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**Kibbutz Yizre'el**

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**MEMBERS’ COMMITTEE:**

After the last ballot, the following chaverim were chosen for the Members Committee – Talia Arad, Shoshana Mittelberg, and Tamar Blass. They will join Shlomo Levi from the previous committee.

226 members voted, 77% of 293 members with the right to vote.

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| **THANKS**  To the Contributions Committee and the chaverim who contributed to the “Clown Ambulance Project”. Because of your help we will be able to make the dreams of ailing children come true.  Till the end of the chagim, you can still contribute through this link:  <https://www.jgive.com/new/he/ils/donation-targets/37170>  Esti - Flora |

**THANKS** from Amir Daron and family to all those who expressed their condolences and support, especially to Sigal Perling and the Mourning Committee for their help.

**MAZAL TOV** to Olga Bar Gefen (our kibbutz accountant) on the birth of her twin granddaughters. Olga will be working from home through computer, email, discussions on zoom and by phone.

You can contact Oz Levi and Esther Ben Bassat with questions or problems and they will be in contact with Olga. Ran Lilach Finance Manager

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| **FROM THE POOL 6.9.2020 OPENING HOURS :**  Sunday - Friday 7:00 – 10:00 14:00 – 18:00  Saturday 10:00 – 18:00 Gil Hillel |

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| **MAZES AND DRAGONS**  A GUIDED IMAGINATIVE ADVENTURE GAME  A meeting to introduce the game will be held on  Wednesday 16.9.2020 from 16:00 – 17:30  At the “Tavor” Children’s house  This chug concentrates on team work, leadership and educational values.  It has been going on for 7 years in Emek Hamayanot, Emek Hayarden and in the Gilboa area.  To register for this iexposure meeting, contact Reut Shaliv 05237563247 |

**UNMARKED CLOTHING**

Because of the large quantity of unmarked clothing it has been decided that there will be a sale of these unmarked clothing every month.

Please come to the clothing store to see if any of the unmarked items belong to you.

**MAZKIRUT MEETING 2/9/2020**

A discussion was held on the replacement of the Head of Services. After brainstorming and consultations on the new organizational plan of the kibbutz, it was felt that this position should be expanded to that of Head of the Community. The proposal will be brought up at the next General Meeting.

**MAZKIRUT MEETING 3/9/2020**

1. Ariel Dolinko, manager of Yizre’el Holdings, reported on the sale of shares that took place and on the taxes to be paid on the sale.
2. The Assefa decided to replace the position of Head of Services with the position of Head of the Community. In the vote that was taken, there were 78 for, 26 against and 1 abstention.

**MAZKIRUT MEETING 6/9/2020**

1. Information and miscellaneous items
2. The coming General Meeting: At this meeting the work bonus will be discussed. It was suggested that the public should be informed about the proposals in advance so that other proposals can be put forward.
3. Cultural events during the holidays: Since people were upset during Chag Hameshek because events were organized but families from outside were not included, it was decided that the first day of the New Year will be for families and only on the second day of the New Year will there be activities in public places.
4. A committee to find a Community Manager: A definition of the position and the requirements for this position have been published internally and externally.

The procedure and timetable for selecting a candidate has also been publicized.

1. The Security Committee and the Duty Roster team recommend a change in the guard hours. It was decided to cancel the guard hours between 20:00 - 22:00 during the week. This will take place after Succot.

Robin also memtioned that there is a plan to renovate the entrance to the kibbutz and move the guard booth.

1. Thoughts and insights after the last General Meeting: At the general meetings on zoom it was found that questions and comments that were sent in, show an aggressive and sometimes offensive note that is not found at general meetings where the speaker stands up and faces the people at the meeting. As a solution to this, it was suggested that general meetings be held in the dining room according to Corona restrictions. It was pointed out that some people do not feel comfortable speaking at an open general meeting so sending in a note is an option for them to participate and express their opinion. Another solution is to have the chairperson of the general meeting censor notes sent in.

Another issue raised was the fact that voting was limited to one hour so people who left the meeting early could not vote. It was pointed out that when general meetings were open, people who left early also did not vote.

1. Private budgetary expenses: People have found that their expenses in the Kol Bo are continuously rising and they do not know when money will be deposited in their account. At the next General Meeting the bonus for work is being discussed and this may solve this problem.
2. **Organizational Structure**

Continued discussion the proposed organizational structure whereby committees will be formed with the right to make decisions and the mazkirut will not have to deal with so many topics and such a wide range of subjects. We are looking for more streamlining and efficiency.

It was decided to continue the discussion on the basis of analyzing topics according to the new structure being proposed.

**THE FIGHT AGAINST THE POLLUTING GAS POWER STATION**

In February 2021 the discussion as to whether the gas power station will be established 2 km. from the kibbutz will be held and a decision will be made.

If the decision is in favor of the power station, our lives as we know it today will not be the same. This power station will pollute gas and chemicals into the air and into the ground water causing damage to our health and to our agriculture.

Till now we have had the voluntary help of lawyers and experts in this field but if we are to be successful in our fight against the power station we will need more professional help which means the need for financial help, for more funds.

The mazkirut has proposed that 200,000 shekel from the work bonus that was to go to communal projects should be given to this fight for our environment.

We, the members of the Environment Committee, ask for your support of the mazkirut’s proposal for the sake of health and safety.

**THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE SUPPORTS THE TZAMERET AND GILBOA NEIGHBORHOODS**

In last week’s newsletter the problem of dust from the internal and external roads on the edge of these neighborhoods was raised. Part of the solution is to plant trees and shrubs that will contain the dust. It was stated that there was no budget for this project.

The Environment Committee supports the request of the neighborhoods to solve this problem. They suggest that these dirt roads be covered in special organic material, environment friendly till a final solution is found to the problem.

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| ***HAPPY NEW YEAR TO KIBBUTZ YIZRE’EL***  ***FIRST NEW YEAR’S EVE: Friday night 18.9.2020***  ***18:30 Holiday Shorts 900 on the local channel***  ***SECOND NEW YEAR’S EVE Saturday night 19.9.2020***  ***ON THE STAGE 20:30***  ***A YEAR’S REVIEW***   * ***SHEM TOV LEVI IN HIS SHOW FOR THE NEW YEAR***   ***Because of Corona restrictions, the show is for residents only.*** |

**DON’T MAKE WOOD FIRES**

Chanan Shaliv has written a long scientific article against burning wood in furnaces for heating, because it causes serious pollution.

Yifat Assaf has added that the subject of the prohibition of wood burning furnaces is on the mazkirut agenda for discussion.

**English is Fun - with Rahel**

**You definitely didn't know that….**

*A group of jellyfish is known as a "smack".*

Christopher Columbus' fee for "discovering America" was about $300.

One in ten children sleepwalk.

*Q. What does an algologist study A. Seaweed.*

Laid end to end the blood vessels in your body would wrap around the equator three times.

Makes sense: The Phoenicians invented the world's first phonetic alphabet in 2000 B.C.

The largest cast ever assembled for a film screen: 300,000 for the funeral scene in GHANDI.

What does genitofemoral mean? "Jeans are too tight."

*Camel rule of thumb: One-hump camels run faster than two-humped camels.*

Coldest towns on earth: Verkyoyanks and Oymyakon, Siberia, with temperatures as low as -95 degrees.

A misodoctakeidist is someone who hates practicing the piano.

About a third of the human race has 20-20 vision.

Q: What do olives and tomatoes have in common. A: They are both fruit.

*You can sweat as much as three gallons of water a day in a hot climate.*

Your fingernails are made from the same substance as a bird's beak.

Cocoanut shells can absorb more impact than most crash helmets.

When you pop a champagne cork, it can travel as fast as 100 mph.

Bagpipes were invented in Iran and brought to Scotland by the Romans.

The hardest substance in your body is the enamel in your teeth.

Armadillos can catch malaria.

In her entire life Queen Berengaria of England never once visited England.

Last animal in the dictionary: the zyzzyva, a tropical American weevil.

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