

## The Yizraelite – No 2196 Date: 21.2.25

### Kibbutz Yizrael

**Reut's Editorial:** The time has come in the agreement when Hamas starts returning the bodies of our dead

אָדָם יְסוּדוֹ מֵעָפָר,  
 וְסוּפוֹ לְעָפָר  
 בְּנַפְשׁוֹ יָבִיא לַחֲמוֹ  
 מִשׁוּל כְּתָרֵס הַנֶּשֶׁבֶר  
 כְּחֶצִיר יָבֵשׁ וְכֶצִיץ נוֹבֵל  
 כְּצֶל עוֹבֵר וְכַעֲנָן כְּלֵה  
 וְכְרוּחַ נוֹשֶׁבֶת וְכַאֲבָק פּוֹרֵחַ  
 וְכַחֲלוֹם יָעוּף

From the traditional Jewish liturgical poem from the Yom Kipper prayer ("piyyut") called "Unetanneh Tokef," which speaks about the themes of life, death, and the fate of individuals.

"Man's foundation is from dust,  
 And his end is to dust.  
 With his soul, he will bring his bread,  
 A parable like broken clay,  
 Like dry grass and a withering flower,  
 Like a passing shadow and a fading cloud,  
 And like a wandering spirit and flying dust,  
 And like a dream, he will fly away."

We share in the sorrow of our members Zimra, Gazit, and Tze'ela  
upon the passing of Udi Baran,  
son of Anton Baran of blessed memory, (from his first marriage).

May his memory be a blessing,  
May you know no more sorrow.

Beit Yizrael.

### **Asefa + Economic Council**

**On Monday, February 23, 2025**

**At 20:30**

**In the moadon + on Zoom + 900**

#### **Asefa Agenda:**

1. Recommendation from the Community Management regarding the appointment of Ofri Ziv to the management of Social Education
2. Presentation of candidates for election as public representatives on the Community Management Committee: Eviatar Assaf, Uri Gilad, Ana Abramovich, Dima Tchernichovsky, Momi Cohen, Adi Laviv, Inbal Pezaro.

#### **Economic Council Agenda:**

Approval of the community budget and investments for the year 2025.



### **Community Management meeting**

**Sunday, February 23, 2025, 5:30 PM**

**Agenda:**

**Community Management Goals for 2025**



## Road Safety - Erez Peleg

Important message to those who drive from the Music School roundabout towards the barrier by Shimona's house.

There is difficulty in spotting pedestrians approaching the road from the new sidewalk from the Cottages Neighbourhood due to the obstruction created by the bomb shelter in the area. Recently, a panoramic mirror has been installed, allowing a view behind the shelter and a glance at those coming from the sidewalk. Its purpose is to avoid sudden encounters between pedestrians and vehicles. (otherwise known as accidents – Ed) Please take note. Erez Peleg



🍒 Thank You So Much 🍒

## We, the Kagan Family, do Not Take it for Granted



Last week we moved to our new apartment (as most of you know it – the old Zahat next to the old gym). We would like to express our deep gratitude to all who assisted us during the move. Thank you to Aviva Beutler, the chair of the Housing Committee, and to Shlomo Levy, the head of the Construction Management, for their

caring and dedicated support before, during, and after the move. Thank you to Guy and the building team, and to Alon and the electrical team, who responded to all our requests promptly and always with a smile. Thank you to Paul Zelas for delivering the empty boxes to our home, one of those little things that makes the move much easier and simpler. With thanks and great appreciation,

The Kagan Family - Doron, Keren, Alon, Ela, and Yuval.



# Education Council Meeting Summary (February 11, 2025)

Participants: Limor Griman, Noga Harpaz, Avishag Sharoni, Neta Blass, Nir Baor, Adi Goldstein-Ilan, Yael Ouster, Sarit Laviv, Gal Witelson (Observer).

## Agenda:

### 1. Updates and Congratulations

- Limor congratulated Noga on her appointment as the Education Cluster Manager (official start in September) and welcomed Gal as an observer on the council.

### 2. Issue of Number of Children in Kindergartens

- Yael Ouster presented the issue regarding the required number of children in the Rimon and Alon kindergartens, highlighting that over 37 children are needed to maintain both.

- Currently, there is a low interest in the kindergartens, from parents of outside children in the crèches, necessitating the admission of more outside children to meet these numbers.

- The council debated whether to maintain both kindergartens or merge them into one multi-age kindergarten.

- Recommendation: Keep the current setup and avoid a multi-age kindergarten, anticipating an increase in child numbers due to planned absorption of new families.

- Decision implications include increasing the number of children in creches and exploring transition options between Rimon and Alon.

### 3. Housing in the Chevra Bogeret

- The issue of housing for the Chevra Bogeret was raised, with a need for a structured discussion.

- The council is responsible for leading community discussions to determine if the current model is suitable for 2025 and what changes, if any, are required.

- Points discussed included building alternatives, involving youth in the process, the role of educational staff, and timing for decision-making.

- **Decision:** Conduct discussions in parallel to evaluate options and establish a small team to develop a process and timeline.

## Conclusions:

- A small team will be formed to propose a structured process for community discussions on housing decisions.
- The education council will seek community leadership input on when the final decisions will be made.

Sarit Laviv



## Update from the Health Cluster



In the Rehabilitation branch, two retired kibbutz members are volunteering: Aviva Beutler and Biff Markham-Oren.

Biff and Aviva provide advice to cluster teams in the areas of rehabilitation, mobility, and suitable adaptations in the home. They visit members' homes to assess individual assistive devices and rehabilitation aids, and they are members of the Health Council.

Additionally, Biff and Aviva volunteer in their respective fields in Or B'Givah.

- **Biff** - Physiotherapist, treating kibbutz members in their third age.
- **Aviva** - Occupational therapist, treating kibbutz members in their third age.

### Here are a few clarifications regarding these treatments:

- Treatments will be provided only for those aged 75+ and only with a doctor's referral.
- Treatments will be prioritised for members who are not mobile and have difficulty in leaving the kibbutz for treatments.
- Treatments will be offered based on the availability of Aviva and Biff, as they manage their own schedules.
- Referrals to Biff and Aviva will be made by the clinic or the third-age team.
- Based on their professional judgment and after assessment, sometimes the recommendation will be for continued treatment outside the kibbutz rather than with them.

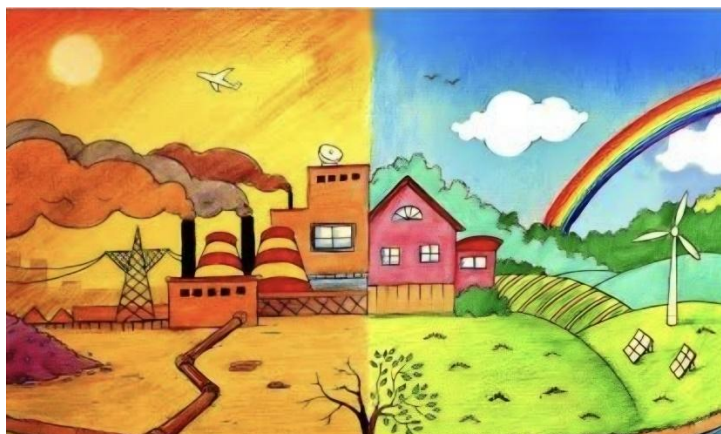
- Residents aged 75+ and/or parents wishing to receive treatment from Biff or Aviva will be charged a minimal fee of 35 NIS per session. This is not a payment for the treatment but a minimal participation fee for clinic maintenance, professional liability insurance, etc. This will be charged via the taktziv only (no cash).
- Services will be provided based on availability and vacant slots only.

We take this opportunity to thank Aviva and Biff on behalf of the Health and Welfare Cluster teams, who benefit greatly from their assistance (even outside working hours), and on behalf of the many kibbutz members who knowingly (or unknowingly) gain from their professional knowledge and support.

Talia Arad.



## Summary of Meeting with the Regional Council – 9.5.25



**Participants:** Erez Peleg, Tamar Sanker, Paul Zelas, Amos Shemi, Raz-Council Inspector, Ahmad-Environmental, Quality Officer.

The purpose of the meeting is to understand how to reduce environmental pollution and address nuisances. Our intention is to organise recycling so that we can inform the public about regular and structured collection days to raise awareness and encourage participation.

For the residents of the northern neighbourhood, two designated recycling centres have already been constructed, which will operate upon the start of the neighbourhood's occupancy. According to the inspector, compared to

other settlements in the council, Yizrael is managed independently and effectively.

**Electronic Waste Collection:** A new company is expected to start collecting this type of waste. Currently, there is one collection point near the drum shelter. We need to find an additional point for the convenience of the members, which will be coordinated together with the Planning Committee.

**Blue Bins for Paper:** Labels have been placed on the bins to improve the sorting of paper and cardboard.

**Small Paper Stations in Offices:** Paul is responsible for collecting and transferring materials to the cardboard compactor at Maytronics.

**Metal Collection** (cans and containers): Unfortunately, this is currently not possible in the council.

**Glass Collection:** (jars and glass containers): There are two designated stations in purple, located near the drum shelter and the kolbo.

**The black barrels** located around the bins are designated **for glass bottles only**. We intend to also place containers for collecting all plastic and glass bottles that can be redeemed.

**Plastic Collection:** (Except for pesticide containers!) Currently, all plastic recycling – food containers, various plastic items, including plastic bags – is done in the yellow cages. Everything is collected and sent to the Amnir corporation, where it undergoes structured sorting. The council is very eager to introduce orange bins for the residents, but due to the socio-economic conditions in our area, there are significant gaps in public awareness regarding recycling. If sorting is not done properly, the council will face hefty fines, which is a concern. There is an intention to start a pilot programme with strong communities like ours, likely later this year.

**Yard Waste Collection and Shredding for Ground Cover:** This is the responsibility of the Gardening Branch (Noi).

**Electricity Consumption from Clean Sources:** According to Erez, about 40% of our electricity consumption is produced in-house through solar panels!



It should be noted that through the solar panels, we also enjoy hot water in the laundry and in the food sector!

**In conclusion**, this week a call for proposals will be issued by the “Green Network” for an environmental quality support project. Settlements in the council are invited to develop a structured program in their community that enhances environmental quality and will receive 10,000 NIS . We will hold a joint meeting with Shachar, Axel, and Erez, where we will try to produce a suitable plan.

**And one more thing:** The committee wishes to express heartfelt thanks and great appreciation to:

**-Paul Zelas** – for sorting bottles and plastics.

**-Akiva Greenberg** – for sorting paper from the offices.

These are two hardworking members who have been diligently working for decades, in heat and cold, to maintain the quality of our lives and the environmental cleanliness of our kibbutz .

Our gratitude is forever yours!

Wishing a happy Tu B’shvat

Tamar Sanker – Environmental Quality Committee



## **Update from the Housing Committee**

### **Two tenders for permanent apartments.**

- Maida will move into the parents' housing in the house that belonged to Aviva Beutler (senior). The house will undergo renovations before her move.

- Natalie Baum will move into the house of the late Shirley Markham in the parents' housing.

We are opening two tenders for permanent apartments. Applications for the apartments must be submitted in writing to the Housing Committee by March 7, 2025. The offered apartments are:



**1. The late Gavrush Nechustan's apartment in the Sadot neighborhood, 110 m<sup>2</sup>.** The apartment was built less than 15 years ago. Prior to the entry of new tenants, painting and necessary repairs only, will be undertaken.

**2. The late Nis Albocher's apartment in the Eastern neighbourhood,** along with the adjacent apartment currently occupied by Ya'akov Sasbon. The two apartments will be merged into one apartment of 110 m<sup>2</sup>. (The late Nis' apartment has two levels, , the ground level is 80 m<sup>2</sup> and the lower level is be 30 m<sup>2</sup>). This is an older apartment that requires new architectural planning and extensive renovation.

The tenders are now open, with the knowledge of Maida and Ya'akov, even before they leave their apartments, in order to advance processes that are important for the members of the kibbutz and for absorption.

Members interested in viewing the apartments are requested to contact one of the committee members to coordinate the visit, **and not to coordinate directly with the tenants.**

Best regards,

The Housing Committee

Aviva Beutler, Noga Harpaz, Uri Hollander, Zehava Rosilio, Nitzan Kamilian, Biff Markham-Oren, and Tzachi Tzfadia.



## **Zimra's Column**

### **Love for the Land**

Indeed, **Tu B'Shvat** was a week ago, but the blossoming trees are still around us, and the spring flowers are blooming in the meadows surrounding Yizrael. "For there is hope for a tree; if it is cut down, it will sprout again, and its shoots will not cease" (Job 14:7).

The tree represents a rare and awe-inspiring combination of permanence and change. Rooted in its place, its movements are limited and dependent on external influences of wind and water. On the other hand, the tree grows, buds, sheds its leaves, and gets covered, bearing flowers and fruit—there is life in it that involves motion. The tree serves as a foundational cultural element in all civilizations. The trees were here before us, a symbol of growth and the passage of time.

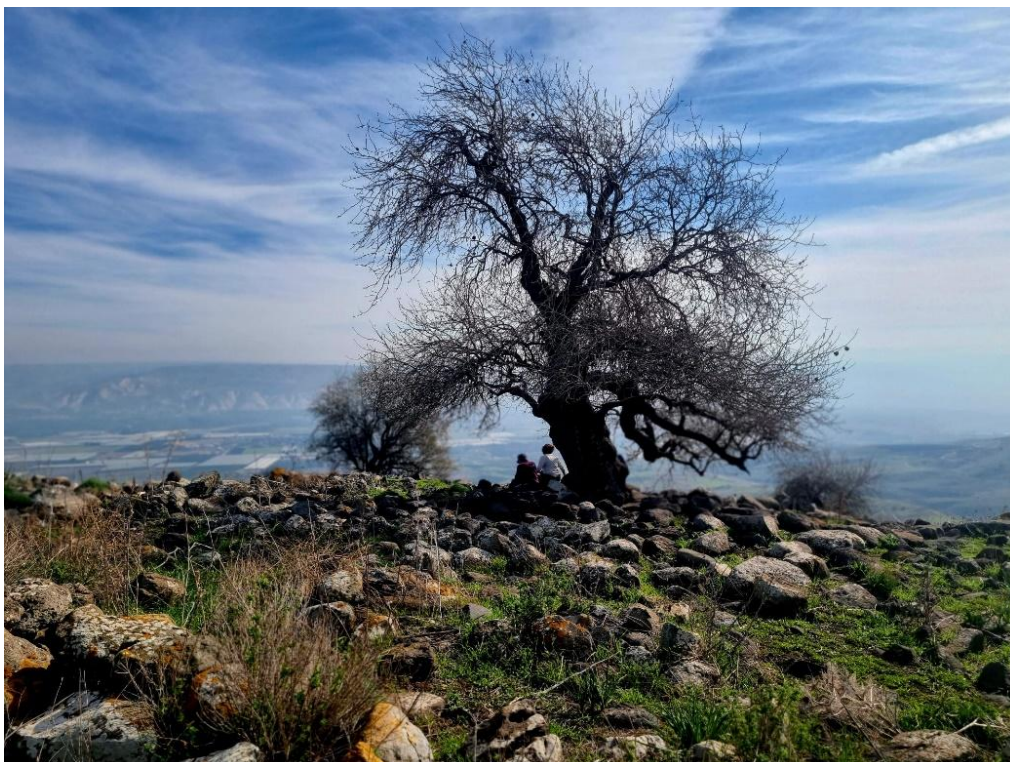
Tu B'shvat is particularly known as the planting holiday. The act of planting connects a person to the earth of their homeland, linking the planter in the present with future generations. Planting with the knowledge that "there is hope for a tree" gives us the opportunity to send roots into the future, but more than that—it is a profound expression of faith that there is a tomorrow, and thus it is our duty to care for it.

It is fascinating to find these relevant words in the 'Planting Scroll' of Kibbutz Kfar Etzion, written in 1944:

"Generation after generation, we plant and build, and even when winds threaten to uproot the tree, we will continue to plant, to grow, to blossom, and to bear fruit. We need rootedness, a firm grip on the land of our homeland. And this is the work we do in this place.

These trees we plant today will serve as a symbol for us, a symbol of our path as pioneers of the land, a sign of our covenant with the land of our homeland. 'For man is like a tree of the field.' The deep roots of the trees will remind us of our duty to be connected to the world of action, in building, planting, and working. The high branches that reach up will inspire us to look upward, to know our essence, and to always strive for moral perfection and the sanctity of life. This is the way of our ancient ancestors, and this is our path..."

Taken from the website "Shitim Institute"





## Jezebel in the Big City



On a gloomy and chilly day, I set out with the Narcissus group for a "Day in the City" mission. This year, by a majority vote, the city chosen (often referred to as the "City That Never Sleeps") - was none other than Tel Aviv, of course!

My relationship with this city is primarily one of disdain. Rarely do I travel there, and when I do, I remember why I hold it in disdain, but that's a story for another day. In any case, after stocking up on food, we headed to the train station. Despite a miscalculation regarding the number of passengers compared to the vehicles ordered, with the help of a good Samaritan (Shlomo Cohen), we arrived on time and excitedly boarded the train to Tel Aviv.



Upon arrival, we walked under a pouring and annoying rain to our first stop - the Hostages Square. After some free wandering about, we began our day of tasks with a dedication to the hostages from each of us. We painted messages on river stones. We added the inscribed stones to an emotional display next to Kibbutz Be'eri's tent.

And then for something completely different. We split into two groups and set off. The Narcissists had to navigate their way to various points in the city, based on the clues I scattered throughout WhatsApp. They managed to reach Habima Square and take photos with the statue of our old friend Kadishman, then to Dizengoff Center, where they learned who Dizengoff was and what he did, and had to find a Pop figurine store and a costume shop, of course, while also finding their way out of the labyrinth that is Dizengoff Center... They also passed through the Meir Garden and discovered what activity takes place there once a week: dog adoptions! In Meir Garden, they were treated to congratulatory videos for their Bar/Bat Mitzvah from friendly passersby.

From there, they made their way to the market, where they received a special mission from Ohad Ziv - to find curry spice for the Thai workers. Finally, they needed to find me

and my friend Sadness at a restaurant on Nachalat Binyamin, where we indulged in burgers and more.

Time was running out, so we hurried to catch the bus to the train, managing to board in the nick of time (thanks to a delay of about five minutes, as usual...). We hoped for a quiet, relaxed journey home, but suddenly, a young Ultra-Orthodox guy disrupted the calm of the carriage by offering to put on tefillin on all the men. This led to a loud argument with several passengers. All I wanted at that moment was to hide under my seat because it was very uncomfortable and embarrassing. Suddenly, gentle and calming guitar sounds emerged from a local troubadour. A nice guy sitting next to us remarked that this was the most bizarre journey he had ever experienced.

From there, the atmosphere calmed down, the train arrived at the station in Afula, where our parents picked us up to take us home, bringing to an end, a long day. Another successful Bar Mitzvah mission is behind us.

Here, I want to express my gratitude on behalf of the Bar/Bat Mitzvah group, to my travel partner Matan Rabinovitch, our amazing youth leaders Eyal Abar the Shinshin and Gali Assaf, the one and only Shimrit Tzfadia, to the parents who helped transport us safely to and from the train - Ohad Ziv, Ilan Sadur, Itzik Shechter, Oded Fink, Ranit Levi, and Shlomo Cohen, and above all, to the wonderful mothers responsible for the mission - Adva Lifshitz, Idit Halevi, and Tamar Sadur.

For me it was pleasant, emotional, and enjoyable to see the Narcissists tackle the tasks from the sidelines, but my feelings toward the big city haven't changed one iota. I prefer the peace and quiet of the kibbutz.

Wishing us all calm days, good news, and the swift return of all the hostages. That is the most important thing right now.

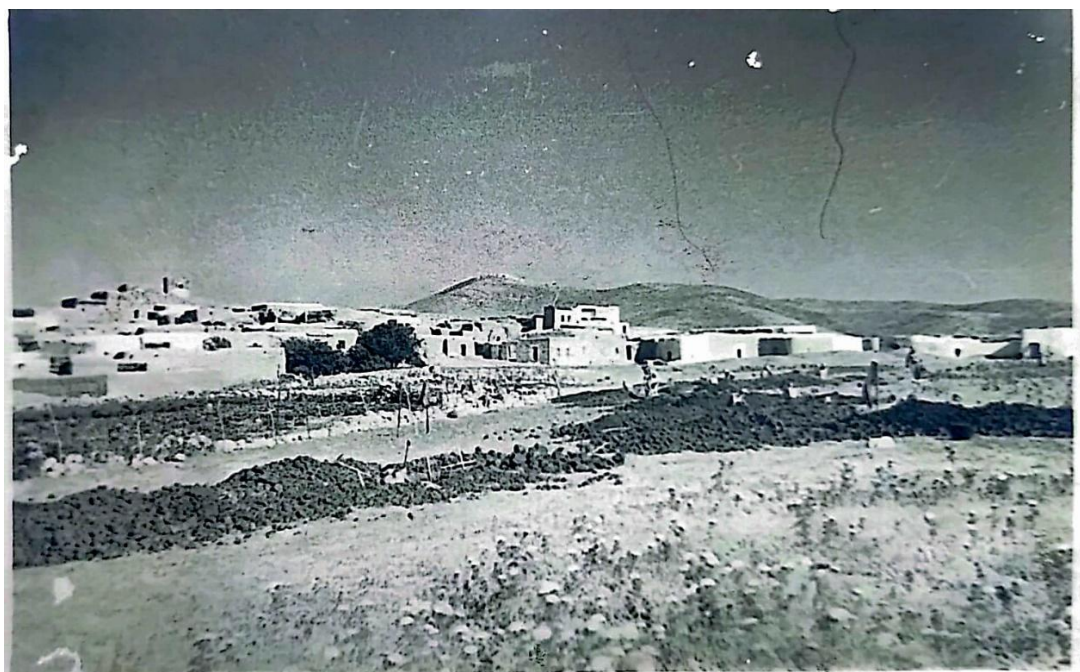
Isabel 🧡





## Delving in the Archives

"Photographs of Zarin were received from David Shatner from Kibbutz Geva. The last houses of Zarin remained standing until 1967 when the Jewish National Fund cleared the site before Passover 1967. Jules Feldman"





## Almond Blossom Festival.... Or Rain???

"Festival or storm? Sometimes nature decides for us... Of course, if there are changes to our plans due to the vicissitudes of the skies, we will update on Kehilanet." (As I translate these words, the rain is pit pattering on my window so draw your own conclusions – Ed)

### What Could Have Been – Just in case the festival is cancelled: Yesterday in the Almonds





## **Programme for 23/02/25– 27/02/25**

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

### **Sunday 23 February**

09:10 Zoom from Dorot B'Gilboa – Middle East States

10:50 Zoom continued – Affaires and Events

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

### **Monday 24 February**

08:00 Pedicure – Limor Mualem – by appointment only

09:00 Sweet from the oven with Monica and Noa

09:30 Quizzes and Brain Games with Galia

16:00 Coffee with Monica and Ita

### **Tuesday 25 February**

09:00 A round table discussion with Inbal Adler

09:00 Holistic treatments with Shlomit Fink – appointments by arrangement with Shlomit

10:00 Movie screening with Galia

### **Wednesday 26 February**

09:30 Nature is Blooming with Hammutal

### **Thursday 27 February**

09:00 Activities in preparation for “Family Day”

09:30 “Flora”

09:30 Woodworking with Noga Harpaz – “HaNogariah”

10:00 To be advised

17:00 Chair exercises with Michal Sha'an'an



## Movement Classes



### Sundays

17:30 Feldenkrais in the Tzrif, in coordination with Eddie Solow 052-3756240

### Mondays

**5:45** - Feldenkrais in the Tzrif, with Eddie Solow 052-3756240

**8:00** Fitness training with Eran Sapir/Jonathan, in the Rugby gym, in coordination with Eran Sapir 052-4265377

**17:15** Pilates with Limor Doron, Movement Room, in coordination with Limor 052-8440539

### Tuesdays

**17:30** Feldenkrais in the Tzrif, with Eddie Solow 052-3756240

### Wednesdays

**17:15** Pilates with Limor Doron, Movement Room, in coordination with Limor 052-8440539

### Thursdays

**5:45** Feldenkrais in the Tzrif, with Eddie Solow 052-3756240

**8:00** Fitness training with Eran Sapir/Jonathan, in the Rugby gym, in coordination with Eran Sapir 052-4265377

**17:30 (again)** Feldenkrais in the Tzrif, with Eddie Solow 052-3756240

**17:45** Chair exercises at Or B'Givah, in coordination with Michal Shanan 052-2910733

## Rainfall Winter 2024-2025



Rainfall over the past 24 hours: 2 ml

Rainfall over the past 7 days 6 ml

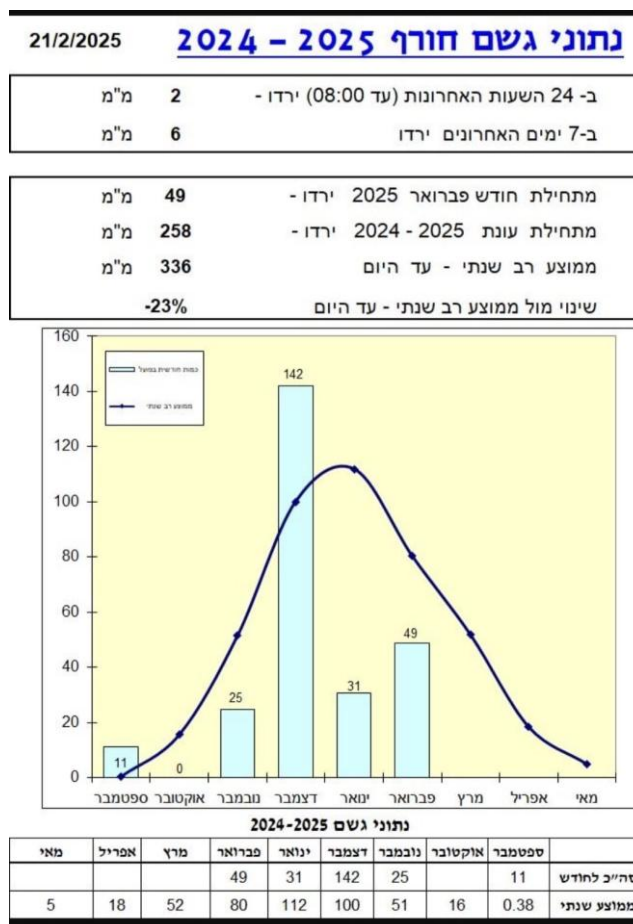
To date: 258 mm

As compared to the multi-year average to date: 336mm (-23%)

### Rainfall Table

Month	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	Apr	May
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>49</b>			
<b>Average</b>	<b>0.38</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>5</b>

(Note: Some of the back numbers seem to have changed since the last week? I am just the translator - Ed)



## English is Fun - with Rahel

English is a language not noted for its logic. If adult commit adultery, do infants commit infantry? If olive oil is made from olives, what do they make baby oil from? If a vegetarian eats vegetables what does a humanitarian consume? And if *pro* and *con* are opposites, is *progress* the opposite of *congress*? No wonder then that our glorious, uproarious English language can at times appear to be a bubble off plumb, a sandwich short of a picnic, and two french fries short of a Happy Meal.

### HODGE PODGE LOGIC

- Same-Day Dry Cleaning – All Garments Ready in 48 Hours.
- I make it a rule never to eat on an empty stomach.
- I married a few people I shouldn't have, but haven't we all – Mamie Van Duran.
- Homeless people are younger and more often than the general population.
- Two-dimensional photographs don't do this car justice.
- Don't go into darkened parking lot unless it is well lighted.
- In a group insurance handbook: If your medical insurance terminates for any reason, including death, you may elect within 30 days to continue such medical insurance.
- Please Type or Print Legibly.
- Shakespeare couldn't have a favourite actress. They didn't have women during Shakespeare's time.
- On a leaflet: If you cannot read this, this leaflet will tell you how to get lessons.
- Fifty-five percent of young people looking for their first jobs are unemployed.

- Serious crime in the country dipped slightly in the first half of the year, but rape, robbery, theft and homicides posted increases.
- This event should not go forgotten.
- Doctor Swears Under Oath: California housewife lost 12 kilo in 7 days using amazing new ONE DAY DIET.
- It's pronounced just like it sounds.
- As you will see, the limitations of this product are endless.
- Things never seem as they appear to be.
- Come to think about it, I hadn't thought about it.
- You can get two free drinks for the price of one.
- Buy one dozen free and get another half dozen.
- In a National Public Radio interview on Kosher slaughtering: Killing an animal while it is still alive is unacceptable.....more next week



**The New Shed in our Dairy**

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