**English Newsletter, No. 707, 28th January, 2015**

**Kibbutz Yizreel**

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**Mazal tov:**

…to Hila and Avner, on the birth of their granddaughter, a daughter for Keren and Roi; great granddaughter for Hezi and Danni.

**Thanks:**

The Havshush family thanks all those chaverim who gave so much support and care during the past year, and especially for the last month.

**"Nachlieli" Barmitzva Group:**

Wednesday, 28th January, 2015 at 17.00 – a talk by Yuval Hollander's aunt, responsible for rehabilitation in the Ministry of Security. An important talk explaining why and to whom our donations are being made.

18.00: Festival evening meal and "auction sale" where many talented chaverim will "sell" their talents to collect money for rehabilitation of our soldiers.

Looking forward to your support.

**Mazkirut Meeting: (from Irit Mor, 14th January, 2015)**

* Yair reported on discussions held with chaverim regarding earnings.
* Shulamit Vitelson informed the Mazkirut that Yehonatan will be married during the summer of 2015.
* Hanan requested ratification for a committee consisting of Irit Mor, Nitzan Feldman, Shai Vitelson and himself who will investigate co-operation with various groups.
* Irit Mor stated that a bonus of NIS 9,000 per chaver was added to our December, 2014 budget.
* There will be several apartments for absorption when Sadot Dalet will be completed.
* Asbestos roofing must be changed wherever needed.
* Some houses used by the pre-school children are in bad condition, and must be repaired urgently. The Planning Committee should discuss demolishing some of these old buildings. Kobi and Irit requested a programme to bring to the Economic Council.
* The pool is to be renovated before the summer swimming season; taking approximately two months, commencing in mid-February.
* Dogs and Cats: A solution to the present problems must be found:
* Some/many pet owners do not carry out decisions made with regard to these animals.
* A body must be appointed to be responsible for all matters concerning pets. At present the situation regarding responsibility is unclear.
* Dogs and cats should be photographed and their owners fined – if decisions are not carried out.
* A 'protocol' should be printed and distributed to all pet owners, outlining their responsibilities and what fines will be imposed.
* An animal expert should be contacted to educate pet owners.
* Kobi and Yair will bring recommendations to the Mazkirut, based on present decisions.

**"Kehila-Net": (from Kobi and Tzeela)**

A special one-time event regarding the Kehila-Net will take place on Tuesday, 3rd February, at 17.45 in the moadon to explain to all this new site.

* For chaverim and residents
* Invited from Grade 7.
* Everything you wanted to know, and previously weren't aware of…
* Refreshments promised.
* Question time.
* Small gift for all attending.
* At least one member from each family or branch should attend.
* Remember, be up to date with Kehila-Net.

**Auditing Committee Report, 2014:**

* The garage.
* Health and Welfare, including the dental clinic, the Care Home, Health and Welfare Committee, the Advisory Committee, the Community Care-giver, and activities for pensioners.
* Thanks to the outgoing committee: Shimona, Bif and Shai V.
* Best wishes to the new committee: Galia, Oz and Irit Shemesh.

**Water:**

In 2014 some 99,000 cub.m. were used by the Community, a 20% rise from the previous year, because of a dry winter the year before, larger public and private gardens, and problems with the maintenance of the swimming pool.

Nevertheless there was a drop of 30% of water used compared to the average amount of usage from 2009 – 2011. Leaks and burst pipes accounted for 3% of 2014 usage, compared to 6.5% in previous years.

**Studies Committee:**

At a recent meeting, it was explained how this committee handles applicants for studies. In the next Hebrew Alon an example will be published as to how to complete the application form.

Head of Committee: Moran Cohen, with Avishag Sharoni, Tamar Sadur, Shlomo Camilian and Eyal Cohen-Tirosh.

**Golden Age Activities:**

In December an excellent trip to Bet Shean, to visit the Ethiopian community there; a short 'taste' of Ethiopian culture and history.

In January, 2015, a very interesting talk on Cambodia and Vietnam.

Make a note of future programmes.

Sima Arieli, Dalia Levitan, Phillipa Segal and Jenny Zelas.

**Kerem Navot Cinema:**

Every Tuesday, at 21.00.

Watch the notice board for details!!!

**Purim:**

**6th March, 2015**

**Start looking for babysitters!!**

**English is Fun - with Rahel**

Abie and Sadie had a religious goods store on Delancey Street, on the lower east side of NYC. The neighbourhood was changing. The Jews were moving to Westchester and the Hispanics were moving in.

"Abie, we have to move to Westchester." Says Sadie.

"We can't," said Abie, "this neighbourhood is our life. We've been here for thirty-three years. Maybe we can start stocking Catholic articles too."

"What! Catholic articles?? Bistu in gantzen meshuggeh? We're Jews, no Catholic articles."

Well, a month passed and they sold nothing but two tallism, three mezzuzahs and one set of tefillin. Now was the time to fish or cut bait. Sadie agreed that they had to stock Catholic articles, so she said to Abie, "OK call that Catholic Supply House on Park Avenue."

Abie: "Hello, Catholic Supply House, this is Abie and Sadie's on Delancey Street. I want 100 autographed pictures of the Pope, 200 of those beads – what do you call them, rosaries? 500 crucifixes… and I need those things tomorrow."

"OK, Sir. I got your order. Let me read it back, 100 pictures of the Pope, 200 sets of rosaries and 500 crucifixes. But tomorrow we don't deliver… it's Shabbos."

Subject: Paris attack comment – CLASSIC.

"This attack only underscores the need for France to immediately engage in negotiations with French Muslims that will result in the creation of two states for two people, living side by side in peace and security, with Paris as a shared capital…."

ROWING TEAM

Yeshiva University decides to field a rowing team. Unfortunately, they lose race after race. Even though they practice and practice for hour every day, they never manage to come in any better than dead last.

Finally the team decides to send Morris Fishbein, its' captain, to spy on Harvard, the perennial championship team. So Morris shleps off to Cambridge, Mass., and hides in the bushes next to the Charles River, where he carefully watches the Harvard team at its' daily practice.

After a week, Morris returns to Yeshiva. "Well, I figured out their secret," he announces.

"What, tell us!" his teammates shout.

"We should have only one guy yelling. The other eight should row."

 ………………..more next week