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**Kibbutz Yizre'el**

**Translated by Fay Drezner**

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**MAZAL TOV**

* To Jo and Barry Feldman and families on the birth of their grandson, a son to Orli and Itai.
* To Ruti Bekker and families on the birth of her great grandson, Yarden Almagor, Matar and Uri’s son. Mazal Tov to Savta Neta Bekker-Almagor
* To Second Lieutenant Eden Zinenko who completed an officer’s course and is about to command a rescue platoon. Well Done!!! We are very proud of you and wish you every success in your challenging role.

**CASHIER’S OFFICE (Temporary; times)**

Opening hours: Sunday and Thursday 13:00 – 15:00

Please send a message on Whatsapp in advance for sums of above 1000 shekel cash . 052-3756265 Yifat Levi

**DENTAL CLINIC and HUMAN RESOURCES**

We are pleased to announce that Zahava Rozilio has completed her course in dental hygiene and will begin work in the dental clinic on the kibbutz. At this stage, Zahava will be working one day a week in the clinic as well as working in the clothing store and as the contact person for Pelephone. We wish you every success.

**WEEKLY DIARY**

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| **Date** | **Details** | **Place** | **Time** |
| Sun 16.2.20 | Absorption committee | Conference room | 20:30 |
| Sundays | Spring of Youth | Movement room | 16:30 + 17:30 |
| Mon 17.2.20 | Livelihood team | Conference room | 20:30 |
| Mondays  | Spring of Youth | Movement room | 5:45 to 6:30 |
| Tues 18.2.20 | Concert | Music School | Afternoon |
| Tuesdays | Spring of Youth | Movement room | 17:15 – 18:00 |
| Tuesdays  | Seniors’ Center | Moadon/Hut | 9:00 – 12:00 |
| Wednesdays | Spring of Youth | Movement room | 16:30 + 17:30 |
| Thursday 20.2.20 | Absorption Team | Moadon  | 20:30 Yizre’el 2030 |
| Thursdays | Spring of Youth | Movement room | 5:45 to 6:30 |
| Thursdays | Seniors’ Center | Moadon/Hut | 9:00 – 12:00 |
| Fridays  | Spring' of Youth | Movement room | 7:00 to 7:45 |
| Friday | Shabbat prayers | Synagogue | 18:00 |
| Shabbat  | Almond Festival |  | 10:00 – 12:30 |

**MAKIRUT MEETING 9/2/20**

Following tradition, the children of this year’s Bar Mitzvah group (Rimon), their leaders and a parent representative were invited to attend a meeting of the Mazkirut. This activity is part of the missions the children have set themselves to accomplish -”My Yizre’el”. The children introduced themselves and the members of the Mazkirut did likewise explaining their role on the mazkirut. The workings of the mazkirut were explained to the children, how topics are chosen, how decisions are made. The group was invited to discuss one topic with the mazkirut – Work Bonus and A Social Project. The children and the members of the mazkirut put forward their ideas for a social project. The secretary thanked them for their participation and ideas.

WORK BONUS AND SOCIAL PROJECT: These two topics were discussed and two definitions of social project were put forward.

1. A social project is for the welfare of the kibbutz community, for the strengthening of the feeling of belonging, pride in and unity of the society. The project can be directed internally, into the community or externally for the good of the Israeli society. Preference will be given to projects that have no other funding than that of the work bonus.
2. The whole social project will be directed externally for the benefit of Israeli society with the participation of a maximum number of members of the kibbutz.

These two definitions were put to the vote.

Definition (1) received 9 votes - Definition (2) received 2 votes.

**PLANNING COMMITTEE**

1. Planting Trees: The building committee, the planning committee and the gardening branch work together to decide what kind of trees are to be planted and where. They take into consideration the plans for the infrastructure, the electrical and water underground lines, the placing of paths and roads. Thus plans for planting trees must go through the correct channels.
2. Plans for the new neighborhood:
* The architects have completed the building plan and are going into final details.
* There are two options for the bypass road. Aksel will prepare a mock up of the options.
* The architects have received the corrections made and will draw up a draft of the urban building scheme.
* Choosing an architect for the housing: In previous newsletters chaverim were asked to forward their recommendations for an architect according to conditions set by the committee. These recommendations were to be sent in by 24/1/20. Two recommendations were accepted. The committee is working on a list of suitable architects.
* An order for a survey of recommended trees for the area as a first stage has been made. Everyone is asked not to touch the signs and markers near the rugby field, on trees and near the gate of the cemetery.
1. Plans for the cottage area: All the new information has been sent to the architects and next week we should receive the new plans.

**STUDIES COMMITTEE 5.2.20** The new members and the old members of the committee introduced themselves to each other giving details of their background and what skills they are bringing to this committee. It seems that a heterogeneous and balanced committee has been formed which will be able to promote and advance the program of the kibbutz to send people out to study.

The committee reviewed the processes and work that is carried out by the committee during an academic year; their contact with the students, the budget for studies and the need for discretion.

**THE COMMITTEE FOR OUTSIDE WORKERS**

* Meetings with most of the outside workers of 2019 have been completed.
* In the near future personal meetings with the outside workers for 2020 will be held. The aim of these meetings is to hear and learn about the work these people do, to understand their ambitions and their requirements and to help out in any way that is needed to facilitate their personal advancement and success in their work.
* Subjects that come up from these discussions will be dealt with by the committee.
* The pay slip will be explained to the worker and if there is any need to intervene Tami Penn and Adi Laviv will explain what needs to be done. (e.g. travel expenses not included, or pension irregularities.)

 \* The evening of appreciation of the outside workers celebrated was very

 successful. Further thought to evenings lie this in the future will have to

 take a limited budget into consideration.

**FROM OUR מש"קית**

**Carpool:** A full report on the functioning of the carpool has been completed using professional consulting firms, auditors, and accountants in order to form a program for efficient and economic running of the carpool. A tender for the position of head of this branch will be announced soon.

**The Western Gate:** Engineers and lawyers have been consulted in regard to the use of this gate. When we have conclusive recommendations they will be announced to the public.

**Road at the entrance to the kibbutz**: The planning committee decided to take advantage of the making of the new road to the gas station in order to renew the road that enters the kibbutz. As a result the road will be closed or semi closed at different stages. Please take note of notices about these operations and act according to them.

**The Collection of Cardboard Boxes**: Thanks to Paul Zelas for his part in getting the regional council to set up another collection point for boxes, opposite the antenna in the south-western corner of the kibbutz.

The Community Budget for 2020 has been finalized at long last. Let’s hope we can preserve our services within the limited budget.

 Robin Ogen

**ASPHALTING THE ROAD**

From Tuesday 12th February for the next 5-7 days infrastructure work at the entrance to the kibbutz will be carried out in preparation for the asphalting of the road leading into the gas station. As in these cases the traffic will be alternately one way . Yizre’el-Alon apologizes for any inconvenience.

**WHAT ARE OUR YOUNGSTERS DOING? (last part)**

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| **Name** | **Details** |
| Pamela Peretz | I am working with toddlers on the kibbutz and studying for my first degree in preschooler studies at Oranim.  |
| Yasmin Matalon | Living on the kibbutz and in the process of becoming a member. Working with preschoolers and studying natural nutrition and medicinal plants at Reidman college. |
| Tzach Sasi | Living on the kibbutz and working in Maytronics. |
| Itzik Nissani | Living on the kibbutz, completed studies as a practical engineer in mechatronics at the Nazarath -Yizre’el college. Have begun studying to be a qualified electrician. In the meantime am looking for work. |
| Moran Rakir | Living with Tal Havshish on the kibbutz, in the process of becoming a member. Working in my bakery business and also in the 5-6th graders children’s house. |
| Tomer Hayun | Ziv Ben Bassat’s partner. Living on the kibbutz and in the process of becoming a member. Working as an industrial designer for the Starplast company. |
| Or Giari Bar  | Bar Kamillian’s partner, living on the kibbutz. Completed studies as a practical engineer in Interior design and architecture. At present working for an architectural firm in Ram On. |
| Ma’ayan Sagiv | Living with Alon Matalon on the kibbutz. In the last 3 months did a psychometric course and am now working again with elementary school children.  |
| Maya Lee Goldenberg | Tom Adler’s girlfriend, living with him on the kibbutz. |

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| ***SIMPLY WALKING******ONE PEOPLE ONE TRACK******RAMAT HANADIV******BELOVED FRIENDS WE’RE ON OUR WAY******FRIDAY 21.2.20 AT 8:30******CAR PARK RAMAT HANADIV**** 1. ***km two hour walk suitable for the whole family***

***You must sign up in advance******SEE YOU THERE*** |

**BMUSIC**

Every January we give the new students who started learning this year at the Music school their first performance in front of an audience. Fifty musicians took part in four premiere concerts consecutively. The students were very enthusiastic and the many families were happy and excited with their children’s performance.

At assemblies organized by the Ministry of Education our students performed with great success. – piano duet taught by Ra’issa Gavrilov, five saxophones taught by Stas Gavrilov.

At the end of the month there was an interesting evening with the students learning voice production with Ra’issa Gavrilov. They sang by vocalizing the names of the notes.

**What is on in March?**

* 9/10/11th March Purim holidays
* Thurs 5/3/20 The Music School Orchestra conducted by Stas Gavrilov will attend a State assembly in Acco
* Wed 18/3/20 Concertino No.6 at the Music school at 20:00
* Sat evening 28.3.20 at 19:30 Annual teachers’ concert at the Music School.

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|  **AN EVENING OF HEBREW SONG****A REGIONAL PERFORMANCE OF MANY PARTICIPANTS****PRODUCED BY THE MUSIC SCHOOL****29/2/20 at Bet Tzizling** |

**ALMOND FESTIVAL**

**Saturday 22/2/20 10:00 – 12:30**

**Artistic activities, bicycle trips to the ma’ayan, field cooking, tractor trips and more**

**There will be transport to and from the festival.**

**No parking in the area of the festival.**

**BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR SENIORS**

**Seniors are invited to a birthday party for those who have birthdays in December to March.**

**Tuesday 17.3.20 at 17:30 in the moadon.**

**The Music School’s saxophone players will be performing conducted by Stas Gavrilov.**

**Of course there will be refreshments**

**English is Fun - with Rahel**

We'll take a break from Student Bloopers, but continue next week…

Oxymoron: *A figure of speech with pointed conjunction of seeming contradictories e.g. a little bit pregnant*

recent past lost discoveries new artifacts civil war recent past

neo-classic virtual reality individual collections private exhibits

permanent loans current history extinct life restored ruins

authentic models primitive advancements down escalator

silent alarm wireless outlets to top flo

**Facts you have to know…**

The largest of the Easter Island statues weighs more than 80 tons.

*The blood vessels of a blue whale are so wide that an adult trout could swim through them.*

Farthest distance a pumpkin has been hurled without the use of explosives – 3,718 feet.

Top speed of an abalone on the move: 5 yards per minute.

Checkers used to be known as "chess for ladies".

"Iron Age" magazine once called Theodore Roosevelt "a drunk". He sued, and won 6c.

In the 1500's England's Queen Elizabeth I outlawed wife beating after

10 p.m. ……………more next week

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| From **THE STUDIES COMMITTEE**: Chaverim interested in long term studies must complete the application forms and send them in by 10th March 2020. The forms can be downloaded from the Khilanet and sent to HR@yizrael.com . Committee members: Avishag Sharoni, Tamar Sadur, Shlomo Kamilian, Rotem Hillel, Limor Griman, Peter Pizarro, Adi Laviv |