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***Kibbutz Yizre'el***

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**MAZAL TOV** to **Ilana and Yitzchak Peleg** on the birth of their granddaughter, Efrat and Gilad’s daughter, sister to three brothers.

**THANKS**

* Tu B’Shvat: To the Gardening Branch for organizing the planting of the flower beds opposite Ofra Shapira’s shop “Worth a Glance”.

Well done! To the 16 families that succeeded in completing the missions in the Tu B’Shvat game.

* Gavrush and Maida want to thank the anonymous sender of the book, “The Giving Tree”. They enjoyed reading it again and remembed reading to their children,

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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.*** |

**WIND TURBINES**: A letter was sent to Ein Harod Ichud before their general meeting, asking them to help protect our valley by not supporting the establishment of wind turbines in our valley.

**MUSICAL APPRECIATION FOR SENIORS**

As a result of the success and demand for the continuation of these meetings, it was decided to extend the musical appreciation meetings with Stas for another 10 meetings on Thursdays at 11:00 starting 18/2/21 at the Music School. These meetings will be subsidized by the Seniors’ Committee and will cost 150 shekel for the 10 meetings.

In order to register, contact Shlomit Fink 050 6570029.

**MAKIRUT MEETING ON ZOOM 7/2/21**

1. Re-discussion of the subject of seniority for a number of Bnei Meshek.

After the discussion, it was decided to talk to those presenting the appeal and to allow the members of the Mazkirut time to think about it again before making a decision.

1. Future of the Nursing Home: After a long discussion of this sensitive subject, it was decided not to make a decision but to give it extra thought till the next meeting.
2. A tender for the position of Chairperson for the Mazkirut. In the past it was felt that if the Mazkir/a was a member of the kibbutz, he/she would also be chairperson of the Mazkirut. According to the new plan of management and re-organization, the Mazkirut should have a separate chairperson. It was decided to advertise the position, its demands and requirements for those wishing to take up this position.

**GENERAL MEETING 8/2/21**

1. Revote on a kibbutz statute change: A year ago, this change recommended by the registrar, did not receive a passing vote so it is coming up again. The change is not fundamental, it clarifies “personal income” that goes to the kibbutz (like pension, bonuses, benefits).

A 66% support is needed to pass.

1. Size of permanent housing on Yizre’el: After a long and serious discussion the following 3 proposals will be put forward for ballot:
2. A combined proposal that was put forward to the General Meeting – Update the standard of permanent housing to 120sqm.

Planning of the new neighborhoods according to 120sqm. - Presentation of a perennial plan based on closing patios including materials, costs and funding.

1. Proposal by Liora Kamilian: As the above but setting the new size of permanent housing at 130sqm.
2. No change in the current size – 110squm.

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| On Monday and Tuesday 15-16/2/2021 a ballot will be held on these two subjects – the change in the statute and the size of permanent housing. |

**FROM THE HEAD OF THE FOOD BRANCH**.

* We bought 2 new serving trolleys suited to Corona regulations. These will allow us to serve at two stations and alleviate the need to wait in line. Thanks to Smadar Agmon and Idit Halevi for their help in the design.
* We are preparing to open up the sandwich making table for the school children and allowing them and the seniors to eat lunch in the dining room. We are also trying to bring back serving the evening meal from Sundays to Thursdays.
* Meetings have been held with the Environment Committee in order to cooperate in finding ways to protect the environment.
* Soon we will be making plans for Pesach. Families should start working out their plans for Pesach to enable us to order the right amount of food so their won’t be a shortage or an excess.
* A personal request- Please speak respectfully to the staff working in the food branch. If you have a problem consult me. My door is open to all.

**PLANNING COMMITTEE**

1. The swimming pool – A request for a building permit has been lodged with the Regional Council to build accessible changing rooms for the disabled.
2. Rugby Plans: Idan Zelas and Rafi Baum presented their first draft of their Sports Concept for the Community Sports Center in the area of the new rugby field. A simulation was presented in order to show a vision of this center to the Planning Committee and to potential investors.

In order to make a decision, various authorities need to be consulted and plans made accordingly.

1. The Cottage Neighborhood:
2. A building permit has been issued and should arrive in the coming weeks.
3. The Building Management will be choosing the method of building and the head of the project.
4. A first meeting with the future residents and the architect was held. A virtual tour of the housing was presented and options were proposed. Those who are interested is watching the virtual tour can do so on You Tube. <https://youtu.be/B74g35s0tL0>
5. The New Neighborhood: Plans for the infrastructure, gardens and entrances are being made. A decision on the design of the house is still to be decided upon.
6. Size of the House: Is being discussed and will be brought to a vote.
7. Closure of Patios: Awaiting a decision on the size of the new housing.
8. Status of the roads: A number of consultants are working on the roads and infrastructure on the western side of the kibbutz.

**STUDIES COMMITTEE**

A meeting was held between the Studies Committee and the Human Resources Committee dealing with the future needs of the kibbutz and the future students. The idea being that we should channel the students where possible into studying according to the needs of the kibbutz. This should be done from an early age - while at school, as the new generation and after the army. It was felt that those who study according to the needs of the kibbutz should receive preference. As well as this, the aspirations of the individual must also be considered.

There is a large range of professions that the kibbutz needs and the Studies Committee is interested in giving them preference.

These professions are:

+ Economics – first and second degree

+ Accounting – first degree

+ Business Management – general, financing, marketing (especially second degree)

+ All Hi Tech professions – data processing, computers, engineering etc.

+ Bookkeeping – types 1,2,3

+ Salaries accountant

+ Administration of Education

+Public Administration

 We are open for applications to study in the coming year. Application forms can be found on Kehilnet under “files” on the main menu.

For queries contact a member of the Studies Committee: Avishag Sharoni, Tamar Sadur, Limor Griman, Rotem Hillel, Racheli Arava, Shlomo Kamilian and Peter Pezaro.

**FROM EREZ’S DESK**

Back to routine: The Regional Council has stated that educational institutions can be opened by those who have been vaccinated, have had the Corona virus or those who have a 48 hour negative result of a Corona test. Those over the age of 16 should be vaccinated.

Renovation of the dining room and the KolBo: Plans and possibilities have been put forward to enlarge the KolBo on the ground floor of the building. Itzik and Sigal Hadar added their comments to the plans and new plans are being made taking their comments into consideration.

Gardening Processes: The gardening branch is busy at the moment with pruning. More efficient ways have been put forward to deal with the conversion of the prunings to chips.

The maintenance basket for housing is being upgraded by the Building Branch and the Building Management since new building materials are now available.

**BMUSIC**

Owing to the lockdown, 90% of the students continued their lessons online. In January the wind instrument players were busy preparing recordings for the International Wind Instrument Competition taking place in Minsk (online). You can find the recordings on YouTube on the BMusic site.

What’s On In February?

**Thursday 18/2/21** at 20:00 – Final piano recital of **Yasmin Eden** directed by Raissa Gavrilov

**Monday 22/2/21** at 19:30 - Concertina No. 3.

**On Thursday and Friday 25-26/2/21** the Music School will be closed for Purim holidays.

**Pesach holidays** from 23rd March to 2nd April 2021

**DUTY LIST**: a new duty list has come out for March. Please note that it includes Pesach Eve. No decision has been made for the format of this holiday. You should download the app for the duty list.

 Ruth Mor

**English is Fun - with Rahel**

Knowledge is what remains after you forget what you learned at school. (Albert Einstein)

* What is the difference between a fool and a madman? The fool thinks 2 x 2 is 5. The madman knows it's 4, but it drives him mad.

The world is made up of three types of people; those who can't be moved, those who can be moved, and those who move by themselves.

* And there are those who say the world is made of three things, but two of them are out-of-order.

A man who seeks a woman who is good, wise and beautiful is actually looking for three women. (Oscar Wilde)

* What Oscar Wilde didn’t understand – and perhaps couldn't – is that there is nothing wrong with three women.

The university is a gathering place for knowledge. The new students bring a little with them, the graduates leave with none. And that's how the knowledge is gathered.

If you want to get rid of someone, lend him some money.

* The converse is even more certain; if you want to get rid of some money, lend it to someone.

Everything has a beginning, a middle and an end, but not necessarily in that order.

Housecleaning, all in all, is moving dust from one place to another.

* Just imagine how many days of work the inventor of this saying saved himself, and just imagine what his house looks like.

There are two solutions to every problem; the wrong one, and mine. (Thomas Alva Edison)

People get married because the government can't be blamed for everything.

Men use thought only to justify their wrongdoing, and words only to conceal their thoughts. (Voltaire)

* This saying suited the period of Voltaire. At that time you could still say "men use thought" without being laughed at.

The mind is a marvelous thing – it starts working when you get up in the morning and continues until you get to the office.

* You may replace the word "office" with any other place of work.

There are some people who still do anything for money – even good deeds.

* There are. But not many.

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