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***Kibbutz Yizre'el***

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**THANKS** to Hamutal Ben Amitai-Assaf for the period in which she was in charge of the moadon. Till the next person in charge takes over, contact Hedva Shaharabani in order to use the moadon. You need to book a date and get the keys from her.

**PROCEDURES FOR COUNCIL MEETINGS AND GENERAL MEETINGS ON ZOOM**

These meetings are difficult to run on zoom so procedures have to be set in order to make them more efficient and respectful to the people participating.

+ The right to speak will be given to a speaker only on video camera.

+ One member of the Mazkirut will be the person to contact in order to receive the right to speak or comment. At the beginning of the meeting his/her name will be announced. He/she will receive telephone messages asking for the right to speak. The chairperson, the kibbutz secretary and the person presenting the topic on the agenda will not have mobile phones.

+ Members are asked to note the amount of time and the number of times

they speak.

+ Decisions at the end of the discussion will be written up on the screen.

**MAZKIRUT MEETING ON ZOOM 14/2/2021**

1. **Request by Liron (Abadi) for a year of Absence**

His wife, Anya and their son are going back to Germany shortly and Liron has asked to join them as soon as he completes his commitments in Israel and the bureaucratic matters in Germany.

The Mazkirut approved of his request for a year of absence and wishes him and his family success.

1. **Refusal to sign documents in the name of the Kibbutz.**

As a cooperative kibbutz, the decisions of the General Meeting are final. The General Meeting decided that the Keren Miluim will handle all matters relating to social security. In order to open the fund or deposit money, we need the agreement of the member. That is why we ask members to sign. It was decided that if a member does not sign, no moneys will be given in his name.

1. **Regulations for the Young Generation**: Over the years many decisions have been separately made. Some overlap and some are not clear. The decisions were collected (19 pages) and given to members of the Mazkirut to look over. Clarification was needed with the help of Noga Harpaz on the following subjects: taking the grant track or the preferential work track / the tracks open for those who do not do military service / the tracks open for those who do volunteer work instead of military service. No new decisions were made but overlaps and inconsistencies were checked out. It was decided that Noga Harpaz will make corrections. These will be brought to the Mazkirut and then made public.
2. **End of the discussion on update of seniority for some Bnei Meshek**.

After a lengthy debate a vote was held – 3 votes for / 6 votes against / 1 abstention

It was decided to bring the matter to the General Meeting without the recommendation of the Mazkirut.

1. **Future of the nursing home**: At the moment there are 3 people in the nursing home, not members of the kibbutz. This is a good time to consider the future of the place. Most members who need help, prefer to receive the help they need at home. In order to keep the place financially viable we need at least 7 permanent residents. There are no new members in the near future.

The Mazkirut decided that the purpose of the nursing home should be examined and changes made. A team to take on this question was formed: Yitzack Peleg, Inbal adler, Yifat Segal, Elad Ilan and Yifat Assaf.

The team will speak to members and hear their opinion on the subject and then bring recommendations to the Mazkirut.

**UPDATE ON THE CEMETERY**

The cemetery is undergoing a facelift. Rafi Baum is in charge of the project together with the gardening branch. They are putting in watering facilities, drinking water fountains and hand washing taps. Contact Rafi with your queries.

**BALLOT VOTE**

1. The vote on the change in the kibbutz statutes did not pass due to the fact that not enough people voted.
2. Vote on the size of permanent housing:

120 sqm received 154 votes / 130 sqm received 39 votes /

110 sqm – 43 votes

**THE BAR MITZVAH GROUP “TUT”**

The group has completed its 6th assignment – History of the Kibbutz Movement. They broke into 4 groups, visited four kibbutzim and heard stories about the kibbutzim. They then went to the Escape Room at Kinneret where many questions dealt with the stories they had heard. By cooperating with each other, they succeeded in escaping from the room.

**BMUSIC – INTERNATIONAL TALENT COMPETITION**

This is the first time that our Music School took part in this competition in Minsk with the participating countries – Russia, Latvia, Estonia, Slovenia, China, Malaysia, Belarus and Israel. Recordings were sent and the results are as follows :

**Age group 8-10 Lia Akselrod playing the saxophone received a bronze medal.**

**Age group 13 – 14 Michal Zinenko on the trumpet received a bronze medal.**

**The saxophone sextet in which Guy Perling is a member WON FIRST PLACE.**

Those who are interested in hearing the recordings can do so on YouTube of the Music School.

**THE ALMOND FESTIVAL**

Many thanks to all the organizers for a wonderful morning. Thanks to those who came.

**FIGHTING FOR DEMOCRACY IN ISRAEL**

Every Saturday afternoon we stand with our flags to remind people that Israel is a democracy. All along the Jordan Valley, from Bet Hashita to Yizre’el, the motorists see our flags. – some wave in encouragement, others curse us but we are there every Saturday.

**BACK TO EATING IN THE DINING ROOM.**

From Sunday, 21/2/21, seniors over 70 may now have lunch in the dining room from 11:30 – 13:00 Sunday to Thursday. (following all the Corona regulations).

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| ***SAVE THE DATE***  ***Due to Corona considerations, it was decided to delay the date of the Purim parties.***  ***CHILDREN’S PURIM Thursday 4/3/21***  ***ADULTS’ PURIM Friday 5/3/21***  ***The format of the parties will be decided closer to the date in order to follow regulations at that time.*** |

**English is Fun - with Rahel**

A statesman thinks of the next generation, a politician of the next election.

* A politician who is also at statesman arranges for the next election to be held in the next generation.
* It is better to remain silent and be thought a fool. than to open your mouth and prove it.

You shouldn't talk much about yourself in company – once you have left the room the others will do so anyway.

* And for those who are left in the room, the accepted procedure is to count to 50 if you're on the ground floor, and to 30 on higher floors, before start in. In a building with an elevator, you just have to send someone out to see if the rat's gone.

He who can, does. He who cannot, teaches. And he who can't teach, directs. (George Bernhard Shaw)

* Anybody who tells you that mental work is harder than physical work is mistaken. I know. I have done them both.

(Mark Twain)

EPONYMIST (n.) *One who gives his name to a people, place, item or institution.*

Ladislao Biro: A Hungarian artist who with his brother, Georg, a chemist, emigrated to Argentina. About 1943 he perfected his ball point, *biro,* on a quick drying ink principle.

Mrs. Amelia Jenks Bloomer, d. 1894, New York reformer, founder of women's rights magazine, The Lily, which urged readers to wear knickerbockers for cycling and outdoor sports. Controversy, plus convenience, finally relegated *bloomers* to underskirt privacy.

Louis Braille, b. 1809 at Couvray, France. He was blinded as a child. In 1824, at the National Institute of the Blind, Paris, he developed his own alphabetical patterns of embossed dots, *Braille,* based on a French army officer's invention for reading messages passed in the dark.

General Ambrose Everett Burnside, d. 1881, more conspicuous for his whiskers above his shaven chin than his command of the Potomac Army in the U.S. Civil War. His *burnsides* sparked off *side-burns*Lord Cardigan, d. 1868. In cold weather this fiery tempered autocrat, the hero of the Charge of the Light Brigade, had 16 men stoking fires at Deene Park, Northampton, and popularized a soft woollen jacket, the *cardigan.*

Thomas Crapper, b. 1837 at Thorne, near Doncaster, delivered London from chamber pots and earth closets, by inventing the modern flush system, first advertised as "Crapper's Valveless Water Waste Presenter; Certain Flush With Easy Pull.

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