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Kibbutz Yizrael



**We share in the grief
of Yisrael and Ora Mor Sarid
and of Gefen Mor Sarid and their families
on the loss of their daughter and sister
Moran Mor Sarid**

Obituary by Yisrael Mor Sarid

Our beloved Morani had such a "magic" for trees and plants. Everywhere she planted and raised them with great devotion and love. As a child on Yizrael, I remember her telling me that the trees here are like her big brothers. When I asked why,

She answered simply, with a child's innocence; "It's because they guard me from the sun in the summer, and in the winter, when it rains, I run and shelter under them".

Moran planted a pecan tree with me many years ago on the kibbutz lawn, which is still maintained by the gardeners and tree lovers in the kibbutz. I dedicate this song to Morani, our beloved child, who left us this week, too soon.

(See poem in the Hebrew Alon – Ed)

Yonat Shapira - on the Passing of Moran Mor Sarid

Beautiful Morani,

I have just returned from your funeral. You left behind people who loved you very much.

We grew up in a small group in a kibbutz, the Ofarim group, 12 and sometimes 13 boys and girls. In all my childhood memories, you and them, an inseparable part.

Moran was the 'artist' among us, dreamy, painting beautifully, singing beautifully, a great actress, moving at her own very personal pace who loved to talk and get to the bottom of things.

Your spirit, Moran, has always been wide and high and aspires to other worlds.

During the year of service, we were together in the same commune. I mainly remember the deep bond you created with some of your teenage trainees. They would come to visit you a lot and you were a mature sister and friend and a sympathetic ear and some of them remained in close contact with you until your last days.

Later we drifted apart, the bond was loosened but it was still always nice to meet on the kibbutz sidewalks and in the dining room, always with a smile, always cheerful.

I am very sad for such an untimely parting, for the suffering you endured in your last days, and I am also sad about a piece of me and my childhood that went with you.

Now your soul and spirit are completely free to sail, explore, sing and flourish in all the worlds.

May you be wrapped in love and watch over your children and those you love.

Yonat



**“Then I moved aside to make room
And there was more and more light”**

From a poem that Moran wrote

Sent by Chen Rav On, Moran's student (חניכה)

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Edi-Torial: Another intense week in Israel and on the Yizrael. When will it end? We are all sad at the untimely death of Moran. We share in the grief of the family.

A very different Shavuot ceremony this week. The spirit of the yellow ribbons and the concern for the hostages dominated the event. But Nothing will deter us. Tomorrow another group of volunteers will travel north to help the farmers pick fruit. Life must go on. The 1st annual Maize festival took place yesterday. A well organised and very enjoyable and tasty event for all. Well Done, farmers!

Anatomy of a “So Called” Democratic Process.

Nitzan Rivlin Feldman

Response to the report in Bulletin 2160 (5/31/24)

One fine morning, about two weeks ago, the team that dealt with Life Fund B (Keren Haim B) received the following message in their WhatsApp group:

"Good morning, we want to inform you, before the publication in the bulletin, that in the “profit distribution key” discussions that are taking place in the community's management, the matter of the Life Fund B came up, and in view of the situation, and the estimated amount that will be allocated to the community, the issue was dropped from the agenda. The information will appear as part of the summary of the meeting of the management the community, as follows:

“Regarding the Life Fund B - these are very high sums of money, which cannot be included in the amount allocated to the community at this time, and therefore the issue is dropped from the agenda of the community management.”

Here is some history:

On 7/21/2021, the following notice was published in the bulletin: "For the information of the members: Beginning of discussions on the issue of inheritance. As you know, the issue of inheritance has been on our agenda for some time. In the work plan of the “Members” Committee. The committee was supposed to deal with the issue, after the discussion on the food budgeting, around November 2021.

Understanding that the issue is important to many members, and among some of us there is a sense of urgency, we decided not to wait until November and to establish a dedicated ad hoc team, whose role is to lead the learning and discussions on the issue, until decisions are held in the assembly. We will, of course, update on any progress.”

Team coordinator: Nitzan Rivlin Feldman”

Team members: Nitzan Rivlin Feldman (coordinator), Ofra Shelf, Fay Drezner, Yifat Assaf, Rotem Agmon and Tamir Blas.

The team will start work next week or the week after

Nitzan Rivlin Feldman, Yifat Assaf" "... end of quote... (later Hanan Shaliv and Yitzhak Peleg were added to the team)

I want to say - the team that dealt with the issue did not act on its own and certainly not in a subversive and partisan manner. It was established by the kibbutz secretariat because of the importance and urgency attributed to the issue and because the issue arose from the people.

The team published the summaries of its meetings from time to time.

At the very beginning of the process, we realized that the main motivation of the members is to help their children. We came to the conclusion that there is no place to discuss inheritance, and after studying the subject, including what is done in other kibbutzim, we formulated the proposal to establish Keren Haim B, based on the same principles and the same mechanism as Keren Haim A'.

More than two years ago, in March 2022, the team's proposals were submitted for discussion in the secretariat.

Since we were at the beginning of a change in organizational structure, it was decided then, that this issue was more appropriate to be discussed in the executive committee and we were assured that this issue would be among the first to come up for discussion in the executive committee.

At the meeting of the management held on August 2, 2022, it was decided to task Natasha Chernakhovsky and Nitzan Rivlin Feldman with preparing the issue of the "Haim B Fund" for discussion, including consideration of the proposal of the team that worked on the issue, as well as additional proposals that will come from the public.

That is, and to the best of my understanding - to start dealing with the subject almost from the beginning. Personally - I interpreted it as disdain and lack of trust of the team that worked on it intensively and thoroughly. The issue came up for discussion in the executive committee a second time only a year later, at the end of June 2023. At this point I was no longer a member of the executive committee and the preparation of the discussion was assigned to another committee member, who had not dealt with the

issue before and did not know its details. I invited myself to the discussion. The captains did not see fit invite me.

At the meeting held in June 2023, it was agreed that the issue would not come to the assembly until we receive an opinion from our legal advisors and an accountant. Also, to the best of my memory, it was decided that the issue would be brought to the public first in an open meeting, as a sort of preparation for the assembly.

The Ad Hoc committee members never received a report on whether and what was said by the legal consultants and the accountant regarding Keren Haim B.

The promised public meeting did not happen until today, (June 2024).

On the other hand, we received the above notice. In other words, the community management decided to drop the issue from the agenda without bringing it up for public discussion at all, and all this as part of discussions on the “profits distribution”. I remind you, on the notice advertising the meeting, it was **not** written that the Keren Haim B would be discussed ', so even if I wanted to participate in the discussion - I didn't know about it.

It was explained in the newsletter, that these are “very large sums of money”. It is quite clear that the financial resources are limited and it is not possible to fulfill all the needs and desires. But have you asked the public what they prefer? Maybe we would give up receiving part of the bonus and dividend to create this fund? And maybe not. Maybe most of the members prefer to receive the money here and now and that's fine, but it's a decision that should be made by the members. It should be our choice and if we so choose the bonus, we can't claim in the future that we want to leave something to our children.

The presentation of the matter, as if “The huge sums” is what brought down the discussion of the proposal, is also wrong and misleading. True. We proposed amounts and sources (I think we were even asked to do so, to give an idea of the economic ramifications), but this was part of the “how” - which would be discussed after the fundamental discussion on the principal question - whether to establish the fund (and not before the decision). It was clear to us that the fund should be filled from our own resources and at a rate that we can afford.

In conclusion, it seems that the urgency that was registered when we were assigned the task three years ago (!) did not particularly impress the agenda setters. In practice they dragged their feet until it was completely and unceremoniously thrown to the dogs.

Within the framework of our new organizational structure, I do not know if it is within the authority of the community management to remove an issue from the community agenda, but what is certain is that it is not really democratic and that this is contemptuous, insulting behavior that does not leave much desire and willingness to work for the common good.

I was told that if I wanted, I could collect 30 signatures. Like it's my own private business. A personal whim. Collecting signatures? Come on! I thought that "you" there, in the leadership of the kibbutz, really don't like the culture of appeals and collecting signatures? Nitzan Rivlin Feldman

Response to Nitzan - Jeremy Perling and Yifat Assaf

Indeed, the subject of Keren Haim B was brought up by a team that was given a mandate to prepare a proposal. The issue came up for discussion several times in the executive committee, and Nitzan participated in some of them.

As explained in the minutes of the committee's meetings, the committee decided not to bring the issue to the meeting for the moment on the recommendation of the kibbutz's legal counsel. In addition, during the key discussions in the community management, the issue of the Haim B fund came up again as one of the funds that there is a request to establish, and it was decided that in the framework of the amount allocated to the community, it is not possible to add this fund, which requires the allocation of very large amounts, which are not available without requiring drastic measures that we are not interested in.

So, both the legal advisor's recommendation, and the resources available to us, led the two administrations to drop the issue from the agenda for now.

We remind the public that all the meetings of the two bodies are open meetings, and you can come and participate in them.

Written by: Jeremy Perling and Yifat Assaf.



Opening hours of the pool

From Saturday, 15/6/24:

the pool will be open continuously between 19:00-10:00

From Monday, 6/17/24:

"Night Bathing" on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays

the pool will be open until 9:00 p.m.

Summary of the community management meeting - 9.6.2024

Present: Erez Peleg, Talia Arad, Yifat Segal, Shlomo Levy, Tamir Blas, Limor Greiman, Stas Gavrilov, Yishai Levy, Maor Parsai, Yifat Assaf

1. Continue the "Profit Distribution Key" discussions

During the course of four meetings, the community management dealt with the definitions and distribution of the profit funds allocated to the community as part of 2025 Key. After weighing up various models, the community management agreed on a proposal, which defines the rules for the distribution of money to the various funds and areas. (The discussion in the community management deals only with the communities part. The complete proposal for the 2025 key structure was presented and published in the minutes of the management committee dated 4/3/24).

The following is the recommendation of the community management to the executive committee, which will present the Key 2025 proposal to the assembly:

The recommendation of the community management for the activation of the 2025-2027 profit key - the community part

Purpose of the new funds

1. "Car fund" - will be used for the purpose of purchasing vehicles and for arranging the vehicle according to the decisions of the kibbutz.
2. "Special Needs Fund" - will be used for social security for dependent boys and girls, according to the decisions of the Kibbutz.
3. "Cultural Assets Fund" - will be used to support the cultural and sports institutions operated by the kibbutz. Can be combined with an excellence fund, whose regulations will be adjusted.

2. Distribution of 41 million NIS, allocated to the community:

Uses	Amount IL	%
Community Budget	6,300,000	15.37%
Bonus	12'000'000	29.27%
Consumer Spending	650,000	1.59%
Housing	11,000,800	28.72%
Infrastructure	1,000,000	2.44%
Community Buildings	1,657,500	4.04%
Mutual Help	50,000	0.12%
Life Fund	300,000	0.73%
Social Security	5,362,500	13.08%
Nursing	700,000	1.71%
Excellence fund	-	-
Study Fund (Children	300,00	0.73%
Cultural Assets	80,000	0.2%
Donation Fund	100,000	0.24%
Special Needs	200,000	0.49%
Cars	500,000	1.22%

Changes in the handling of the Profits Distribution Key

- A. Opening a key before the end of 3 years will be possible by an Asefa decision (ballot) with a majority of 50%+1 of the voters.
- B. Transfers from the reserve fund to the community will be made in proportion to the number of pensioners who are members that year. The amount transferred will be determined jointly with the management of the reserve fund, and will be derived from the target pension of Yizrael (50% of the average national salary).

C. The Housing Fund, the Infrastructure Fund and the Public Buildings Fund will be defined as the "Construction and Development Division". It is within the authority of the community management to decide, if necessary, on the pooling of resources of the three foundations.

d. Transfer of nursing care fund and special needs fund to the management of the reserve fund, subject to the decisions of the management of the reserve fund and adjustment of regulations if necessary.

2. Bringing the issue of "edge cases" in the food industry as an independent issue to the assembly

Following Dima C. and Irit Cohen's appeal to the Executive Committee on May 1, 2024, it was decided by the Executive Committee to authorize the community's management to bring to the meeting and vote, the issue of "a financial solution for extreme cases", based on the proposal submitted in this regard, and without any connection to the issue of "control".

In the discussion, various issues related to the timing of the appeal were raised, and the timing at which it is appropriate to return the work on this issue to the assembly.

It was said that not only was there no fault with combining the matter of "control" with the matter of a solution for the extreme cases in one vote, but was deliberate, based on the understanding of the team that dealt with the issue, that the control and a solution for the extreme cases are intertwined and should not be separated. In addition, it was said that the combined vote did not necessarily harm the "end case solution", and it could very well be that it was precisely the proposal of the end case solution that damaged the control issue.

It was also said that the whole matter of edge cases is "dangerous", because this is the beginning of giving money for a service that is not used, and it will be a precedent for similar requests in different service areas (car, laundry...). It was also said that a year has not yet passed since the previous decision, and since in the opinion of the community management there was no fault here, it is correct to wait the remaining five months, and then, if desired, reopen the whole issue at the assembly.

There was a strong statement, that a cooperative kibbutz is a package deal, and not a supermarket cart in which you take only what you want and what suits you...

Decision: The community management does not accept the premise of the management committee, according to which there was a malfunction in the combined voting, and believes that the two things were part of a complete decision,

which was not accepted at the ballot box. For its part, the community management does not approve of opening only one part of the decision, which deals with the solution for extreme cases. The decision will be conveyed to the Management Committee.

Concluded: Maor Parsai and Yifat Assaf

Executive committee protocol - 5.6.2024

Present: Jeremy Perling, Sigal Hadar, Ron Cohen, Tzachi Tzafadia, Yifat Assaf

Items 1,2, and 3 were postponed

4. Travel to the Gilboa Regional Council for the inauguration of the local committees. Since on Yizrael there is "Unity of Committees", the members of the executive committee were invited to the regional council, for a meeting of the members of the executive committee as the local committee of the kibbutz.

Decision - the members of the executive committee were chosen as the local committee of the kibbutz, and Jeremy Perling was elected as the chairman of the committee. (WOW! Congratulations – ED)

Written by: Jeremy Perling and Yifat Assaf

Wanted: New Coordinator of the Outside Workers Branch

With the end of Peter Pizarro's term in about a month, we need to fill the position.

This is about managing a branch that includes close to 100 members.

Members who wish to present their candidacy **(or recommend a candidate - ED)** are invited to contact Erez Peleg or Kinneret Govrin by June 28, 2024.



After many years as managing Director of Maytronics Board of directors, Yonatan Bassi retired. The following are the speeches delivered at that event:

Ron Cohen

Dear Yonatan,

There are moments when words seem to pale in comparison to greatness.

Now is such a moment.

Farewell to the cornerstone of the company, after many years of unimaginable work, contribution and promotion of Maytronics.

You were to all of us like a north star that lights the way, that makes everyone raise their heads and steer in his direction, that makes it possible to dream big, grow and grow. You are a man of the people, of modesty and values.

How much inspiration and spirit you brought to this company, and how big are the shoes you leave for us to fill.

Thank you, mentor, for everything you have been for us and for Maytronics. We will continue from here with great appreciation, modesty and gratitude.

Ron Cohen



Shimon Zelas

How does one summarise such a long and significant period in a few short words?

“The best way to predict the future is to create it” (Abraham Lincoln - Ed)

I think this quotation definitely describes the long road we have travelled together.

We convinced you to join us because Maytronics was an “interesting company”. You began working just one-half day a week. You found a small factory where some crazy kibbutzniks worked. You turned it into an international empire, a factory to which people come to learn how to do things right. Instead of half a day a week, you worked full weeks at a time...

During your 14 years as chairman of Maytronics, you worked with four CEOs: Ofer Shachar, Yuval Be’eri, Eyal Tryber and Sharon Goldenberg. Each of them left their mark on the company. You knew how to inspire them to dream big, learn more, do more and to lead Maytronics to greater heights.

You promoted the factory in your own way and with your own character. At the board meetings, you knew how to give everyone the right to speak, but on the other hand, those who spoke too long, or did not speak to the point, were cut short for their benefit and for the benefit of everyone.

Outside the factory, you helped me personally with issues such as kibbutz land and property. Today's Yizrael is completely different thanks to you. 90% of the members of the kibbutz do not understand the enormity of the achievement - being granted a "contract for generations" (For 90 years! – Ed) for the entire land "block" by a ruling of the High Court and on the capitalisation of 80 dunams (20 acres) in five stages.

You planted ideas in me that to this day give us direction. As John Lennon once said: "Your dreams are my practice"

I wish you the continuing ability to help and contribute to society. Do not give up on your dreams. Continue to strive to fulfill them

Shimon Zelas

On Human Memory - Yonatan Bassi

Delivered at the Farewell to the Maytronics Board 19.5.24

And repeated at the kibbutz farewell party in the moadon 29.5.24.

In his old age, King Solomon sat down and wrote Ecclesiastes. He had already seen everything and already experienced everything. He spoke many wise words. Only the experience of a lifetime gives us the correct perspective to understand and judge. And this is what Solomon said about nostalgia:

Do not say that the former days were better than these, because it is not wise to raise such questions.

It has been my custom to prepare a written document for every special event on the Board of Maytronics, over the course of the last many years. I would distribute the document to the members of the board at the end of the meeting: for instance, on Rosh Hashanah eve, or when parting from a director or CEO. Opportunities were plentiful. I always tried to incorporate something from the Jewish tradition, which would succeed in touching hearts. But at my own farewell?? And after all, Ecclesiastes has already written about human memory:

There is no memory of former generations, nor shall there be any memory of later generations that are to come, among those who shall come after.

That is to say, in any case, always, human endeavours will be forgotten. And if so - what are we working for? Is it for our own good? For the sake of the gratitude of those among whom we live?

And again, Ecclesiastes enters and says, with his characteristic sarcasm:

“A good name is valued above good oil” (Perfume – Ed) This is indeed true, but the end of the verse reads: **And the day of one’s death is better than the day of one’s birth.**

Still, I can't say goodbye on such a pessimistic note. Was Ecclesiastes right? Is human forgetfulness so total? Is there no memory of what came before?

Listen, to what happened to me, personally, last week, which proves how wrong Ecclesiastes was, in his world view:

Omer, my grandson, is a young paratrooper (890), who experienced all the terrible events of the last seven months in the most brutal way. Events that a twenty-year-old should not have to experience. And he is now in an officers' course. Last Friday, the day before yesterday, he called and related this story:

We asked our commanding officer (in BAHAD 1 officers' training camp) to teach us a little from the experience of others regarding urban warfare... in previous wars. He brought us an analysis of the battle in the Ein Hilwe refugee camp, on the outskirts of Sidon, in 1982. He analysed the movements of the battalion. And suddenly Omer clicked. He blurted out excitedly: **Hey, that battalion Commander is my grandfather!**

I took out of a dusty folder, the document in which a senior officer trainee, a few years later, had analysed the events that happened forty-two years previously. I photographed the relevant pages, and I sent them to Omer on WhatsApp (long live progress!). Out of Omer's excitement (and my own excitement as well) I realized how wrong Ecclesiastes was: The memory of those that came before does not disappear. It all depends on us.

And back to us: I received a letter from Immi Mas, the CEO's personal secretary (whom Yonat replaced almost a decade ago), (Tal Darom's Mother – Ed) apologising that she would not be able to come. And she wrote to me... among other things: “I remember very well that when you came to Maytronics, you always had a big smile on your face. As far as I'm concerned, you always projected wisdom and knowledge. You instilled confidence. I always felt you knew what needed to be done. I loved hearing the excerpts from the sources that you would weave into every speech or blessing.... Immi.


So, what do I wish for myself? That you remember the smile and the quotes from the sources – ours and others. I do not ask for more than that.

And for Maytronics, I wish that the graphs will continue to rise, that Ron Cohen will lead the company to new heights together with Sharon and everyone else.


I wish you every success Yonatan Bassi.

(At the end of the evening, Johاناتan gave an erudite and informative lecture on a U.N. project he is involved in, to transfer goods overland through Israel and Jordan from Eilat to Saudi Arabia. Anyone who was not there, truly missed out – Ed)

Updates on our Guys in the Younger Generation!

 Congratulations to Lidor Nanikashvili who finished his training in a divers course after a year and two months.

And soon he will begin operations in the weapons department on the Achi Tanin submarine.

We wish him success in the service and a safe return. 

Ma'ayan Assaf and Mika Cohen are enlisting in the IDF on 17.6. Have an interesting service and may you return home safely!

We are very proud of you!

And once again it is important to say to all soldiers in regular and reserve duty:

We trust you! 

Thanks to you we are here! We are very proud of everyone!

Well done to those who volunteer on the home front too!

We are looking forward to seeing everyone on the paths

Young Generation Committee 

Book Week 2024

June has arrived, where, instead of book week, there will be a “reading month” on Yizrael. we opened before everyone else, with the lecture by the writer and translator Eleonora Lev, about the "Anne of Green Gables" series. We will finish the book “week” on Yizrael after everyone. Please Diaries - on 7/11 there will be a meeting with the authors Michal Kreitler who wrote the book "Burnt Edges" and Iris Kaufman who wrote "Taste of Salt". Both books were published by the excellent “Shitim” publishing house.

Here are the synopses of the books (one is already in the library (in Hebrew – Ed), and the other will arrive soon):

Burnt ends: "... stop making excuses! I'm yelling at myself. It doesn't matter what you thought. You went to sleep, and your baby was stolen..."

That's how the book begins. Michal Kreitler's captivating debut novel, centered on Eti, a woman, a mother, who years earlier had the worst thing that could happen to anybody, happen to her: someone stole the baby she had just given birth to. But now they say the baby may have returned. Is it really her baby? And if she came back - will she stay? And what will I tell her if she asks me how she was stolen? After all, even Eti herself is not sure how it happened. If the baby was stolen from her or maybe she is actually to blame...

A Taste of Salt: What happens when love ends? What happens when it starts? What does love between a mother and her child look like? And between girl friends? How can you catch hold of love? Is it even attainable?

Questions and answers, a story of life and death, and ...love. Dancing with her and against her and around her. The possibility of staying in love. The fear of losing love. The resistance. The completion. The consolation.

A Taste of Salt is Iris Kaufman's first book.

Dates of the book week worth knowing:

Haifa:

The independent book publishers fair will be held at the city museum on 6/13-14.

Tribute evening to Sami Michael (free entry with advance registration) Haifa Theater 6/16, 6:00 p.m.

The book fair at Romema Hall: performances, story time, meetings with writers 16-19/6

Tel Aviv

Sarona Park: 18-27/6 booths, children's shows and other events at various sites in the city.



Someone on the hill - Cora and Henry Baum:

Summary of the interview broadcast on the Home channel



Henry: I was born in England in 1941. At that time pregnant women were sent outside of London. it was during the "Blitz" - the bombing of London. I was born in a hospital for unmarried women. At that time, they sent all the children from London to the outskirts, because of

the German bombings. We moved to Surrey, a county near London and my sister Lillian was born there.

After the war we lived in London. We lived in a row of houses destroyed by the bombings, and our house was the only one left standing...

I remember that after the war I worked as an errand boy, my father had a buttonhole factory, I had a tricycle with a big box, I was too small to sit on the chair, so I stood and rode all over London like that...

Cora: I was born in the Netherlands, in a small village near Rotterdam. I have a brother and a sister, I'm the eldest. Six years between me and my brother, and

almost eight years between me and my sister. Their names are Dick and Iris. My mother was called Corey, which actually came from Sarah Corinna, but she didn't like the name Sarah. When she was a girl, she changed it to Corey. My father had a very Dutch name - Gert.

I was born during the war. The Germans bombed Rotterdam, and the entire city center was bombed. I remember more things that happened a little after the war, I went to my cousins on holidays, we picked tomatoes and cucumbers, flowers and potatoes. My father worked importing oranges, both from this country - Jaffa, and from Morocco. My mother worked as a librarian.

Henry: I was in the Jewish scout movement. Instead of being linked to the church we were linked to the synagogue. At that time, my grandfather was still alive and my mother did not want to leave him and go with the whole family to South Africa, so we waited until my grandfather passed away, and then we moved to South Africa. My father's whole family left after the war for South Africa.

I came to South Africa at the age of 15. I immigrated to Israel to the kibbutz when I was 20. I was in the garin with Bernie Fink and Dave Millstein.

The kibbutz was 15 years old at the time. When I arrived, the entire area where the dining room is today, had huts around the big lawn, and we used to play soccer there.

Cora: I come from a religious Christian home. Lovers of Israel. I came to Israel to visit Gavrush's Valentina. (We called her Vali – Ed) I stayed as a volunteer.

Henry: I arrived before Cora, I prepared the area... I told her - come join me in the carriage, and she thought I told her let's get married... I had a tape recorder that I brought with me, and I brought a speaker to Cora's room.

Cora: He had very special music, concerts and classical music. We would sit in bed, relax, and listen to the music..

Henry: After the Six Day War, a large group came from Australia “to save the kibbutz”. They lived in huts where Naomi is today. Drezner (Aryeh Drezner Z’L) was a television technician, and there were no televisions in the country at the time, He brought the first one and put it on the Electricians shop. Everyone would break in, to watch TV.

I learned to make molds for industry. I was the first in the kibbutz to learn this. I started working in a metal work/welding shop (Mazgiria), until one day someone threw a hammer at me, I don't know why. He didn't hurt me, but I said I didn't want to work there anymore, and I went to the sheep branch.

Cora: We got married in the Netherlands, and then when we returned after the wedding, the kibbutz held a wedding in the kibbutz together with Dudik and Drora, . I did not convert - there was no problem with it then.

Henry: Before working in Tammuz, I worked for seven years in the sheep. After they closed the sheep, I wanted to work in the dairy, but I was too old for that. That's why I went to become a handyman in the children's houses. The school was on the kibbutz and I was a janitor. After a few years, they started building the metalwork factory. I worked with Eli Shluzny and Ze'ev LAVOR, on the manual metalwork machines. Also, I remember I would build the stage for all the shows. I built a train out of baby cots for Yom Haatzmaut.

Cora: When I arrived, I worked for a few weeks with Arnie in the gardens. I nearly died from the heat... I didn't work much in a children's houses, it wasn't for me, I really didn't like it. For many years I worked in the dental clinic, a lot in the factory. When we made AC/DC, in electronics, I worked in Heftziba and Zvi Sadur, the treasurer, would wait for me for the check. It was actually good, because I knew I could contribute something financially to the kibbutz. I enjoyed every job. I was elected to be the work manager. My friends told me - "Cora, you don't have to agree to do the job, it will be hard for you..." But I did it and I had no problem. Really, if you speak nicely, then people don't say no. I didn't know Hebrew, I studied with Mirik and then I was sent to Givat Haviva.

Henry: I could never speak Hebrew well, even now.

Cora: I answered the phone a few years ago, "Hello, Cora is speaking", or "the Baum family" or something. The party on the other end replied "Oh, you're from Holland?" I said - yes, why? She says – "you talk like my mother".

Henry: Gadi was nine months old when Yaffa arrived. She came from an over protective family. Her uncle convinced her mother that for Yaffa. it would be better to be somewhere else with children. The uncle and mother came every week, or two weeks to visit Yaffa was in the group of Omer Harpaz and Shulamit...

After Jaffa arrived, Naama and Hila were born. And after a few years we decided to bring Dubi.

Cora: We really wanted another child, there are children who need help, so we decided to go for it. We wanted to adopt, so we went to Haifa to the adoption office, and since I am not Jewish, I could then adopt either a child with special needs or an Arab child. We said no thanks and then Dubi arrived. He came to us when he was 3 years old. Then there were the treatments and hospitals, and the psychologists told us - it happens, what was spoiled in the first three years cannot be fixed.

Henry: I don't think if we didn't live in a kibbutz, we could do it. Because it is easier in the kibbutz to do such things than outside.

Today we have nine grandchildren.

Cora: I think I live in heaven.

Henry: Yes, me too. What I miss is driving, driving a car, and looking in bins near the factory.

Cora: I draw. I also used to work in ceramics and embroider, but today it doesn't go well with my eyes, but I crochet with one needle.

I think what is important is to respect the another person. Treat people gently, not rudely.

There is a little anecdote about my mother. We sat waiting at the central station for the bus to the kibbutz, and a guy with a bag of sunflower seeds sat next to us, and he was cracking the seeds with his teeth and spitting, cracking and spitting. And my mother looked and followed what he was doing and asked - is it allowed to spit on the floor? She was shocked.

In the first years, when Hila was in first grade, the daycare center asked the children what father does, what mother does. I received a note from the teacher (Ilana Peleg had just given birth, and there was a substitute teacher), she asked us to come to talk to her. What did Hila tell her? Dad works all day and mom cries all day.

The teacher sat with us, and she told us - you have to decide, stay here or go to the Netherlands. You can't go on like this. And I had to decide what is the best?

To leave the country? For Henry it was like having a leg amputated. It was hard for me; I missed my family very much.

At home, on my birthday people would come, my family, and the uncles and aunts and cousins and friends.. and here it was just Henry and me alone. But we stayed, the nuclear family grew and I got used to it.

I am proud of our children and also proud that we participated in many plays. I remember the fiftieth anniversary show, shows with Stas, and more.

Henry: "Someone", a dramatic performance on the tennis court, and we were the angels, we sang.

Cora: We sang. And what did Amen want? He wanted us to stand on the stage somewhere in the sky, dressed in tunics, without underpants and without a bra ... because we were angels... Zimra nearly had a Fit.

If we could go back in time, we would go back to the time when the children were small.

Henry: So we can tell them what to do...

Cora: Today they tell me what to do!

Zohar: Now just before we end the interview, is there one thing you would like to pass on to the next generation, to the children, to the kibbutz? Any messages?

Henry: Listen to other people.... that includes you Cora.

Cora: And I hope that the kibbutz will continue as it is today.

Thanks to Henry and Cora! Interviewed by: Zohar Assaf, prepared for the Alon by Rochela Matalon.



The rugby club is nearing the end of the season and the summer break



On June 1, the last rugby event of the season took place when the North Stars faced off against the Golden Jackals, in a game that concluded Israel's regional league.

After the North Stars trailed 16-0 at half time, we came back in the second half for an impressive victory - 28-16. This also ensured victory in the regional league.

From April 13 to June 1, we hosted 7 high-level games here on the field, including 2 games against the Georgian army team and 2 games against the battalion of Fijian UN soldiers serving in the Golan.

It was a very intense period for the entire club team who worked hard to ensure the success of all events.

The new buildings that were recently erected - the locker rooms, the toilets, the store, and the gym - have proven themselves and served the teams and the crowd, excellently.



We want to say a very big thank you to all involved (See Herew Alon for names – Ed)

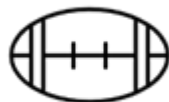
Conclusion of the season in the various age groups: Our club won the championship in ages up to 10, up to 12, up to 16 and up to 18. The up to 14 group won second place. The Hurricanes team from Herzliya won that championship.

This year there was no regular senior league, as many players in all clubs are serving in the reserves and could not compete.

Let's all hope for peace and that we can hold a regular senior league, next season.

We are happy and grateful that, even in a year like this, we were able to operate, increase the children's and youth groups' numbers and host many events.

See you next season. The club committee



Summary of a lecture under the auspices of the Sexual Harassment Protection Team

On Wednesday, 05/22/24, we met in the moadon, for a lecture over a cup of coffee, on a topic that concerns every parent who has, or will have, a teenage child.

The subject of the lecture: "The role of parents in education for healthy sexuality - a program to promote mutual sexuality and prevent sexual violence, open communication between parents and children and the transmission of appropriate signals.

The lecture was given by Tehila Calderon, a representative of the educational team of the Aid Center for Victims of Sexual Assault - Haifa and the North.

This lecture was brought for the audience of parents and those interested by the protection team of the kibbutz, with the aim of raising public awareness, with the understanding that the role of the team is also in education and prevention, by providing knowledge and tools.

In the lecture, we dealt with the following topics:

- Challenges and barriers in the discourse on sexuality

- Adolescent sexuality
- Sexual abuse - definition and data
- Tools for dialogue about benevolent and mutual sexuality
- Sources of information and assistance

Examples were given in each topic and time was given for questions and discussion between the participants and the lecturer.

We look forward to seeing you at the next lecture.

The protection team: Dalia Levitan, Inbal Adler, Tamar Sedor, Doron Kagan



From the jubilee book- Gan Alon 1977

,From the right: Aviram Ronen, Nachshon Mor

Maoz Koren, Galit Zelas, **Moran Mor Sarid**, Tzipi Kaplan

English is Fun - with Rahel

WHO'D LOVE A PLATYPUS.....

He looks suspiciously like a beaver in a duck costume (or vice versa). He has a name that sounds like he's mates with Socrates or Aesop. He inhabits streams and lakes, from far North Queensland to Tasmania.

INTERESTING THINGS ABOUT THE PLATYPUS

- His real name is *Ornithorhynchus anatinus*.
- He has one of the most waterproof coats in the world.
- He spends up to 12 hours a day in water as cold as 0 degrees.
- The lady platypus poos and reproduces out of the same orifice.
- He has a spur on his foot that is venomous enough to kill a dog.
- When the first sightings of the platypus were reported back to Europe, they thought it was a hoax.
- He growls like a puppy when in danger.
- The female can lay up to three eggs in a burrow, from which the young hatch, and are reared on the mother's milk.

GROANERS/OLDIES BUT GOODIES.....

I once dated a girl who broke up with me because I have only eight toes. Yes, she was lack-toes intolerant.

I've started telling everyone about the benefits of eating dried grape. It's all about raisin awareness.

I've started investing in stocks; beef, vegetable, chicken. One day I hope to be a bouillianaire.

If you boil a funny bone, it becomes a laughing stock. Now that's humerus.

I accidentally rubbed ketchup in my eyes. Now I have Heinzsight.

Did you know muffins spelt backward is what you do when you take them out of the oven?

Scientifically, a raven has 17 primary wing feathers; the big ones at the end of the wing are called pinion feathers. A crow has only 16. Therefore, the difference between a raven and a crow is only a matter of a pinion.

I was walking in the jungle and saw a lizard on his hind legs telling jokes. I turned to the local tribal leader and said, "That lizard is really funny!"
The leader replied, "That's not just any old lizard, he's a stand-up chameleon.

I tried to come up with a carpentry pun that woodwork. I thought I nailed it, but nobody saw it.

.....more next week



Programme for 16/06/24 – 20/06/24

Daily 08:30 – 12:00 – coffee, cake, chats, board games

Sunday 16 June

Opening the week with Monica.

09:10 Zoom – Around the World – Yoram Porat – Himalayas / Water and Purity

10:30 Ceramics room open with instruction from Ziv Ben Bassat

Monday 17 June

08:00 Pedicure with Limor Mualem (by appointment only)

09:30 The Art of Drawing with Chas Broadhurst

Tuesday 18 June

10:00 Games and trivia with Galia Shemi

10:30 Ceramics room open with instruction from Ziv Ben Bassat

Wednesday 19 June

09:30 Armchair Lecture

14:00 Ceramics room open with instruction from Ziv Ben Bassat

Thursday 20 June

07:00 Pedicure with Na'ama Baum (by appointment only)

10:00 Movie screening with Galia

17:15 Exercises on chairs with Michal Sha'anani

18:00 Veterans Gathering

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