

The Yizraelite – No: 2198 Date: 7.3.25

Kibbutz Yizrael

Reut's Editorial:

"Another week has passed in which funerals of kidnapped soldiers were held. Another week where the hostages who were released alive only a week or so before, join the movement for their return. The cries of the families of the hostages still starving in the tunnels, ring out. This is the second winter since their abduction. A new Chief of Staff has taken office, the government, this week, allocated huge sums of money to a population that does not serve in the army. The Purim holiday is just around the corner, and the gift for Passover is soon to arrive at our doorstep. Can we celebrate Purim knowing that those remaining there will soon be returned? Can we mark the holiday of freedom and only think of those who are not with us to celebrate, and will never be, and those who could be freed, but are not. Will they be able to celebrate too?"

Duty Roster Preferences - Survey in Kehilanet



On Sunday, a new survey was published in Kehilanet regarding preferences for duties on holiday evenings.

The survey will be posted until Sunday, March 17th.

I would appreciate it if you could fill it out. Those who do not complete the survey will be assigned duties based on need.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Zohar Assaf – Duty Coordinator



Thank you and Goodbye from Orna and Avichai Ilan.



We're going home! After more than a year where you have been a home away from home for us, it's time to say thank you.

On the first day we arrived, we walked into the room and were stunned to see how Adi and Elad, with the help of their friends, prepared it for us, knowing what would be important to us. That day, we also met Keren and Eyal and realised what an amazing support system you established for the evacuees. Keren and Eyal, a combination of care and organisational ability, created an environment where we quickly felt that the size of the room we lived in didn't matter because the home was the entire kibbutz.

In this "house", of course, were Elad, Adi, and Dror - the family, Shlomit and Peter - the foster family, the Shkolniks, who made lunch interesting, Musli, Philippa, and Michelle who added content to my life beyond mere existence, and to everyone who needed advice they added content to Avichai's life.

Thank you to everyone we met during this time. You enabled us to feel "normality". A big thank you to everyone we didn't meet formally but simply smiled at us and said hello on the sidewalks. You are welcome to visit us in Rosh Hanikra.

Orna and Avichai Ilan:



From Erez's Desk - Erez Peleg



Community Budget for 2025: The community budget for 2025, including the investment budget, was approved by the Economic Council last week .

As mentioned, preparing the community budget for 2025 presented us with a significant challenge due to the existence of two opposing factors: one is a decrease in community income from work, and the other is an increase in costs across all areas. Despite this major challenge and contrary to other decisions that focused on reductions and cuts, we decided to raise the members' budget by 3%.

Following the ongoing updates we provided throughout the budget preparation process, here's a summary of the main implications and changes in service levels we made in order to achieve a balanced budget on one hand, and on the other hand, to minimise the use of funds from key sources:

The main changes affecting member services stem from the reduction of about 10 positions within the community .

-Clothing Sector: Extended time for returning clean laundry to members.

-Building Sector: Extended period for painting apartments. This year, apartments will not be painted unless necessary for repairs.

-Food Sector: Use of cheaper raw materials, reduced variety of salads, and potential impact on the ability to maintain cleanliness in the moadon lobby.

-Gardening Sector: Impact on the pace of work execution.

-Hairdressing: Increase in haircut prices.

-Early Childhood: Due to the reduction of positions that allowed backup and flexibility in operations, we may reach a situation of closing the kindergarten in case of multiple sick days among staff.

It is important to note that cutbacks have been implemented across all community branches, with an effort to continue providing the service network available to members. Our ability to cope with the budget also depends on the members' conduct. Maintaining the property of the kibbutz and consuming services without excess, "with a budget," will reduce community expenses and give us all a sense of partnership in the effort and the ability to weather this period successfully.

Maintenance Access to Roofs

When we undertake maintenance work on roofs, typically involving hot water boilers or air conditioning units, we often encounter obstacles that have been built or placed by members, which do not allow safe access to the roof. Building and electrical workers are forced to improvise a way to reach the roof, while needing to bring heavy equipment up and risking their lives unnecessarily .

The obstacles are usually awnings or pergolas constructed by members, completely blocking the possibility of placing a ladder to access the roof of the building. Branch managers have been instructed not to operate in a way that endangers lives! This means that members may not be able to receive service in case of malfunctions requiring roof work.

I urge all members to consult with Guy or Alon and ensure there is a safe way to access the roof of their homes for maintenance work. Even when it comes to home electrical cabinets, we encounter situations that prevent maintenance or repair work. This is because access to the electrical cabinet is blocked, or equipment is placed in a way

that does not allow safe work. A distance of at least one meter should be maintained from the electrical cabinet door, as a clear space free of equipment, to allow electricians easy access and a safe working environment.

What's Happening on the Ground

Institutional Protected Space (MAMAD) - The project has been completed. The construction of the protected space will enable the kindergarten to operate even in emergency situations when the alert status allows for the opening of educational institutions with protected spaces.

Young Generation Housing- Construction has been completed, and the entire project is expected to be ready in the coming two weeks, including land development. The establishment of the building provides for 9 additional rooms for the young generation.

Northern Neighbourhood - The phase of constructing the frames for the first 10 apartments has been completed. Work on the interior plastering of the first two apartments will begin next week, following the completion of preparations for the water, plumbing, and air conditioning systems. The project is on schedule.

That's all for now.

Erez Peleg

HR Management Meeting Report- Kinneret Govrin

Date: March 2, 2025

Participants: Irit Shemesh, Peter Pezaro, Shlomo Cohen, Erez Peleg, Rochele Matalon, Navot Assaf, Kinneret Govrin.

Invited: Outside Workers Committee Members - Inbal Pezaro, Maor Persai, Rafi Baum.

A further discussion was held regarding the procedure. During the meeting, a revised version of the professional training clause was presented, along with data on employer vehicles in corporations. After completing the overview, it was reiterated that defining up to 20% of travel expenses or vehicle value from gross salary is a fairly reasonable definition and should remain from the previous procedure.

In the discussion:

- Goals should be set for external employees, and based on their achievement, approval for training should be granted or denied.
- A limit should be defined on how much can be spent on training per year from the employee's income.
- It is important that there be a direct link between income increase and participation in training.
- With budget reductions in the community, there is room to lower the reimbursement request from ₪4,500 to ₪2,000.
- Everyone should be allowed to receive a work vehicle, with the option to financially cover the gap if exceeding 20% of vehicle value expenses.
- We must take action against anyone exceeding the 20% of travel/vehicle value expenses.
- Members who take an employer vehicle and have a low salary should be given time to address salary increases, downgrade vehicle grades, or request additional travel reimbursements from the employer.
- There is a distinction between those receiving an employer vehicle and those using a vehicle provided by the kibbutz for work. In the latter case, the money does not go out but remains within the kibbutz.
- Discretion should be applied in certain cases of high travel expenses.

Decision: The H.R. Management approves the updated external employee procedure. The procedure will be published in the community network ahead of the asefa. Kinneret Govrin (in the meantime the suggested changes are not to be divulged? – Ed)

Update from the Search Team

Public Representatives for the Holdings Board

Following the call for public representatives on the Holdings Board, and aside from one inquiry, members did not submit candidacies. The team approached six candidates, two of whom expressed willingness to join the board and stand for election. The public will have the opportunity to choose two out of three candidates. The three met with Eric Shore, Chairman of the Board, to assess their suitability. The election will take place via ballot. Good luck to everyone!

Search Team: Avner Alterlevi, Irit Shemesh, Yifat Assaf, Yaniv Shapira, Amir Darom, Kinneret Govrin.

The Candidates and Their Platforms

Nir Segal: Hello to the members, I am presenting my candidacy for a second term on the Holdings Management. I was asked to share a bit about myself. My main goal is to strengthen the organisation financially while maintaining existing assets, constantly improving them, and constantly evaluating our diverse holdings. I have been involved in the Israeli high-tech sector since 1993, bringing experience from marketing, business development, market expansion, and financial solutions for companies at various stages. I am connected to the Israeli market through my various roles in international distribution companies, and in recent years, I have primarily focused on building business plans and strategic development for market penetration in China. I hope and believe that my experience has contributed to the advancement of Yizrael Holdings, and I promise to use my experience and personal connections in the future for the benefit of our community's business development.

Niv Edelstein: I am grateful for the opportunity to submit my candidacy for the Holdings Board. I believe I can contribute and share my business and economic experience with an emphasis on understanding the needs of a communal cooperative community. As we have seen and learned recently, we are facing significant business challenges. Based on my experience, in such situations we all need patience alongside determination, to focus on what is important alongside what is urgent, and to maintain business objectivity alongside sensitivity. It is necessary and essential to achieve tangible results while strengthening and preserving trust and transparency with council members and the entire community. I seek to join the Holdings Board to be an active partner in taking responsibility and addressing the challenges before us. I believe I can collaborate and bring value from the experience and knowledge I have accumulated in various fields – in industry, construction, business development, as a director, and as an advisor, and in assisting with leading strategic initiatives – as I have experienced previously in my role as CEO. This is an opportunity and a challenge for me; I intend to invest significant amounts of time in learning and understanding the areas of activity of Holdings, some of which are new to me, so that I can be a true and contributing partner. For me, this is an important personal goal, the right moment to engage, join, and deepen efforts for the community; I believe that together we will succeed. I would appreciate the public's trust and the opportunity to be a representative of the members as part of the economic and business management of the Holdings Board of Yizrael.

Tamir Blass: Why return to being a director at Yizrael Holdings? After a break of about three years during which I was not a director at Holdings, I wish to return and contribute to strengthening the kibbutz's business. I return with nearly a decade of experience in Holdings and an understanding that the necessary action must be taken with transparency and humility. I would be happy to assist and contribute to the Holdings team.

From the Recruitment Committee's Desk

(Va'adat Iyush Va'adot)

1. Absorption Committee

- The Recruitment Committee recommends the following members for another term on the Absorption Committee: Naomi Shechter, Aviva Beutler, Nitzan Rivlin Feldman, Sigal Hadar, Tzach Sassi. Their names will be presented at the upcoming kibbutz asefa.

- The committee proposes **Danit Kirshberg** to join as an additional member of the Absorption Committee. Danit's name will be presented at the upcoming asefa

2. Young Generation Committee

- The committee recommends **Sivan Dashevski** as an additional member (Sivan joined the committee as an observer during her absorption period). Sivan's name will be presented at the upcoming asefa.

3. Outside Workers Management

- The committee proposes **Ilan Sadur** as a public representative in the Outside Workers Management. Ilan's name will be presented at the upcoming kibbutz asefa.

4. Finance Committee

- The committee proposes **Anna Abramovitch** and **Tzach Sassi** as public representatives in the Finance Committee. Their names will be presented at the upcoming kibbutz asefa.

5. Mourning Committee - The committee proposes **Itai Nagar and Rotem Hillel** to join as additional members of the Mourning Committee. Their names will be presented at the upcoming kibbutz asefa.

6. Outside Workers Management

- **Dima Tchernichovsky** is completing his term as a representative of outside workers. **Dima wishes to continue for another term.** Nominations for the representative of external workers in the External Workers Management can be submitted until 21.3.25.

- **Rafi Baum** is completing his term as a public representative in the External Workers Management. **Rafi wishes to continue for another term.** Nominations for the public representative in the External Workers Management can be submitted until 21.3.25.

7. Chairperson of the Asefa

- **Shlomo Cohen** is completing his term as Chairperson of the Asefa. Shlomo **wishes to continue for another term.** Nominations for the Chairperson of the Asefa can be submitted until 21.3.25.

8. Construction Management

- Rafi Baum is completing his term as a public representative in the Construction Management. **Rafi wishes to continue for another term.** Nominations for the public representative in the Construction Management can be submitted until 21.3.25.

9. Social Involvement Committee

- A Social Engagement Committee is currently being established. The committee will work to promote values of social responsibility, volunteering, and community contribution. The committee aims to strengthen ties with the community, raise awareness of social issues, and create opportunities for active involvement, such as organising volunteer activities, donation days, collaborations with social organisations, and more. We are looking for a coordinator and members for the committee. Nominations can be submitted until 21.3.25.

You are welcome to contact any of the members of the Recruitment Committee:
Kinneret Govrin, Albert Rosilio, Liran Penn, Navot Assaf, Dotan Savir, Shelly Edelstein, Hedva Shaharabani.

Submitted by: Hedva Shaharabani



Update from the Health and Welfare Cluster: Proposal for Updating the 'Child Counseling' Refund Method

For about six months, the child counselling team has been working on updating the refund method in 'Child Counseling' with the aim of improving efficiency and enabling budget planning that is predictable and manageable (as much as possible). After numerous discussions (including a discussion in the education forum and adjustments based on feedback received), simulations, and further refinements within the team, the proposal for the update is presented here.

The team is open to feedback, and you are welcome to express opinions, concerns, questions, and more.

Please contact **Avishag Sharoni**, who will organise the information for the team. If no objections are submitted within two weeks, the proposal will come into effect on April 1, 2025. Talia Arad

Proposal to update the refund method in the children's counselling procedure:

Below are two refund tracks that can be combined:

Track 1 - Treatments by a psychologist or clinical social worker who are eligible for refunds from Clalit Mushlam (up to 30 per calendar year), and their costs are generally higher in most cases.

Track 1	Eligibility Basket - Number of Treatments for the Period	Maximum Reimbursement per Treatment	Maximum Reimbursement per Month	Notes
Treatments by Psychologist / Clinical Social Worker (eligible for reimbursement from the fund)	0-100	IL 330	IL 1500	proposed reimbursement will increase to IL 1500 (currently IL 1380).

Track 2 - Other emotional therapies whose costs are mostly lower and are not recognised by the health fund for reimbursement.

Track 2	Other Emotional Treatments (not eligible for reimbursement from the health fund)	Maximum Reimbursement per Treatment	Notes
0-100	IL 300	IL 1380	Total remains IL 1380

- Each child will be entitled to one quota of one basket (100 treatments) for the period.
- Period = Early childhood until grade 6 will be considered as one period. Grades 7 to 12 will be considered as another period.
- Parent training will be part of the 100 treatments quota for the period.
- Reimbursement for more than one treatment per week will not be granted.
- Reimbursement will only be granted for treatment with one therapist at any given time.
- 100 treatments are equivalent to two years of continuous treatment, but the quota can be spread over the period.
- It will be possible to switch from one plan to another. The system will adjust the reimbursements according to the chosen plan.

Important!

The period of childhood and adolescence may present various challenges, crises, and dilemmas.

There is no intention to prevent any child/adolescent from receiving emotional treatment when needed, even if the quota has been used.

In any case where there is a need for an additional quota, a tailored individual response will be provided by the counseling team in collaboration with the parents (and if necessary, the education system).

Inception date: April 1, 2025.

Purpose of updating the existing procedure:

- To limit continuous emotional treatment to a period of up to two years (currently, theoretically, one can receive treatment for up to 5 consecutive years without restriction).
- To maintain contact with families where the child needs continuous treatment for more than two years and to examine each case individually, with a personalised response.
- Cancellation of the co-payment of 30 NIS.
- To facilitate the adjustment and planning of the counseling budget, with the aim of allowing future increases in reimbursements for treatment (the team is aware of the high prices outside).
- The above proposal will replace the existing reimbursement method; other sections of the procedure will remain as they were.

The reimbursements as stated in the current counseling procedure in the community (which we propose to replace):

Subsidy method - Children (up to the end of grade 12):

- Types of treatments included in the basket: emotional treatments, psychological treatments, various diagnoses, paramedical treatments. One must contact the children's counseling coordinator before starting treatment to obtain approval that the chosen treatment meets the basket's criteria.
- Clalit provides reimbursements for a variety of emotional treatments for children in different age groups. To receive reimbursements for a group, a claim must be submitted to Clalit, and the parent must take action to submit the claim. Support and guidance for this process can be obtained - complete explanations and instructions will be provided to parents.
- As a rule, the advisory committee considers a period of up to two years to be sufficient for completing emotional treatment in most cases.

- A co-payment of 30 NIS per treatment will apply to parents.
- The total amount of reimbursements per month = 1500 NIS before co-payment.
- Retroactive reimbursements that are not in the same calendar year will not be granted.

Summary of the Planning Committee Meeting

Date: February 18, 2025

Attendees: Vicky Hollander, Yonatan Witelson, Revital Zelas, Shlomo Levi, Shachar Levi, Alita Mor, Benny Segal, Barry Feldman, Erez Peleg, Zahava Rozilio, Axel Levin.

Agenda:

- 1) Public Spaces in Residential Areas
- 2) Requests
- 3) Commercial Plan at the Gas Station

Welcome to Yonatan, the new observer joining the Planning Committee.

1) Public Spaces in Residential Areas

At the request of the landscaping branch, a discussion was held on open spaces in residential areas, focusing on the “Mizrach” neighbourhood and Parents' Housing. An analysis of the current situation was presented based on aerial photographs, an old shadow division, and existing issues for discussion. Committee members emphasised the scenic beauty of the “Mizrach” neighbourhood and the added value of kibbutz members who maintain green spaces beyond their private gardens. General topics and issues were also discussed, such as the area needed for infrastructure transfers and maintenance, accessibility, and minimum path width. Additionally, the zoning guidelines regarding plot sizes and building rights were discussed. We concluded that for the landscaping branch to manage the public green space in “Mizrach”, options should be checked for each house. Generally, it was concluded that paths in the kibbutz should be at least 2.5 meters wide to allow for multi-use by pedestrians, bicycles, mobility scooters, and club cars. Paths that do not meet the minimum required width should be widened in the next neighbourhood renovation. Additionally, a minimum public space of about one metre along the paths on both sides (without

fences, trees, or flowerpots) is required to ensure space for underground infrastructure and access for emergency vehicles. It was further concluded that open spaces maintained by members should be designed and maintained according to the conditions and guidelines of the landscaping branch. If changes are needed, they will be made when the houses are vacated.

In the Parents' Housing, the requirements regarding path width, combined with neighbourhood planning and based on the current situation: We concluded that in front of the house there is an option for a private garden about 3 meters deep (from the house front). Additionally, we concluded that for small houses without storage space, a shed (up to 9 square meters) can be built beside the house, close to the front façade. The remaining areas in the neighbourhood are the responsibility of the landscaping branch. Furthermore, we concluded that at the next opportunity, the neighbourhood paths should be widened, a connecting path within the neighbourhood which is presently lacking should be added in the neighbourhood centre, and a sidewalk and parking area should be added on the eastern side of the neighbourhood.

2) Requests

A. Request from the Rugby Club

Rugby Yizrael requests to establish a new clubhouse in place of the hut, in the place designated for it in the zoning plan. The requested clubhouse is 100 square meters with a 40 square meter deck facing the rugby field. The clubhouse will be located adjacent to and in line with the existing kitchen building. The Planning Committee approves the plan and requests:

- To move at the first opportunity existing structures that encroach on the designated area.
- To ensure an orderly appearance of the complex and the new clubhouse. For this purpose, Barry offers his assistance in construction.

B. Request from the Startup Committee for Neomi's

The Committee requests to add a canopy of about 6 square meters, hanging on the western side of the shack, over an existing concrete surface.

The Planning Committee approves the request on the condition that the canopy plan complies with exemption conditions, namely:

- Height up to 3 metres,
- The canopy will not protrude from the wall of the structure more than two meters.

Additionally, the committee requests that the construction be made of lightweight materials that are visually suitable for the shack and the area.

NOTE: A structural check is required from the kibbutz upon completion of the construction.

3) Commercial Plan at the Gas Station

The Planning Committee has discussed the commercial plan for “Dor Alon Yizrael” several times in 2023 and 2024, at the request of the previous chair of Yizrael Holdings, and has forwarded comments and requests to Yizrael Holdings and Dor Alon Yizrael, including a proposal for a coordination meeting. No official response was received regarding the committee's requests and comments.

In January 2025, a plan for the commercial complex was received, with no changes made in accordance with the committee's comments. The critical issue for the kibbutz is the proximity to the northern property line, which is the kibbutz boundary, and the existing infrastructure. In the past, the Planning Committee requested Dor Alon Yizrael to maintain a distance from this boundary and the existing infrastructure in the area. According to the plan, the proximity of the design to the kibbutz boundary has not changed, and a retaining wall for the commercial complex is planned about 60 cm from the kibbutz boundary and the existing asphalt boundary of the industrial road. As part of the construction of the retaining wall, excavations are expected to be carried out in the existing foundation of the kibbutz road (industrial road). Erez will ensure an agreement between the kibbutz and Dor Alon Yizrael so that all the infrastructure in the area (underground and the existing road and its foundations) will be restored to its previous condition by Dor Alon Yizrael immediately after the work.

Submitted by: Axel Levin

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A Few Words About Using Natural Cleaning Products – From the Environmental Quality Committee



We aim to raise public awareness about environmental protection through small yet significant actions. This time, let's talk about natural cleaning.

In our modern lives, there is an abundance of cleaning products designed for every purpose, all packaged in shiny containers with tempting promises. So, what's the problem?

Most of the products sold come with serious warnings in large letters because they contain active chemicals and strong, dangerous synthetic detergents. These substances are absorbed through our skin and inhaled through our lungs.

Once absorbed, they can harm humans, causing skin issues, respiratory problems, and reproductive system damage. These effects can manifest as new allergies, increased sensitivity to other environmental pollutants, and breathing difficulties.

In the long term, some chemicals affect the reproductive system and sperm production in men, jeopardising ovarian structure in women. Additionally, many of these substances have been proven to be carcinogenic.

For your information, in Israel, about 2,500 children are hospitalised each year due to poisoning from cleaning products.

From an ecological perspective, most detergents are non-biodegradable. They seep from the sewage into our groundwater and water sources, affecting wildlife and plants, thus continuing the cycle of poisoning returning to us.

So first and foremost, pay attention to the symbols on cleaning products!



DO YOU KNOW WHAT'S ON A HOUSEHOLD CHEMICAL LABEL?

- **Exclamation Mark:** Indicates the product has acute toxicity, may cause skin and eye irritation, respiratory effects, sedative impact, and is dangerous to the ozone layer.
- **Skull Symbol:** Indicates acute toxicity.
- **Flame Symbol:** Contains flammable gases, liquids, or solids that ignite and decompose in the air. These include organic compounds that emit flammable gases when in contact with water. **Important: Do not mix two different cleaning products, as the reaction can be very dangerous!**
- **Lungs Symbol:** Warns of respiratory irritation, potential genetic changes, cancer, reproductive toxicity, and inhalation dangers.
- **Water Symbol with Fish and Tree:** Indicates danger to aquatic environments, where toxins penetrate water and harm ecological life.

What Can Be Done?

Use natural and simple materials for cleaning your home!

- **Baking Soda:** A powerful cleaning agent, it's antibacterial, antifungal, disinfectant, and deodorizing. It can tackle grime, bacteria in sinks, grease, and bad odors on furniture and carpets.

-Apple Cider Vinegar: An acidic cleaner that removes grease, and when combined with baking soda, creates a winning duo. The resulting mixture softens water and disinfects. It can be used as a fabric softener or hair conditioner substitute.

- **Essential Oils:** Citrus oils like grapefruit, orange, mandarin, and bergamot uplift mood, so consider adding them to your cleaning products. Adding a drop or two of lavender or tea tree oil, which are antibacterial, anti-inflammatory, and antifungal, is also recommended.

How to Use Natural Cleaning Products?

- **Descaling Bathroom Surfaces:** A spray of equal parts water and vinegar removes limescale from faucets and ceramics. Scrubbing with baking soda will whiten and brighten. You can sprinkle it directly or make a paste with water.

- **Toilet Cleaning:** Alternate scrubbing with citric acid and vinegar for effective cleaning and disinfection.

- **Kitchen:** Add citrus essential oils to a vinegar-water spray for general cleaning of the fridge, countertops, and shower curtains.

-**Grease Removal:** Use pure alcohol (95%) to clean sticky and burnt grease in the kitchen. Burnt pans can be soaked in boiling water with baking soda.

- **Whitening:** Baking soda can whiten sinks and stained dishes. Soak the dishes overnight in warm water with baking soda, then rinse in the morning.

- **Deodorisation:** Baking soda absorbs odors well. Sprinkle it inside carpets or shoes overnight, then shake out. For jars with lingering smells, soak them in water with baking soda, rinse, and you can add pleasant essential oils afterward.

- **Floor Washing:** Use warm water with a cup of vinegar in your mop bucket. Add a few drops of essential oil for fragrance and disinfection during the final rinse.

Let's take good care of ourselves, each other, and the environment!

Sources: [PCLN](<https://pcln.co.il>), [Sabon Michal] (<https://sabonmichal.co.il/blog>)

Environmental Quality Committee - submitted by: Tamar Sankar

🎵 Notes from the Music School 🎵



On Sunday, March 2nd, two regional singing conferences took place with the participation of about 1300 students from grades 3 to 5, who responded to a regional call and had learned, in recent months, with the help of their teachers, songs from the best of Israeli music, as part of the Social-Value Voice program,. They gathered for a culminating day at the "Yifat" hall for a morning of spirit uplifting and especially high energies. **The students' singing was accompanied by the representative youth orchestra from the Yizrael Valley Conservatory, conducted by Stas Gavrilov.** The orchestra also performed a medley titled "Songs in Uniform" - a tribute to IDF soldiers and security forces.

We were honored to host singer Shuli Nathan at the conference and to hear the behind-the-scenes story of the legendary song "Jerusalem of Gold" by Naomi Shemer. The song "The Road to the Village," by Nurit Hirsch and Yoram Tahar Lev, was dedicated to the return of students to their educational institutions.

"On the road descending from the village, among the oaks and the pistachio trees, my steps and traces surely remain, and my mother still calls me." The song "I Belong," written as the Maccabiah anthem in 1999 by Ehud Manor and Nurit Hirsch, is tied to this year's Maccabiah events.

"With my feet, I crossed the bridge, with my hand, I will knock on the gate, for the connection in the depth of my soul, will never be severed."

Thanks to all the organisations and people that made this possible!!!

The conference also included principals, supervisors, educational department heads. (I will spare my readers the names. See the details in the Hebrew newsletter – Ed)

Written by: Zohar Valensi-Zinger - Supervisor of the Ministry of Education for Music in the Northern District – **Reported by:** Stas and the Music House Team

Delving in the Archives – Jules Feldman

"Football on the big lawn
Aerial photo of Yizrael in 1955

In the upper right corner of the picture, you can see the circle of Swedish huts. In the area between the huts was the big lawn, which was a bustling place. There, people played football, sat on the grass in groups, ate afternoon snacks, and danced in the evening. The huts were removed in 1980, and in their place, the dining hall of today was built."



A Meeting with Ziv Yonatan

“Instead of Parting”

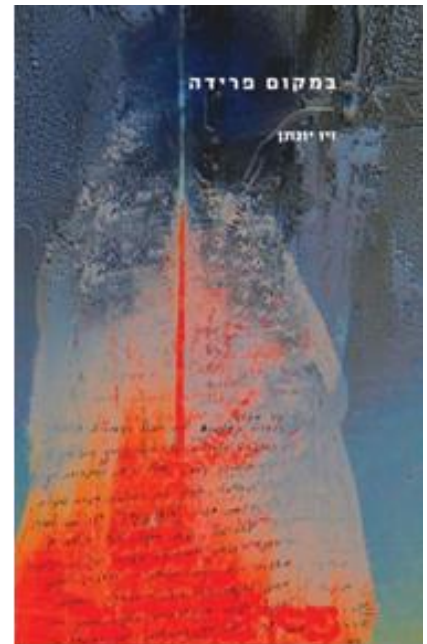
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In the Library

Ziv Yonatan's special book "Instead of Parting" was written in the context of ten books that Nathan Yonatan bequeathed to his son during the last weeks of his life. It is a captivating drama between "this man" – Nathan "that man" Yonatan and the son who is the connection between them.

The artistic dialogue that takes place in the book is also highlighted in the video piece: "Seven Images," where Ziv reads excerpts from his letters to his father, combined with music by Daniel Solomon and video works edited by Lili Ratok.



Megilat Esther on Yizrael ◦

Thurs 13.3.23 - 19:15

In the Shul

All welcome!!!!



**Everyone is invited
To a Fun Circus
For all the Family
On the Lobby Lawn
Sunday 16.3.25
17:00**



Programme for 08/03/25– 13/03/25

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

Sunday 02 February

09:10 Zoom from Dorot B'Gilboa – The Classical Music Romanticists

10:50 Zoom continued – The Israeli Singers Style

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

Monday 03 February

08:00 Pedicure – Limor Mualem – by appointment only

09:00 Sweet from the oven with Monica and Noa for Purim

10:00 Quizzes and Brain Games with Galia

18:45 Musical Experience with Stas

Tuesday 04 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 05 February

09:30 A “kalnoit” tiyul and picnic in honour of International Pie Day

10:00 – 12:00 The ceramics studio is open with instruction from Miki Touz

Thursday 06 February

09:30 Happy Thursday with “Flora” and the children from the Ganon celebrating Purim

09:30 Woodworking with Noga Harpaz – “HaNogariah”

17:15 Chair exercises with Michal Sha’anan

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English is Fun - with Rahel

ISRAELI INVENTIONS THAT CHANGED THE WORLD

In honour of Israel' 73rd Independence Day, HaAretz presented outstanding Israeli innovations that have made and are still making an impact.

(I printed it out, and placed it in my Newsletter file)

- **Kibbutz** - 1909: Kibbutz Degania was the first of hundreds of collective settlements founded by idealistic pioneers.
- **Zaksenberg juicer** - 1928: Iconic citrus juicer invented by Yitzak Zaksenberg.
- **Wonder Pot** - 1930's: Once popular aluminum pot for baking on a gas stove.
- **Krav Maga** - 1948: Military self-defence system developed for the IDF and used around the world.

- **Uzi** - 1954: Submachine gun that was one of the first weapons to use a telescoping bolt design.
- **Feldenkrais** - 1954: Type of exercise therapy devised by Moshe Feldenkrais that claims to improve body movement and psychological state.
- **Dud Shemesh** - 1955: solar panels for heating water. The still ubiquitous dud shemesh harnesses the local climate to save electricity.
- **Sussita** - 1960: Fiberglass-shelled cars that were popular in Israel during the 1960's and 1970's.
- **Bamba** - 1964: Iconic peanut-butter-flavoured snack made by Osem.
- **Drip Irrigation** - 1965: Israel's mega contribution to global agriculture.
- **Cherry Tomatoes** - 1973: Israel's mega contribution to global agriculture after drip irrigation.
- **Rav Bariach** - 1973: The ultimate steel security door.
- **RSA encryption** - 1977: A public-key cryptosystem that is widely used for secure data transmission.
- **8088 processor** - 1979: Revolutionary microprocessor developed by Intel in their Haifa lab.
- **Interferon proteins** - 1970's: Michel Revel of the Weizmann Institute of Science discovered that interferon communicates with cells via a receptor on the cell wall.

- **Merkava tank** - 1979: Main battle tank used by the IDF.

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