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**Kibbutz Yizre'el**

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**MAZAL TOV**

* To Yiftach Cohen, his parents – Moran and Ehud on the celebration of Yiftach’s Barmitzvah.
* To Raz Griman and his parents – Limor and Ofir on the celebration of their son’s Barmitzvah.
* To Ido Hadar and his parents – Sigal and Shai, his grandmother Rachel on the celebration of Ido’s Barmitzvah.
* To Eran Shkolnik who has produced two song albums – one in Hebrew "עוז רוח" and the other in English “Cloud of Dust”. You can hear them on Spotify and other places. Good Luck Eran!!!

**FROM THE STUDIES COMMITTEE:** For the next two weeks Peter Pezaro will not be available due to health issues. For urgent matters please contact Avishag Sharoni who has agreed to take responsibility for the committee during this period. We wish Peter a full recovery and good health!!!

**ZOHAR ASSAF**: Zohar will not be continuing to work on B’Yizre’el since she has found work at Bet Alfa, at a place called "בית למרגלות ההר" working with 13 wonderful members who have Down Syndrome.

Zohar will continue as a driver at 8:30, so if you want to join her, let her know or coordinate it with the clinic.

I wish Zimra continued success with the newsletter for many years to come.

 Zohar

Zimra: Zohar, good luck in your new job. Thank you for your willingness to replace me and for the great articles. I hope you will continue to send articles and ideas to your column – Trips / Culture.

**MAZKIRUT MEETING 16.8.2020**

1. Information
* Shaul Gur and Einat Ne’man informed the mazkirut of a decision made by the directorate of Yizre’el Holdings to add a full time person in order to help with the many assignments confronting the Holdings and Agriculture – assistance in the economics field, management of projects and the operation of the holdings and agriculture.

It was pointed out that in the past, they did have an extra person but they combined operations and managed with one person less. Today there is much more to be done and extra manpower is needed to reduce the pressure on Ariel.

A point was made that other functionaries like Yifat Assaf also need assistance.

Racheli stated that since we are in the midst of planning a new organizational structure, solutions may be found for these issues.

* Quality of the Environment: The gas power station that was planned close to the kibbutz has been postponed for six months but this does not mean that the fight against it is over. Ela Cohen and Elite Gilad came to the mazkirut to ask that the mazkirut’s recommendation that a sum for social battles from the collective bonus remain available to continue the fight.

A discussion was held in which it was suggested that a fund for the fight for the environment be established. The inclusion of a fund like this, in the key decisions for the allocations of the collective bonus, was brought up.

Elite asked the mazkirut’s help in preparing the subject for discussion at the general meeting.

1. **Update on entrance payment for prospective members.** The rationale of the subject was discussed at a General Meeting 4.3.2019 and accepted but the final sum proposed was left to be decided at a later date. Now it has come up to be finalized.

This “entrance payment” which all candidates for membership will be asked to pay the kibbutz, is a token participation in the reception of all that the kibbutz has created over the years since its establishment.

The “entrance payment” takes into consideration the age of the candidate since this shows the time the candidate spent building his home while kibbutz members spent that time building the kibbutz.

These are the stages and sums suggested:

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| Age Range | Proposal A | Proposal B | Proposal C |
| Kibbutz Children till 32 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 28+ a day till 32 | 7,000 | 10,000 | 14,000 |
| 32+ a day till 45 | 8,000 | 11,000 | 16,000 |
| 45 + a day and over | 9,000 | 12,000 | 18,000 |

The mazkirut voted on the three proposals:

Proposal A - 0 votes / Proposal B - 5 votes / Proposal C - 6 votes.

Proposal A was dropped and it was decided to bring the subject to the General Meeting without a mazkirut recommendation.

Background material will be provided before the subject comes up for discussion. Yifat Assaf

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| **Message from Head of Services**Robin Ogen has given three months notice that she is leaving her position on Yizre’el for personal reasons. This period will give us time to find her replacement and to hand over the position in an orderly fashion.  |

**UPDATE OF ACCOUNT NUMBER FOR NATIONAL SOCIAL SECURITY**

The State Corona Grant has been transferred to every citizen of Israel. Requests for updates of account numbers have been sent to facilitate this.

**Account numbers for those who receive old age pensions and disability pensions in Yizre’el have been updated so there is no need to call.**

**For other members** – In order to verify that the grant has come to Yizre’el, every member is asked to call the central information center of the National Social Security Institute at 02 – 5393733 and enter his/her ID number to be checked. If the account has been updated you will receive a message saying “no need to update the account for ID….”.

If you are asked to update the kibbutz account it is as follows:

Bank Leumi 10, Branch 745, account 18300074.

Those who in the past received allowances or pensions to their private accounts are asked to check if the grant has arrived in their account and update Esther in the accounts department.

You can call on Esther for assistance if needed. Good luck!

**PLANNING OF THE HOUSES IN THE NEW NEIGHBORHOOD**

An architectural firm has been chosen which has many years of experience in planning housing for kibbutzim and rural settlements. A permanent architect will guide the families in the planning of their houses. The architectural team should present their first draft in the next few weeks.

The Planning Committee invites all the members who are interested in participating in creating the character of the neighborhood to send Axel ONE picture or simulation of the house or neighborhood they feel suits our needs.

planning@yizrael.com by 30.8.2020.

A display of the photos will be given to the architect who is designing the houses and the neighborhood. Axel Levin

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| **REGISTRATION FOR ACTIVITIES AT DOROT B’GILBOA**The booklet of activities can be found on the Dorot site. The Seniors’ Committee gives a subsidy of 500 shekel for the registration. The booklet can be purchased for 20 shekels. Those wishing to buy one should contact Inbal Adler 058 6140561 and she will ensure that you get it. Inbal Adler |

**THE EDUCATION COUNCIL AND THE EDUCATION FORUM**

This week the diverse, summer activities for the children of the kibbutz came to an end. The educational teams made a great effort , paying attention to details and acted with great love and care.

The Education Council: Many thanks go to those who have completed their term and those who are leaving after years of contribution to the education of our children. Shani Bauer, Tamar Sanker, Shimrit Tzefadia, Nofar Brin Delinko and Sarit Laviv.

We welcome the new members of the council: Amir Armoza, Hamutal Assaf, and Limor Griman who will join Yifat Assaf, Yifat Aloni, Adi Ilan Goldstein and Neta Ratzin Blass.

At the meeting of the council on 13.8.2020 the structure of the council and the need to set goals for the coming year were discussed.

Education Forum: The closing time of the children’s houses was discussed but because there are new factors to be considered, it was decided not to make changes now and leave the closing time at 16:00.

Requests for the installation of cameras in the children’s houses have been received.. This subject will be brought up at the meeting on 1.10.2020.

UPDATE ON THE FIGHT AGAINST THE WIND TURBINES

The good news is that as a result of the arguments put forward by many representatives and participants of the Emek, the National Appeal Committee decided to return the discussion of placement of wind turbines back to the regional committee. This means that permission for the turbines has not been granted. This also means we have time to get organized and continue the fight with the planning committee and not with the law court. So we have a lot of work ahead of us.

Many thanks to those who have supported us financially, by participating in discussions, by sharing information and publicizing the subject.

We are on the right path, we will continue and succeed.!

You are invited to join us and receive updates:

* Group WhatsApp: "יזרעאל בעד הסביבה" (Yizre’el residents only)
* Facebook page: "גלבוע ירוק"

**SATURDAY NIGHT AT YIZRE’EL JUNCTION**

**We stand at Yizre’el Junction – 50 people of all ages!!!**

We are part of the number of regional settlements who are united against corruption.

Tens of thousands (!!) of people coming back from the Kinneret pass us by. Some show signs of support, others show signs of objection.

(Some curse us, verbally or with hand signals. No violence but a feeling of growing determination – a feeling of hope.

**NEW PATH UNDER THE DINING ROOM**

A new path from the junction of the stone playground straight down towards the Kol Bo is being laid. When asked why the path doesn’t follow the garden line the answer was that the plan for the path was passed by the Planning Committee. The path is made of blocks that allow the grass to grow through them.

**ART GALLERY AT EIN HAROD**

Yizre’el has renewed its annual subscription to the Art Gallery.

**I FEEL STRONGLY ABOUT THIS!!!**

In the last newsletter the subject of recognizing work in some branches as “preferred work”, and work in other branches, as not so, is puzzling and shocking. That the value of work in education, the dining room and the Kol Bo is not on par with work in other branches is difficult to accept in a kibbutz which is supposed to value equality (or not?).

The real reason this article is being written is not about “preferred work” but about people’s attitude to the work in the Kol Bo, and the workers there. Some people must think that all the workers do all day is sit at the cashiers’ desk. Their nasty comments and their dismissive attitude is insulting and disrespectful. Some people feel that working in the Kol Bo is not the place for a person who has completed his/her army training. Differentiation between types of work has not been accepted in Yizre’el but now it seems it has. Remember we were brought up to believe that we respect the work and the worker.

 Raz Ben Bassat (worker at the Kol Bo)

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| **IMPORTANT NOTICE****Tuesday 1/9/2020 the kitchen exhaust hoods are being cleaned****The evening meal will not be served in the dining room.**Items for the evening meal will be given out from 12:00 – 15:00.Please don’t enter the dining room or the kitchen or the area near the ramp after 15:00 because of the use of dangerous materials. Tuesday was chosen for the best day for the cleaning staff and the fact that the Kol Bo is closed. Itzik Shechter |

**CORONA UPDATES**

The Corona team meets once a week on Tuesdays to sum up the week that passed and discuss the following week. If you want to bring up a subject or come to a meeting (set up with Hedva) do so before Tuesday.

Pool for the grandchildren: This last week we allowed the grandparents to enjoy the pool with their grandchildren during the hours allotted to them. But the pool will not be available on Shabbat because that is the time for the general public to use the pool. This coming week the children’s houses have a week of organization so the pool will be closed to grandchildren who do not live on the kibbutz.

It is difficult to find the right path in this situation and we are doing our best not to offend anyone and if we do, we apologize. All decisions made are with deep consideration and with a wide perspective.

Public Areas: Only residents are allowed to enter the Kol Bo, the dining room or the pool.

Duty at the entrance to the dining room: This duty will be transferred to the staff of the food branch. Please show personal responsibility in following the Corona rules.

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| **NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE**Because of public demand to increase the number of candidates for the Members’Committee, here is the list of names (besides Shlomo Levi who is continuing):Talia Arad, Irit Shemesh, Irit Cohen, Patricia Groisman, Nir Segal. Stas Gavrilov, Tamir Blass, Nitzan R. Feldman and Shoshana Mittelberg.  |

**English is Fun - with Rahel**

Back to "Disorder in the Court":

Q. Is Exhibit No. 2 a picture?

A. Yes.

Q. And who is it a picture of?

A. Me.

Q. Can you tell me what you see, or what is Exhibit No. 2.?

A. It is a cut to the side of the throat.

Q. O.K. But, before we get to that point, what is this?

A. Me.

Q. That is not you in person, is it?

A. Yes.

Q. And were you present when this picture was taken?

A. Yes.

The Court: Counsel, could I interrupt you so we can get those exhibits to the jury and have them looked at them while you're examining him, with the caution that they are to pay attention to the testimony, too?

Counsel: No, they don’t even have to pay attention to the

testimony.

DA: No objection.

Counsel: It is mostly for my benefit.

The Court: Well, that's good. I wasn't listening either.

The Court: I have a document, an envelope within which were

contained two envelopes. I have now separated them. They are

from the custodian of records of the Los Angeles Police

Department. I cannot discern any difference between the two

documents. Is there any objection to my opening these to see

what they are and then move from there?

DA: Not at all.

The Court: Within the first packet – the first packet says, "We have no record."

DA: What does the second packet say?

The Court: "See the first packet."

Q: Can you tell the jury what you did in reference to the Department of Motor Vehicles?

A: Well, I made a number of inquiries, principally by computer, to identify who rented the beeper.

Counsel: I would object to the contents of computer response to being hearsay.

The Court: Shall we bring it in to cross-examine it?

Counsel: Do you wear corrective glasses?

Witness: There are three of you?

Counsel: No, there is only one of me.

Counsel: It has already been established that the defendant was bothered and bewildered. In your expert opinion, was he also bewitched.

Plaintiff's lawyer: Is that your conclusion, that this man is a malingerer?

Psychiatrist: I wouldn't be testifying if I didn't think so, unless I was on the other side, then it would be a post-traumatic condition.

 …………more next week