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***Kibbutz Yizre'el***

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**MAZAL TOV** to Einat and Omer on the birth of their son, brother to Inbar and Amit, grandson to Noga and Yaniv Shapira, to Gilad and Miri Nechushtan, nephew to Daniel Shapira, great grandson to Gavrush and Maida Nechushtan.

**CONGRATULTIONS** to Tamar Assaf on receiving the rank of captain. Tamar is Head of the Psychotechnical Team at Tel Hashomer Induction Center. She is responsible for 130 psychotechnical assessors and interviewers. We wish her success in her challenging new position and in the continuation of her service. We are proud of you.

**MANY THANKS** to Tal Darom and Adi Ilan-Goldstein for the wonderful Pesach activities.

**THE RACE FOR THE MILLION** was excellent. We went all over the Emek, learnt a lot, had a great time. Thanks to Adi Ilan-Goldstein on the fantastic effort you make. You’re the best.

Daniel Hymes-Assaf

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| **THE SYNAGOGUE COMMITTEE**  We welcome every Aliya L’torah at our synagogue. There have been requests throughout the year. So that there is no clash in dates for Bar Mitzvot , we ask parents who are interested in Aliya L’torah to send a WhatsApp message to David Mittelberg in the coming week, in order to talk about dates and procedures. |

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| **FROM THE HUMAN RESOURCES DESK – BUSINESS**  We are notifying the members that we have added Jeremy Perling to the team dealing with the recommendation of Ariel B. Dolinko for a second term as Head of Holdings and Agriculture. During May we will present our recommendations to two directorates – Holdings and Agriculture, and after that to the General Meeting, for approval. |

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| **FROM THE STUDIES COMMITTEE DESK**  The committee would like to remind those who wish to study long term, that the window of opportunity is closing. Please fill in the application form on the Kehilanet and send it to :  Racheli: [HR@yizrael.com](mailto:HR@yizrael.com) or to Peter; [7peterp@gmail.com](mailto:7peterp@gmail.com)  Applications should be in by the end of April. In special cases they will be accepted later.  The committee; Racheli Arava, Avishag Sharoni, Tamar Sadur, Limor Griman, Rotem Hillel, Shlomo Kamilian and Peter Pezaro. |

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| **“WORTH A LOOK”**  Winter has passed, spring and summer are here. The winter collection has been packed away and we have taken out the spring and summer goods. Bring the items you wish to add and come and see what we have. Ofra Shapira |

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| **FROM THE DESK OF THE COMMUNITY HEAD**  We should aim for all workers being inoculated and having a green pass. Those who are not inoculated must be tested every four days. It is up to the heads of the branches to ensure that this is the case in their branch. A worker who does not comply may be asked leave his workplace and be placed on unpaid leave. |

**MAZKIRUT MEETING 4/4/2021**

1. Erez gave an update on the procedure being carried out in regard to the money from the sale of shares. Since the community program was presented to the Mazkirut, a meeting was held with Maor, Jeremy and Ariel to discuss the community aims – which community funds could receive loans.

The next stage will be a meeting with the Finance Committee to review the requests and suggest sources for the funding, the distribution of the loans etc. Then the final recommendation will be presented to the Mazkirut and the General Meeting.

1. After a prolonged discussion with a vote of 8 for, 2 against and 1 abstention, it was decided that the Financial Head of the kibbutz is answerable to the Head of Holdings.
2. The Initiation of Community Projects and the Presentation of Projects.

Yifat: The intention is to create a structured format whereby a person or group of people with a proposition to establish a project, will be able to present it.

A format to define what the procedure is from dream to implementation (or non-implementation). Erez presented a draft of a proposal which was discussed.

It was decided that the Community Committee prepare two guidelines;

1. Regulations for the initiation of community projects which will include its aims, the procedures and a document to be filled in about the project.
2. Guidelines in which to examine the project and to compare with other projects if there is a need to make a preference.

Both of these guidelines will be presented to the Mazkirut and then made public.

**FROM THE HUMAN RESOURCES DESK**

* Yotam Assaf asked to end his term as Head of the Gardening Branch. He wants to continue working there and give professional advice in this field. Yotam recommended that Shachar Levi who has worked in the branch and has gained significant experience should take over the management of the branch. It is important and natural that leadership should grow out of the branch itself.

We wish Shachar success in his new position and thank Yotam for the

many years he gave to the management of the branch.

* The Human resources Committee has been working on forming work regulations and will soon complete their task.
* Outside Workers: In the last few days the committee has been meeting with outside workers who contribute greatly to the community. The aim of these meetings is to hear about their situation and what their special needs are. Ater meeting everyone, we will write about their field and what they are doing.
* A Workshop for Heads of Branches is underway where they are learning to be effective leaders, how to run their branch efficiently, how to solve problems and to face dilemmas.

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| **FROM THE KOL BO**  Tuesday 13/4/21 Memorial Eve - the KolBo will be open 12:00 – 17:00  Wednesday 14/4/21Independence Eve Open 7:30 – 12:00  Thursday 15/4/21 Independence Day CLOSED  Friday 16/4/21 Open as usual – 7:30 – 13:00 |

**MY BEAUTIFUL ISRAEL**

Please send pictures of Israel including people to [halevyx2@gmail.com](mailto:halevyx2@gmail.com) for the display that is part of the Independence day opening ceremony by Friday.

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| **THE CORONA TEAM** reminds us that the festivities for Independence Day are for members, residents and Young Generation up to the age of 30 only. (This includes going to the pool). |

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| **MEMORIAL EVE**  **THE FALLEN IN THE IDF AND IN ACTS OF HOSTILITIES**  Tuesday 13/4/2021 at 19:45.  A ceremony at our Memorial Corner  The ceremony will be after the siren at 20:00.  Because of the Corona, attendance from grade 6 up. |

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| **THE MORNING OF MEMORIAL DAY**  Wednesday 14/4/21 at 10:45  A ceremony for the fallen at the Yizre’el cemetery |

***ISRAEL’S 73RD INDEPENDENCE DAY***

***Independence Day Eve 14.4.2021***

***19:45 on the Stage – Ceremony: Closing of Memorial Day and***

***The opening of Independence Day Celebrations***

***After the ceremony LUNA PARK and food stalls***

***The official ceremony can be watched on TV in the Moadon.***

***No fireworks this year.***

***INDEPENDENCE DAY MORNING 15.4.2021***

***Opening of the pool / Beutler’s water slide / pita in the taboon***

***Light lunch at the pool. Pool open till 16:00.***

***AFTER PARTY - FRIDAY 16.4.2021***

***22:00 At the ramp at the back of the kitchen. Young Generation upwards.***

***All activities for those with a green pass or negative corona test.***

**English is Fun - with Rahel**

Collective nouns… Some literary collective nouns -

A Chapter of Novelists

A Draft of Editors

A Stanza of Poets

A Borrowing of Librarians

A Recommendation of Booksellers

A Blurb of Publicists

An Autopsy of Critics

A Group of Proof-readers

**Now that I'm Older…..**

My goal for 2010 was to lose 10 pounds. Only have 14 to go.

Ate salad for dinner. Mostly croutons and tomatoes. Really just one big round crouton covered with tomato sauce and cheese. FINE, it was a pizza. O.K. I ate pizza! Are you happy now?

I just did a week's worth of cardio after walking into a spider web.

I don't mean to brag, but I finished my 14-day food supply in just 3 hours and 20 minutes.

***A recent study has found women who carry a little extra weight live longer than men who mention it.***

Kids today don't know how easy they have it. When I was young, I had to walk nine feet through shag carpet to change the TV channel.

Senility has been a smooth transition for me.

Remember back when we were kids and every time it was below freezing outside they closed school? Yeah, me neither.

I may not be that funny or athletic or good looking or smart or talented… I forgot where I was going with this.

I loved approaching 80, I learn something new every day and forget 5 other things.

A thief broke into my house last night. He started searching for money so I got up and searched with him.

I think I'll just put an "Out of Order" sticker on my forehead and call it a day.

Just remember, once you are over the hill you begin to pick up speed.

Having plans sounds like a good idea until you have to put on clothes and leave the house.

It's weird being the same age as old people.

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