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**Kibbutz Yizre'el**

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**MAZAL TOV**

* To **Adi Feldman, Or Nanikashvili, and Navo Levi** who have completed their military service. We are proud of you, of your significant service and your contribution to the State.

Adi will be working in the dairy, Or in the field crops and Navo in the almond branch.

* To **Shai Savir** on her recruitment to Zahal. Shai is joining the navy. We wish her an interesting and enjoyable service.
* **Mika Assaf, Yael Agmon, Shai Savir, Yuval Hollander and Eden Armoza** who have completed 12 years of high school and will be joining the Young Generation group. We wish you every success on your new path and looking forward to seeing you around the kibbutz.

Good Luck to all. The New Generation Committee.

**THANKS to our VOLUNTEERS**

We advertised that we needed volunteers to take temperatures at the entrance to the dining room. The first person to volunteer was Ruti Bekker (over 80) and after her more and more seniors volunteered. I am moved by the willingness of our dear seniors and others to volunteer on a permanent basis. They are: **Ya’akov Sasbon, Ruti Bekker, Ofra Shelef, Fay Drezner, Marnina Gross, Daliya Levitan, Hamutal Assaf, Oscar Grossman, Ilana Peleg, Nitzan Feldman, Mavis Kaplan, Na’ama Baum, and Hanan Shaliv.**

Zohar Assaf

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| The Nominations Committee recommends  **SHAUL GUR**  For an additional term as Chairman of the Yizre’el Holdings  Shaul’s name will be put forward for approval  at the General Meeting on 17/8/2020 |

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| **CLOSED GENERAL MEETING**  **Monday 3/8/2020**  **On ZOOM**  At the end of the meeting, there will be a vote on Kehilanet.  Link to the Zoom will be sent by SMS to the members |

**MAZKIRUT MEETING 26/7/2020**

1. Information

* We congratulated **Inbal Adler** on joining the mazkirut as representative of the Seniors Committee of which she is the head.
* A question was raised about forming a fund for environmental conflicts in the light of the schedule of the allocation key committee. It was emphasized that the “key” committee only deals with funds that already exist. This is also true for discussions on inheritance.

1. Inheritance

Outside speakers (guests) on this subject: Jules Feldman, Tamir Blass, Shimon Zelas, Izik Shechter Elad Ilan.

At the beginning of the discussion it was made clear that at this beginning stage we would only be discussing the existing needs on this subject before we talk about solutions.

Here are some of the main points that were made:

+ We are a rich kibbutz. Those whose children live on the kibbutz don’t feel the need for inheritance. 57% of the households over the age of 70 don’t have children living on the kibbutz, and when these members pass away, their children who are not on the kibbutz will not benefit from the “advantages” that their parents produced all their working life. We must find a solution to this situation. Parents want to help their children.

+ There is a basic need for parents to leave something for their children, this is understandable and natural. This need exists at every age and even at a young age you don’t know what will happen tomorrow, so it is not ,y a need for seniors only.

+ For this need, the Keren Haim was created at the time. So here we are repeating it. Why is this discussion coming up again? What has changed from the last discussion on the Keren Haim and this discussion?

+ The sums in the Keren Haim enabled parents to help their children in small ways, for events like weddings and bar mitzvot, Not enough to help buy a house. What has changed is, that the kibbutz has the ability to give larger sums because the kibbutz is rich.

+ Normally, a person works for 37 years and then goes on pension. For the next 20 years he lives on his savings. On kibbutz when a person goes out on pension he continues to receive his regular budget and his share of the profits. In fact, he lives on the profits of the community. So I don’t support a step that will affect the current budgets so I am in favor of Keren Haim B’ which can only be opened after the death of the parents, not in their lifetime. That is inheritance.

+ At present, we are a rich kibbutz but that is a dangerous situation. We have to establish our business economy before we give out money to the members. We have to ensure the wellbeing of the younger generation when they get older. The steps that are being suggested are minimizing the chances of the younger generation to have a respectable old age.

The agreement between the kibbutz and its members is: Work and earn a living and when the time comes, we will care for all your needs. Every step taken as suggested here, questions the kibbutz’s ability to comply with its agreement.

+ There is a group of seniors that feels that the younger generation does not understand their needs and there is a group of younger people who feel that the seniors don’t see their future needs because they are prepared to endanger the future assets for the present private pocket. It is important for these two groups to discuss this matter. If they don’t agree they will jeopardize our communal kibbutz.

+ What is important to me is that in 30 years time my grandchild on the kibbutz will have a living. You can help your children who are not on the kibbutz from what we have received in the last few years. My wife and I did this and so can every member.

+ It is important that this process is happening and we should not be afraid. The seniors do see the needs of the younger generation and proof of that is in the investment in new housing. In all the years, Yizre’el has had the courage to make bold decisions that we thought might break us up. We don’t break up so quickly. Keren Haim gave one solution that suited the times then. We need to examine ourselves all the time to see if the solutions we found are still pertinent now. I know that many chaverim have used the money in their Keren Haim and have not left an inheritance. We have to find a way of doing it without hurting any age group.

At this stage we went over to the presentations of possible solutions.

Different suggestions were made in an early form of brainstorming. Suggestions such as assignment of assets and shares to chaverim, forming a Keren Haim B’ for inheritance, increasing the current Keren Haim, continue to give dividends to the chaver a few years after his death, allocate the bonus not equally so that the seniors will receive more, transference of the remaining pension to the heirs, payment when leaving the kibbutz.

At this stage the outside speakers (non members of the mazkirut) left.

One member of the mazkirut felt that it is not the mazkirut’s job to find funding. If a member says he needs money it is our job to check if there is a need to give out money. If it is decided there is, then it is up to the person who is in charge of finances to find the source for the funding. It is legitimate to ask for money, but not legitimate to suggests how to allocate it if you are not the financial manager.

We deliberated the question of forming a committee that will investigate the subject in depth and brings suggestions to the mazkirut or call another mazkirut meeting on the subject. Because of lack of time and the feeling that we did not say all there is to say on the subject at this meeting, it was decided to call an additional meeting in two weeks time where we will decide how to continue with this subject – whether to form a committee or stop dealing with the subject.

1. Closed Item – no reporting on this subject.

**THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE SUMMARY OF MEETINGS**

1. Education: There is a need to create an awareness of the problems of the environment and to encourage youth in particular as well as adults to become more involved. There are study days on the climate crisis for those interested in attending.
2. Community Bonus: Requests have been made to allocate funds from the community bonus for the advancement of environmental issues. – in particular, the establishment of a gas power station close to the kibbutz.
3. The construction of a railway line from Afula to Jenin: The general feeling is in favor of this project as it will take pressure off the road traffic to Jenin. Other items to be considered in this project are; river crossings of the railway, drainage in the process, the danger to migrating birds and damage to agriculture in the area.

**PLANNING COMMITTEE – SUMMARY OF MEETINGS**

1. Parking Survey: A parking survey was carried out for parking and roads. We requested quotes from three planners and will finalize the choice in the next few weeks.

In the new housing plans parking for each house has been included.

Lines should be marked in parking areas for efficient parking.

1. The planning of the new neighborhood is coming along with final interviews with the architect and the design of the houses.
2. The cottage neighborhood: All the plans and documents have been finalized and a meeting will be held with officials of the local council to get things moving.
3. The area of the wooden huts is being examined in order to make the area a business - commercial area but keeping its present features.

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| **THE YIZRE’EL SYNAGOGUE**  **The Health Ministry has stated that only 10 people are allowed in the synagogue at one time and 20 people in the outside area. So prayers will be held in the outside area on Shabbat Eve at 18:00. Masks must be worn.** |

***YIZRE’EL’S 72ND ANNIVERSARY***

***THURSDAY 6/8/2020***

**18:00 *COOKING LESSON ON LINE***

***With CHEF BENNY KRISPI and our local CHEF ROTEM KAMILLIAN***

* **On Wednesday all the ingredients and the recipe will be delivered home.**
* **On Thursday at the appointed hour, we will all get together in our kitchens at home and cook the meal for Friday night.**

**The broadcast will be online and the link sent through the Kehilanet as well as on the kibbutz channel 900.**

**FRIDAY 7/8/2020**

**18:00 *An evening of special broadcasts on Channel 900***

**+ Opening ceremony**

**+ “Excuse The Question – Yizre’el” A home episode in the style of the television program.**

**22:00 Party at the Pool**

**SATURDAY 8/8/2020**

**9:00 – 12:00 “RACE TO THE Kibbutz” - an interactive game and competition between groups around the kibbutz connected to events in Yizre’el in its 72 years. The game lasts an hour. All you have to do is form a group, get the instructions and start whenever you are ready.**

**13:00 – 19:00 Pampering at the Pool**

***Note: All the outside activities are for residents only. Members are asked to host the guests at home.***

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

***The organizing team: Dorit Fink, Dotan Savir, Danit Dovdovani-Kirshberg, Tal Darom, Nitzan Kamilian, Adi Ilan-Goldstein, Tamir Blass and Shimrit Tzafedia.***

**SENIOR CENTER PROGRAM AUGUST 2020**

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| 6.8.20 | Thursday | In the Moadon |
| 9:00 | Thai Chi with Einan |  |
| 10:00 | Movie:Good Will Hunting |  |
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| 11.8.20 | Tuesday | In the Moadon |
| 9:00 | Board Games |  |
| 10:15 | Singing on the Map – Zohar Assaf |  |
| **13.8.20** | **Thursday** | **In the Moadon** |
| 9:00 | Thai Chi with Einan |  |
| 10:00 | Movie: Cinema Paradiso (Italian) |  |
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| **18.8.20** | **Tuesday** | **In the Moadon** |
| 9:00 | Table games |  |
| 10:15 | The Romantic Novel Lecture by Hanan Shaliv |  |
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| **20.8.20** | **Thursday** | **In the Moadon** |
| 9:00 | Thai Chi with Einan |  |
| 10:00 | Varied Creativity - Michal Sadur |  |
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| **25.8.20** | **Tuesday** | **In the Moadon** |
| 9:00 | Table Games |  |
| 10:15 | Ron Granot: Restoration |  |
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| **27.8.20** | **Thursday** | In the Moadon |
| 9:00 | Thai Chi with Einan |  |
| 10:00 | Movie: The Call of the Wild |  |

**English is Fun - with Rahel**

**Disorder in the Court:** continued

**Cross Examination**:

The Court: Please begin.

Counsel: Thank you.

(to Witness) Miss, while you have, if you do have – you still - oh, you don't.

The Court: That was a great start Counsel.

**Touche:**

A: You mumbled on the first part of that and I could not understand what you were saying.Could you repeat the question?

Q: I mumbled did I? Well, we'll just ask the court reporter to read back what I said. She didn't indicate any problem understanding what I said so obviously she understood every word. We'll just have her read my question back and find out if there was any mumbling going on. Madam Reporter, would you be so kind?

Court Reporter: Mumble, mumble, mumble, mumble.

**Answer to the Question:**

The Court: Are all three of the defendants black?

Counsel No. 1: My client is white.

Counsel No. 2: My client is described in the police report as mulatto.

The Court: How do you describe her?

Counsel No. 2: Pregnant.

**Forget Something?**

Counsel: Your Honour, the defense would argue the People have not proved the prior conviction.

DA: Oh shit!

Counsel: That is a legal term?

The Court: One used quite often in Law School.

**Meaning of the Constitution:**

Q. In the course of your years practicing as an attorney, did you have problems with alcohol from time to time?

A. Yes.

DA: Objection, move to strike.

The Court: On what grounds?

DA: It is irrelevant. And I might define for the Court, since I think there are going to be a substantial number of these objections, that it's the State's position that an attorney who has an IQ of 41, who has barely passed the Bar, and who has fouled up every other case he ever tried is still perfectly capable of giving adequate legal services within the meaning of the Constitution.

**So stipulated:**

DA: Did the defendant make any other statements to you at that time?

Witness: He told me that had the best lawyer in Los Angeles and that I didn't have a case.

Counsel: I'll stipulate to that, Your Honour.

**Move to Strike:**

Counsel: (to DA) Don’t do that again. You are making faces. Don't move your head in a nonverbal assertive conduct manner.

DA: Let the record reflect that the prosecutor has now belted the Defense Atorney across the chest.

(Thereupo9n the prosecutor belted Defense Counsel across the chest.)

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