions should be revoked, and proper and appropriate use of permissions should be ensured.
- The road exiting the rugby gate is a dirt road. If it is opened to everyone, the increase in vehicles passing through it will cause an increase in dust, which already greatly disturbs the residents of the western neighbourhoods. Many efforts have been made in the past to reduce the dust problem in these neighbourhoods, and we do not wish to regress and recreate the issue.
- We are in a period where security considerations should be given significant weight, and actions should be taken to enhance our security.
- The issue stands between the comfort of the members and security, safety, and health considerations.

Decision: The community management approves the proposal for the gate access policy for the two gates so that the use of the gates will be only for agricultural vehicles (In favour - 6, Against - 0, Abstentions - 2).

Kinneret Govrin and Limor Griman.

Update from HR

Update on the Recruitment Team

The recruitment team has been working under great pressure this past year.

This year, we handled appointments for a community manager, finance manager, board chairman, directors for subsidiary companies in holdings, and a kibbutz secretary. Currently, the following positions are on the agenda: Yizrael Holdings manager, agriculture chairman and directorate, coordinator of allocation committee and committees, and education chairman.

We strive to dedicate the appropriate time to each process in order to examine things thoroughly and thoughtfully. In these processes, we meet with candidates several times. We meet with role partners, interfaces, friends, and sometimes send candidates for various assessments (Psychometric testing – Ed).

Clarification regarding the choice of Holdings manager: Arik Shor, managing director of Yizrael Holdings, sits on the recruitment team dealing with this issue, as one of the key tasks of the Holdings chairman, included in his role description, is to appoint the holdings manager. It should be noted that Arik Shor views this as an important and central task.

Recruitment team: Hila Alterlevi, Irit Shemesh, Amir Darom, and Kinneret Govrin.

(According to last week's Alon, Peter Pezaro was also conscripted to the team – Ed)

Summary of the HR Management Meeting - July 14, 2024

Participants: Noa Armoza, Peter Pezaro, Eddie Solow, Shlomo Cohen, Irit Shemesh, Nir Segal, Rotem Agmon, Erez Peleg, and Kinneret Govrin.

1. Rotation in the Recruitment Team

Ofra Shelef requested to conclude her role in the recruitment team. It was proposed to add **Naomi Amit** to the team in her place. The recruitment team consists of five

permanent elected team members to which a representative specialising in the office in question, is invited to join the team.

Discussion:

- It is important for the recruitment team to include people who have gained experience over time with the expertise and discretion required for the role of candidate screening. In this case, the diversity of the team, representing all population groups, is less important but still needs attention.
- Currently, the rotation concerns the replacement of a senior team member.
- It is advisable to suggest several candidates and have the management decide whom to recommend from among them.
- Recruitment team members are expected to attend all asefot relating to the subject.

Decision:

The H.R. management recommends the addition of Naomi Amit to the recruitment team. The appointment will be presented at the upcoming kibbutz assembly.

2. Appointment of Leora Kamilian to the position of Entrepreneurship manager.

Invited: Leora Kamilian

Leora Kamilian expressed her interest in managing the entrepreneurship field, and it was decided to invite her to the H.R. management to allow her to present her "I believe" statement and motivation to fulfill the role and seek consultation in a broader forum.

Leora candidly described what motivates her to take on the role, her strengths and weaknesses, challenges, and concerns, and answered the management's questions.

In conclusion, the H.R. management members contributed their thoughts and expressed their positions. The matter will be further handled by Erez and Kinneret, who are entrusted with overseeing the entrepreneurship management field.

P.S. After some time and further consideration, Leora has decided to withdraw her candidacy. The position will be readvertised....

Call for Candidates for Entrepreneurship Management

Following Leora Kamilian's decision to withdraw her candidacy, we are re-issuing a call for applications for the position. There are currently 22 entrepreneurship opportunities in various fields, each with its market characteristics. Candidates interested in presenting their candidacy are invited to contact Erez Peleg or Kinneret Govrin by August 22, 2024.

Here is the job description for the Entrepreneurship Management role:

Role Essence: Managing the entrepreneurship field in the kibbutz with a comprehensive outlook (collaboration, synergy, competition, etc.) alongside guiding and monitoring each venture individually.

Occupational Description:

- At the beginning of each year, preparation of a comprehensive annual work plan including goals and objectives
- Guidance and monitoring of entrepreneurship activities.
- Developing the entrepreneurship field into a thriving economic sector of the community.
- Assistance and support to members in establishing and developing ventures and turning them into businesses.
- Working in full cooperation with all entrepreneurs, community managers, H.R.managers, finance managers, and economists.
- Responsibility for the initial review of the work plan and business plan of a new venture and presenting it for approval at the Entrepreneurship Committee.
- Entrepreneurship Committee coordination: meeting coordination, agenda responsibility, preparation and distribution of meeting minutes.
- Periodic reporting on entrepreneurship activities to the Entrepreneurship Committee and the Economic Council.
- Organising activities for the learning and enrichment of all entrepreneurs.

Role Requirements:

- Relevant education in the field: Economics / Business Administration / Accounting an advantage
- Knowledge and experience in budgeting, business plans, and work plans

- Demonstrated performance ability
- Good interpersonal communication skills
- Conflict management experience an advantage
- Systematic vision
- Ability to work with kibbutz role holders
- Entrepreneurial experience an advantage

Forums Membership: Entrepreneurship Committee (coordinator), Economic Council

Organisational affiliation: Community Manager

Job Scope: Up to 20%

Term Duration: 4 years

Kinneret Govrin

Young Generation Committee Meeting Summary - July 9, 2024

Present: Monica Brustein, Sivan Dashvesky, Matan Elul, David Beutler, Ranit Levi

- 1. Update regarding the transition from the youth age group to the young generation 7 young people joined the young generation on July 1, 2024.
- 2. Update regarding the young generation room occupancy. Due to a shortage of rooms, 5 young generation members who are in the financially independent route had to vacate the rooms during the month of June.
- 3. Room costs for those who are financially independent and living outside the kibbutz
- We were asked to consider the possibility of "pricing" the apartments based on the size of the apartment.

After discussion on the topic, it was decided to maintain the existing decision - a uniform rent.

4. A discussion was held on the topic of clearing rooms and returning them to the kibbutz's use - Unfortunately, we encountered a number of cases of rooms that were returned to the kibbutz in a poor condition with rubbish outside. A proposal was raised to prepare an internal contract for signing by the heads of households upon receiving the room. No decision was reached on the matter, and we will continue in the next meeting.

- 5. Caravans near Maytronics Due to a shortage of rooms, David Beutler proposed purchasing the caravans located near Maytronics and using them. The proposal was rejected due to budgetary and infrastructure issues. (Not to mention legal issues Ed)
- 6. A public meeting with the young generation was supposed to take place on July 26, 2024, but due to our students' requests, we are postponing the meeting to September.

We welcome our newcomers and are happy to have them with us.

Ranit Levi

Young Generation Committee Meeting Summary - 4.8.2024

Present: Ranit Levi, David Beutler, Tal Freiman Levi, Keren Stamper Kagan, Sivan Dashvesky

- 1. Update regarding recent army discharges Shani Mashali, Eden Armoza, and Inbal Mizrahi.
- 2. Update regarding recruits to the military.
- 3. Update regarding members who left the kibbutz we wish them success and remind them that Kibbutz Yizrael has always been, is, and will continue to be their home.
- 4. Update regarding room transitions.
- 5. Several young people expressed to the committee that they feel unwanted in the kibbutz. They feel they are in conflict with kibbutz institutions (each case is different).

After a discussion on the topic, it was decided to hold Young Generation meetings once a month. These meetings will host various position holders for introductions, discussions, and addressing questions. The first meeting will take place in September, where we will meet with Kinneret.

6. Payment of grants to members - following the transition to "employee" work in community branches, we believe there should be a reconsideration of how grants are paid and by whom. Should it be by the branch itself as it is currently, or should it be the responsibility of the kibbutz?

A meeting was scheduled with the H.R. management for joint consideration.

7. Integration of members in Maytronics work - Keren Stamper Kagan was chosen to be the liaison.

We see the importance of integrating as many young people as possible in Maytronics, which will include guidance and the development of a personalised plan for those interested (education, career).

Sivan Dashvesky



A Few Things about the Car Fleet

New Blood - Due to satisfaction with the Suzuki Crossover, a new car of the same model was purchased. Its number will be 25, and it joins his elder brother whose number is 26. We remind you that that these cars were bought after consulting with the Veteran Committee to assist in transporting veteran members who do not drive. Therefore, priority will be given (as much as possible) in the car arrangement in case a ride is ordered for a veteran who does not drive. Driving a car is only allowed after completing the new driver period (two years from the day of receiving the license).

Data - In the fleet of 51 cars, we have 25 cars that have been in our possession for over five years. The decision of the asefa from February 2022 determined that the vehicle funding model will be based on replacing a car every 5 years. In other words, replacing approximately 10 cars per year. Providing the budget is given to the Vehicle Committee to work according to this decision, we will renew and diversify the fleet of cars. This year, we only purchased 7 new cars.

Vehicle Damages and Malfunctions:

If the car is damaged during your trip, please inform us!

- We take the car for inspection at the garage before returning it to the road.
- If necessary, we conduct proper driver training with Shlomi Herer, the car safety officer. Shlomi is a top-notch professional and a driving instructor himself.
- Do not leave a damaged or malfunctioning car for the next driver!

With best wishes for a good and safe journey. We are at your service!

Vehicle Committee

Ofir Griman

"A Tribute Evening to the Veterans" On behalf of the children of the Kibbutz

Oren Lindener (Zimra Baran's Daughter)

I would like to express our deep gratitude to the people of Kibbutz Yizrael and its veterans. To the Health cCuster, to the Veterans' Committee, to the caregivers, to the members of the kibbutz management, and also to the volunteer team.

Upon entering the kibbutz, it is hard not to be impressed by the magnificent landscape that can be seen from all sides. These views, already from the access road to the kibbutz, remind us again and again of our happy childhood here and our deep roots in this place.

YIzrael is ingrained in me to such an extent that when new people meet me and ask me where I am from, I always hesitate for a moment about how to answer. From Tel Mond? From Yizrael? In the end, I mention that I am originally from a kibbutz...

It is impossible to ignore the situation in the country. This never-ending war, the fallen, and especially the hostages who do not give us rest, neither during the day nor at night, and the unrelenting frustration that maybe we are not doing enough to free them. And yet, Yizrael itself is beautiful, green in every corner, well-kept, and full of flowers throughout the year

We want to thank the members of the kibbutz, and especially you, the veterans, who, even though we are no longer children ourselves, still remember us as little children growing up, always welcoming us with open arms making us feel at home. We are grateful to you for your warm reception, for your smile and interest in our well-being, allowing us not to feel like strangers, even though we no longer know most of the people.

We miss very much those who have passed away. Those who were part of our lives when we were still in Yizrael, and also on our visits, the teachers, the caregivers, the educators in their various roles, and people who were so close to us and are undoubtedly a part of who we are today.

Thanks to Gazit and Tzaela, and their families who help Grandma Zimra and enable us to enjoy her on weekends.

Thanks also for hosting Giora and his family, after they evacuated their home, they were received here with much love, and enjoyed so much the special atmosphere in this place.

Mom, who was the editor of the Ylzrael newsletter for many years, which ensures that we get to know today's Ylzrael intimately and become involved in its life. Thanks to it, we enjoy fresh and interesting news every week.

Speaking for myself and for Irena and Giora, we wish you many more years of happiness and prosperity in the Garden of Eden here on the land where you live.

Written by and read during the evening: Oren Lindner

A Tribute Evening for the Veterans - Blessing of the Veterans

Nitzan Rivlin Feldman

Good evening. I have the honour to bless and thank on behalf of the veterans, and truth be told, it seems a bit strange to me.

They said veterans, didn't they? And me? I am new here, quite recently arrived.

And the truth - quite cheeky actually. I was born just two years after the establishment of Israel.

But, as a product of the education of the old kibbutz, I on principle, do not turn away from those who turn to me. Actually - maybe that's what qualifies me for the title "veteran" - the spirit of the movement. And let's admit it - I am quite pleased to stand here at this emotional event.

In the end, each and every one of us is a link in a chain - I received a lot from my predecessors, and I hope that I also succeeded in contributing and passing on something from my ways and actions to those who come after, to add a brick or two to the building.

The essence of this intergenerational transfer appeals to me. In a community like ours, it is a pleasure to see how the melody passes from generation to generation and each link adds additional verses to the song. It is a joy to see how those born here, grew up and matured on the kibbutz, shoulder the burden, how adults and youth, parents and children, carry the load together, and how the responsibility, like a relay race, passes from hand to hand with attention and respect to what was, to the accumulated experience, to the wisdom of the generations together with renewal, bringing in and implementing new approaches.

This flow, the integration of the dreams of the founders with the vision of the young (and vice versa), between leaning on the foundations laid here by the veterans (each

one becomes a veteran at some point) and the aspirations and freshness of the path's continuers and the young, promises that we will not stagnate, that we will not lose vitality and connection to the constantly changing reality. It promises the life of the community and its continuity.

On this evening, alongside the tribute to those who began the journey and laid the foundations for all the vastness here, who faced many challenges and overcame not-so-simple hardships and brought us to this day, I also feel a great gratitude to the path continuers, the middle generation and the young generation who today bear the main burden. I am happy about the dialogue between the generations and pray that it will never cease.

And one more small request - indeed, we are no longer at the peak of our strength and sometimes truly seek rest and time for grandchildren and hobbies, but do not pity us and do not give up on us so easily. The sense of belonging is important to us, and we always want to feel like partners and meaningful - each in their own way and capacity.

And finally - thanks, truly coming from the depths of the heart to all the team members who contributed to the blessed activity:

To the photographers - Rotem Agmon, Adi Laviv, Albert Rosilio, Steve Blass, Iris Shapira, and Einan Grosser, who did such beautiful work and photographed with such sensitivity.

Thanks to Yaniv Shapira for the design of this moving exhibition.

To Tzafnat Mor and Rochele Matalon for preparing the presentation and designing the invitation.

To Yifat Assaf for editing the texts accompanying the exhibition images.

To Adva Lipshitz and Tzafnat Mor for filming the video.

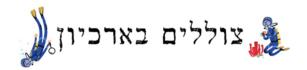
To Naomi Amit for choosing the name for the exhibition.

To Inbal Adler, Tal Darom, Zohar Assaf, and Yifat Segal for their support and assistance.

And to all the team members who contributed to the blessed activity.

A big and special thanks to the initiative and creativity of this wonderful idea - to Noga Harpaz and Rochele Matalon.

Nitzan Rivlin Feldman



Delving into the archives

Next week marks the anniversary of the death of Nishti (Benny) Kiryati, of Garin "Eitam".

On August 5, 1981, he was drafted into the IDF and served in the Nahal framework. In June 1982, during the First Lebanon War, he was injured in his head and ears during the battle in Ein Zehalta. As a result of the injury, he became disabled and was treated at Tel Hashomer for six months.

After a partial recovery, he returned to Kibbutz Yizrael. He was discharged from the IDF as a corporal and remained a member of the kibbutz. After about 10 years, he met a girl on the kibbutz, and they decided to get married and even registered for marriage.

In February 1993, he suffered a recurring disability that led to his trip to the United States for brain surgery.

He passed away in the United States on August 13, 1993.



I first met Ismail when I accidentally pissed on his shoes – Jason Arashebens as I recall – I probably soaked his silk socks as well. On reflection I fear I might be the one who triggered his deep hatred of the Zionist state.

He disappeared out the door into the hubbub of Larnaca airport with a piece of toilet paper stuck to the sole of his left shoe in the direction of what I assumed was his family or a soccer team. I had no idea who he was at the time and deeply regret that that changed.

The second time I met him was about twenty-four hours after I had eaten a particularly pungent Indian curry. Not to put too fine a point on it I was in urgent need of a toilet. When I say urgent think Mt St Helens. I was in the Mumbai train station and because I am not fluent in Hindi it took time to find the relevant facilities.

I forced my way in utter desperation into what I thought was an empty stall. To my surprise I sat down on a well-padded seat nano seconds before the dam burst. I may well have passed out from relief as some of the details escape me – I was in a bad way – covered in a cold sweat and shaking from relief. Let's just say I found myself sitting on the spattered knees of a somewhat annoyed bearded middle eastern gentleman.

As you can imagine it was a very awkward situation. I offered him an empty roll of toilet paper and apologised profusely. I introduced myself as Mahatma Gandhi and got the hell out of there.

A number of years later I found myself wandering around in a women's lingerie store in Paris. I had been sent there by my wife along with her detailed list in hand. I casually discussed the differences between grapes, oranges and melons with an unhelpful saleswoman I thought I might venture into the world of swimwear, but I beat an embarrassed retreat when I noticed I was being closely watched by the staff's security personnel as I gingerly ran my hand over a g-string.

In an attempt to find my way to the exit I found myself in a secluded corner of the shop filled with what at first glance looked like leather gear for motorbike riders. As I wandered around admiring the latest in safety clothing, I passed a partially open changing room. I endangered my eyesight as I accidentally spied a somewhat hairy and overweight woman wearing a two-piece leather outfit (three sizes too small) with a whip in her left hand.

When she turned to close the door, I realised it was my brown kneed friend from Mumbai. Our eyes locked briefly but long enough to see a flicker of recognition flash across his pudgy face. Lucky for me there was no way he was going to chase after me dressed like someone from Fifty Shades of Grey. Laughing hysterically, I beat a hasty retreat and surrendered myself to the eight nine percent humidity in the crowded streets of India's second largest city.

Six years ago, I flew to New Zealand via Doha to visit my mother. Needless to say, I stayed well away from toilets (not an easy task on a three-and-a-half-hour stopover) and duty-free shops.

I was relieved and happy to hear that Ismail sleeps with the fishes.

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Anniversary Week-End Programme

Fri 9.8.24:

18:30 – 20:00 Festive Self-Service Dinner
20:00 Holiday Ceremony
Sat 10.8.24

16:00 - 20:00 Happy Pool Event

Food Stalls, Wares Fair (evacuees selling their wares at stalls, barrows and tables)

English is Fun - with Rahel

The correct spelling is SCHOOL, not SCHOOL. Some people put the second O before the first O, which is very wrong.

UNDERSTANDING ENGINEERS:

PERCUSSIVE MAINTENANCE I hit it and it started working

CYCLE POWER TO THE PANEL Turn it off and on again

HIGH IMPEDANCE AIR-GAP I forgot to plug it in

ORGANIC GROUNDING, I got electrocuted

THERMALLY RECONFIGURED It melted

KINETIC DISASSEMBLY It blew up

LETHOLOGICA is a term used to describe the phenomenon of experiencing the temporary inability to recall a specific word or phrase from your memory, even though you know the word and can describe its meaning.

Subject: EDUCATIONAL Torpenhow Hill, England

When the Saxons arrived and asked the Welsh the name of the hill, the Welsh said "pen" which means "hill" in Welsh. So the Saxons used their word for hill, "tor", and called it Torpen, (Hill Hill)

Then the Norse arrived and the same process added their word for hill "Haugr". So now it was Torpen Haugh (Hill Hill).

Later, the English called it Torpenhow Hill (Hill Hill Hill)

LANGUAGE IS AWESOME

NEWFIE MEDICAL DICTIONARY:

Artery the study of paintings
Bacteria back door to cafeteria

Barium what doctors do when patients die
Benign what you be, after you be eight

Caesarean Section a neighbourhood in Rome

Cat Scan searching for kitty

Cauterize made eye contact with her

Colic a sheep dog

Coma punctation mark

Dilate live long

Enema not a friend

.....more next week



Programme for 11/08/24 - 15/08/24

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

Sunday 11 August

Opening the week with Monica.

10:00 "Coffee Bar"- with the "Tavor" Children's Group

10:30 Ceramics room open with instruction from Ziv Ben Bassat

Monday 12 August

08:00 Pedicure with Limor Mualem (by appointment only)

09:30 The Art of Drawing with Chas Broadhurst

16:00 Or B'Givah is open for coffee and lively conversation

Tuesday 13 August

09:00 Lecture - Rochele Matalon

10:30 Ceramics room open with instruction from Ziv Ben Bassat

Wednesday 14 August

09:30 Nature is Blooming with Hammutal Assaf

14:00 Ceramics room open with instruction from Ziv Ben Bassat

Thursday 15 August

07:00 Pedicure with Na'ama Baum (by appointment only)

09:30 Noga's carpentry workshop – "HaNogariah"

10:00 Movie screening

17:15 Exercises on chairs with Michal Sha'anan

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