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***Kibbutz Yizre'el***

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**MAZAL TOV**

* To **Smadar Chikorel** on her marriage. Mazal Tov to her parents **Rinat** **and Damien** and to the whole family.
* To **David and Shoshana Mittelberg** on the occasion of the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, **Yotam Hasheli**, **Shuli and Yoni Hasheli’s son**. Mazal Tov to the whole family.
* To **Dani and Eddie Solow** on the occasion of their grandson**, Eyal’s** Bar Mitzvah at the Western Wall in Jerusalem. Mazal Tov to the whole family.
* **To Tomer Reuven** on the completion of his army service. We wish you well on your new path.

**THANKS**

* David and Shoshana give thanks to all those who helped with the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson. The Bar Mitzvah took place outside the air conditioned synagogue, under a canopy specially constructed because of the Corona regulations. They thank those who led the service, those that came and those that helped organize the service.
* To all those who made our 73rd Anniversary, a week of celebration, such a success.
* To the team in our clinic which took the initiative and organized the third booster inoculation at the clinic.

**BEST WISHES** to **Ofri Sharoni** who is beginning her year of service at Bet Alisha at Kibbutz Hardouf. Bet Alisha is a home for people with special needs. Ofri will participate with a group in a preparatory seminar, will live at the home and experience daily life in this work. We wish you satisfaction in this enriching endeavor.

**SUMMER CAMP AT YIZRE’EL**

The Yizre’eli youth took upon themselves a difficult but important mission in participating in a 5 day summer camp for the children of “Akim” in Bet Shean at Yizre’el. Our children had the opportunity to share all the good things we have at Yizre’el with these children.

+ Thanks to Michal Sadur and her workshop.

+ To Ziv Ben Bassat with her clay sculpting workshop.

+ To Itzik Shachter and Adi Laviv and the Food Branch on their heartfelt response.

+ To all those who smiled and encouraged the project, on the paths and at the pool.

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| **ROSH HASHANA GIFT**It was decided, that since most people preferred to receive the gift in their personal account, this year everyone will receive it in their account. |

**MEETING OF THE MAZKIRUT AND THE CORONA TEAM 12/8/2021**

* Green Pass to enter the dining room: At lunch time there will be a Corona supervisor at the entrance to the dining room. At breakfast we trust that only those with a green pass will come. The elementary school children will eat breakfast and lunch in the children’s houses. In the evenings families with small children are asked to eat outside.
* Branches which receive clientele (Kol Bo, the Food Branch, the Clothing Branch, the Gardening Branch, the Bookkeeping, the Education Institutions): Those who work in these places and are not inoculated must do a **PCR** test twice a week for which they will pay.

**MAZKIRUT MEETING 16/8/2021**

1. Information:

+ There was a discussion about the western road before the subject comes up to the General Meeting.

+ Nitzan Rivlin Feldman reported that Kibbutz Geva voted against the establishment of wind turbines even though they may face a law suit of millions against them.

+Yifat Assaf asked for permission to host the evacuated members of Kibbutz Tsuba to Yizre’el if they want to come.

1. Renovation of the Kol Bo and the Dining Room:

A very detailed report on the need to renovate the dining room and the Kol Bo was given. In a vote it was decided that the Mazkirut recommends that the detailed plans for renovation should start immediately, 330,000 shekel budget. The budget will include a project management company to oversee the project.

**GENERAL MEETING 16/82021**

1. Kibbutz members for the Agriculture Directorate: The following candidates were put forward: Jeremy Perling, Momi Cohen, Ela Cohen, Phil Adler. The candidates were accepted with a vote of 71 for and 14 against. Jeremy was voted in for another term of office as chairperson for the Agriculture.
2. Head of Agriculture: There are two candidates for the position – Daniel Rosenfeld and Asael Mor. A vote will be taken on 18-19/8/2021.
3. Head of Lands as a professional post: It was decided by a vote of 60 for and 40 against to postpone the discussion at the General Meeting and return the subject to the Mazkirut as part of the principle discussions about professional positions and terms of office.

**FROM THE HUMAN RESOURCES DESK**

**Head of the Seniors’ Center:** **Monica Brustein** has been nominated for this position. It is a full time job but at the beginning until the center is established it will be part time. A vote will be taken at the next General Meeting.

**Corona Supervisor**: **Anna Abramovitch** has been nominated to take over from Dotan Savir as head of the Carona Team. We thank **Dotan** for fulfilling such a long, difficult and complicated position and wish Anna every success in this endeavour.

**Person in charge of the pool:** **Gil Hillel** asked to be replaced even before the beginning of the season. He has waited patiently and continued to be responsible. We thank him for his patience and sense of responsibility. We are still looking for a replacement.

**The Administrative Division of Human Resources** includes the following members: Peter Pezaro , Shimon Zelas, David Mittelberg, Hila Alterlevi, Yifat Assaf, Erez Peleg and Racheli Arava.

At their first meeting it was decided that they will deal with the following three principle fields:

1. **Work** – Update work administration
2. **Earning a living** – investigate the situation, and suggest improvements and efficiency measures.
3. **Standards** – check out the standards in the branches.

Recommendations on these three subjects will be brought to the Mazkirut by the end of October 2021.

**UPDATE ON FINANCIAL PROCEDURES**

* Receiving payment through a Payment App. that credits your kibbutz account.
1. Download the App onto your mobile phone and check that you are connected to your kibbutz credit card.
2. When you receive the payment, go to the designated form on Kehilanet – “form for receiving payment on Payment App”
3. Fill in the details, including screen shot that confirms the transfer.
4. When the money comes to your account, a credit will be recorded.
* Order Form for cheques: - the form can be found on Kehilanet. Note: It is preferable to send a bank transfer.
* A bank payment order: We are planning this new service .

**MAYTRONICS REPORT and NOMINATION OF THE NEXT CEO**

The company directorate has nominated **Sharon Goldenberg**, vice president of marketing and head of the business division of the company, as the next CEO of Maytronics.

The company is continuing to show outstanding results and is ending the first half year of 2021 with sales of 917.6 million shekel and clear profit of 201.5 million shekel, an increase of 43% compared to the same period in 2020.

Thanks to the company workers and management for their hard work, the continual growth and outstanding results.

**FROM THE SENIORS’ COMMITTEE**

The committee warmly recommends registering for activities at Dorot B’Gilboa. The Seniors’ Committee will subsidize the registration fee (500 shekel). The payment will be made directly to Dorot B’Gilboa after Succot. Registration for the coming year ends 26.8.2021.

**Those who have not signed up should do it now!!!**

Activities and courses will begin 3.10.2021. There will be transportation every day of the week.

For more information ring Dorot B’Gilboa 04 6421050 or 054-9358348.

**FROM THE DESK OF THE HEAD OF THE COMMUNITY**

Building without permission of the Planning Committee or against regulations: members have built store rooms, closed in porches and put up fences without consulting the Planning Committee. We ask the members who have done so, to speak to the planning committee and find a solution to this situation. Members are requested to consult the Planning Committee to get approval for their projects before starting them.

Accessibility to the Hair Salon: A metal ramp should be built by the beginning of September.

Renovations of the dining room and the KolBo: The plans have been completed and the Mazkirut approved them. The General Meeting voted to begin the project.

Update on the Cottages: We are awaiting the permit to remove the old building and to begin construction of the new neighborhood. This we believe we will receive in the next few weeks.

**CORONA REGULATIONS for the coming period:**

* **Green Pass**: From the age of 3 up, the green pass is to be presented at the dining room.
* **Entry to the dining room** : only those who have been inoculated/recovered from Corona or have a current negative test. This includes those on the duty roster.
* **A tent outside the dining room** has been set up with air coolers for families and children, for those not inoculated or without a negative test.
* **Breakfast, lunch and at supper time**: there will be an outside supervisor together with Idit at the entrance.
* **Friday lunch, evening meal and Saturday lunch**: Till Yom Kippur, these meals will be in “take away” format.
* **Corona tests**: Sunday till Thursday 9:30-10:00 you can be given the rapid test, valid 24 hours. Those tested will be given a note(for internal use only) that can be presented at the dining room. Children up to the age of 12 will not be charged.
* **Workers in service branches that have contact with the public**, who are not inoculated / or recovered from Corona, must have **PCR** tests twice a week on their own account. The negative report must be presented to the heads of their branch.
* Swimming pool: Sons, daughters and grandchildren are allowed to enter the pool.
* **Anyone who does not feel well should isolate himself and do a Corona test.**
* It’s really important to wear a mask.

**As we have seen, by cooperation and effort, we will continue to keep our community safe, healthy and functioning!!!**

**English is Fun - with Rahel**

This is a list of ten places where you shouldn't store your cell phone

1. **Back pocket**

It is certainly very comfortable to carry your phone in the back pocket of your pants. But by choosing this place, we can face the following problems:

Phones have touch screens and they react to more than just fingers. For this reason, it's veryeasy to dial an emergency number and not even know about it. 30% of calls **to 911 are accidental**. Do you often feel pain in your stomach and legs? This can also be a consequence of the phone in your back pocket. It is also easy to forget about the phone and break it or lose it. (or drop it in the toilet)

1. **Front pocket**

Men don't carry bags, so it's more convenient for them to put their phone in a front pocket. But their **health can suffer** because of that. Studies have proved that the electromagnetic radiation of a phone adversely affects the quality and quantity of sperm. The longer a man keeps a phone in his pants, the higher the risk.

1. **Bra**

In medicine, there is still no consensus about whether cell phone radiation causes cancer. But, according to some scientists, a phone in the bra increases **the risk of breast cancer.** So it's better not to keep it there!

1. **On your hip**

According to research, carrying your phone near your thigh **weakens the hip bones.** So take care of your bones, and put the device in a dense bag.

1. **Against your skin**

Don't keep your cell phone against your skin. When you do this, **bacteria** from the screen and the phone buttons are transferred to the skin of your face, and the **electromagnetic radiation** becomes even closer.

**But then how can we talk on the phone?** Leave at least 0.5 – 1.5 cm between the device and your skin.

1. **On the charger**

No, charging the phone doesn't harm your health (except for electromagnetic radiation if you are close), but it is better not to leave your cell phone charged overnight. This can shorten the life of the phone's battery, and **reduce its' efficiency.**

1. **Cold places**

If it is cold outside and the temperature drops below zero, take care of your phone. Don't leave it for a long time in the street or the car. The temperature difference **is very harmful** to gadgets. When you bring your device back into a warm place, condensation forms, and this can lead to **problems with the internal details** of the phone. If you often go outside in the cold season, buy a "warm" phone case.

1. **Hot places**

High temperatures are also harmful to electronics. In hot weather, it is not recommended that your leave your phone in your car or on the beach. Also, it is better not to keep it next to the oven.

1. **Stroller**

Mums in a hurry often put their phone in a stroller. Some researchers argue that this is unsafe. The impact of cell phones on children can be the cause of such **behavioural problems** as hyperactivity and attention deficit disorder.

1. **Under your pillow**

Don’t store your phone under your pillow. There are several reasons for this: At night, notifications often come in. making the screen glow. Extraneous light affects the production of melatonin. All this leads to **problems with sleep,** which is very important for the body. Over long periods of time, electromagnetic radiation causes **headaches and dizziness.**

There have been cases of **phone explosions and** **fires.** When covering your phone with a pillow, you increase the chances of this. A phone gives off heat when charging, and the heat will not escape from under the fabric of a pillow.

**It is better to charge it away from yourself, your bed and other people.**

**These tips may seem surprising, but your health comes first.**

 **……………more next week**