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**Kibbutz Yizre'el**

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**THANKS** from Sigal Hadar, Inbal Adler, Liran Penn, Lior Keret and Irit Cohen to the Corona team for checking on us in isolation, for the Culture Committee for their encouragement and to all those who helped us out at this difficult time.

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| **A NEW ROSTER LIST** has come out up to the end of November 2020.  Do not pay attention to roster duty lists that are not active at the moment.  Ruth Mor |

**UPDATE on the CEMETERY**: On 8.9.2020 there was a meeting of all the functionaries involved with the plans for the improvement of the cemetery.

Shai Halevi presented his plans, questions were asked and relevant comments were made. It was decided that changes would be made. The plans would then be presented to the public and the landscaping would begin.

Sigal Perling

**REQUEST TO RAISE A SUBJECT: INHERITANCE**

A few weeks ago the subject of inheritance was raised at the mazkirut and in the newsletter.

1. A person usually worries about himself after he worries about his family, and then he worries about others (the kibbutz in this case).
2. Parents want to help their children and grandchildren as much as possible during their lifetime and if possible after their death, in the form of inheritance.
3. Many members hope for a material reward for the years of work and effort they have invested into the kibbutz and wish to give their children the rights to the fruit of their labor.
4. Families whose children have left the kibbutz are concerned for the future and security of their children. There, outside, there is no “someone” who will provide their needs (housing, business development etc) like the kibbutz which provides for its members.

The kibbutz, understanding the need for chaverim to have funds which can be used to help their children or for other needs, opened Keren Haim for all its members. This fund has been used for helping children, paying for renovations, paying for trips abroad or other needs.

This fund does not provide an answer to those who wish to help their children in a significant manner.

There was a suggestion of assigning the housing to its members. This is a long expensive process (which according to the experience of other kibbutzim who have gone through this process) causing terrible friction in the community.

My suggestion is that we form another fund, an Inheritance Fund like the Keren Haim which will be closed until the passing of the parents. Then the children/ grandchildren who are eligible for this fund will be the inheritors.

This is a first draft suggestion, an opening for a subject to be discussed in the future. Nitzan Rivlin Feldman

**CORONA GRANT**

The money for the State Corona Grant was deposited in the Kibbutz bank account in August and will be transferred (according to the General Meeting decision) into the members’ accounts in September. The credits will be made according the list of names provided by Bituach Le’umi with the transfer of the money. Only those on the list will receive the funds. Many have received letters from Bituach Le’umi explaining how to receive the money by post. Those who received letters saying they should go the Postal Bank should do so with their ID card.

Bituach Le’umi will allow children to accept their parents’ grant for them from the Postal Bank if they come with a power of attorney. They should bring their parent’s ID card and the attachment where the names and ID numbers of the children are inscribed.

If there are those who have not received the funds in their account and have not received a letter, they should go to the Postal Bank with their ID and ask for the grant. Ran Lilach Financial Manager

A form has been posted on Kehilanet for those who are interested in donating collectively by means of the Donations Committee to those who have been hurt by the Corona virus. On this form you can note the sum you wish to donate. The form is private and no one can see who donated and how much. The donation will go straight from your account to the committee.

Yifat Assaf

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| **The Gardening Branch**  A large number of the workers in this branch are in isolation. So this week they will not be able to mow the private lawns. Call them if you have an urgent matter. Good luck to all. |

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| **A FEW IMPORTANT WORDS**  I would like to express many thanks to the people working in the laundry:  To those marvelous and diligent ones doing the washing, who are there to fulfill every request, with devotion to the place and to the members – Rami Shibli and Tehila Levi.  About 80% of the workers are pensioners and volunteers who turn up every day and work with dedication and the energy of 18 year olds:  Cora Baum, Marion Arad, Marnina Gross, Pnina Chavshush, Rachel Grossman, Rachel Baruch, Anat Frieman, Tami Richter, Na’ama Baum Tali Yankilovich, Judy Little and now Monica Brustein. And of course Zahava Rozillio who replaces me whenever needed.  They all wash, fold and give out 700 kg of washing every day, which is a huge amount.  I take this opportunity to remind you that now, with the changeover from summer to winter, please check to see if you have an item which does not belong to you.  Liora Kamillian |

**MATERIAL FOR THE NEWSLETTER.**

Material that is sent in after 10:00 Wednesday morning will be published in the following week.

Using the Kehilanet is quick and efficient but material that should be kept in the archives should also be sent to the newsletter so please send Zimra a copy. 052-3756027 [zimra@yizrael.com](mailto:zimra@yizrael.com)

**CATS** Please don’t feed the cats near the bins opposite our house. The food left out is a danger to the area and the cats are a nuisance. If you wish to care for the cats, take them home. Patricia

**DOGS:** A few months have passed since the new rules for owning a dog were published and we were happy to see a change (even a slow one) in the care of dogs. However, lately my phone has been inundated with unattended dog pictures. We don’t want to fine people but we ask again. Please don’t let your dog loose. Ranit Levi

**MAZKIRUT MEETING ON ZOOM 4.10.2020**

1. **INFORMATION**

* General report on the running of the kibbutz during the Corona crisis. together with social and strategic matters.
* The Corona team is working intensively and efficiently at this holiday time where there are limits on social contact.
* For the first time we have cases of the Corona virus on the kibbutz which put tens into isolation. This enforces the realization that we must keep to Corona instructions.
* The Corona team is working intensively and efficiently, keeping up with new events and decisions. Each person on the team is responsible for his field, there is cooperation and constant consultation.
* After the acceptance of many resumes for the position of Community Manager, the team for selecting a proposed candidate will start the process.
* Uri Gilad suggested that since the Corona virus team seems to be the main force running the kibbutz at this time, maybe it should be an elected body with representatives from the public. It was pointed out that this team is doing an excellent job and the people on it are representatives of the public.
* The Environment Committee asked to form a team together with the mazkirut to lead the fight for the environment and to decide on the use of the funds for the fight as a social project. The team: Ela Cohen, Elite Gilad, Ran Lilach, Tamir Blass, Artzi Senker, and Yifat Assaf

1. **FINAL DISCUSSION ON “PREFERENTIAL WORK**: The Young Generation Committee asked that the field of “preferential work” be expanded to include work in service branches of the kibbutz and not only in the field of education. It was pointed out that the Bnei Meshek after the army, want to earn the money which is granted by the State for “preferential” work, but they would like to do it on the kibbutz . We are also interested in them working on the kibbutz as well. The idea being that they will take the place of a “would be” hired worker - not replace him.

After long discussion it was put to the vote. It decided to accept the proposal of the Young Generation Committee: 8 votes for, 4 votes against.

1. **MANAGEMENT AND USE OF THE KEHILANET:** The Kehilanet was established mainly as a quick, efficient way to bring notices to the community. However, it has become much more than that. It is felt that there should be rules or guidelines for its use so that on the one hand the right to freedom of speech is upheld but on the other hand the right to protect the individual is also ensured. After much discussion it was decided that a small team should be set up to prepare recommendations to the mazkirut.

Anyone interested in being part of this team is invited to contact Yifat Assaf.

**SUMMARY of the EDUCATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING on ZOOM**

**1/10/2020.**

* The Camera Law: This law of installing cameras in children’s houses (ages 0-3) has been in the process of legislation for 8 years. Terrible acts of abuse have been reported in the news which makes this subject a relevant issue. It has been decided that a meeting of the parents of this age group and the educational team should be organized to discuss this matter. Anyone interested in this subject is invited to attend.
* Educational Initiatives during the Corona period: With the restrictions that isolate the children and their education, with distance learning, and lack of social contact, parents feel that they and the children need help at this time. There is a program for children of parents who do “essential” work and so it was suggested that a program be formed to help our children and parents. Those who are able to contribute to this program are asked to put themselves forward. The team putting forward ideas for this progam; Amir Armoza, Shimrit Tzefadia, Limor Griman and Doron Kagan. They will meet and build a program for after Succot.
* Many thanks to the educational teams near and far and to the parents for their understanding and patience. Yafit, Adi and I are here for you, trying to make things easier for you. Thanks to Yifat Assaf, Robin and Racheli for their input and help.

Neta Ratzin Blass

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| ***MEETING IN SMALL GROUPS AND INTEREST GROUPS FOR***  ***SENIORS AND THE MIDDLE GENERATION***  ***You are invited to join these small groups of up to 6 people***  ***Meetings outside with social distancing and masks***  ***The following groups have already started***  ***Exercises on Chairs with Michal Shaanan***  ***Crocheting octopi for preemies with Ilana Peleg***  ***Watching movies with Galia Shemi***  ***Paper mache and beads with Michal Sadur***  ***Call or send a message to Inbal Adler 058 6140561***  ***If you want to form a group or have an idea for a group let the team know and if there are people interested it will be included.***  ***Social Meetings on the patio for coffee and cake***  ***Other ideas:***  ***A reading group Life Stories Thai Chi Art***  ***Feldenkreiz Musical Appreciation SingingTogether***  ***Trivia and other games Discussions on a wide range of subjects***  ***Poetry reading Adult exercise group***  ***The team: Sigal Perling, Rinat Chikorel, Galia Shemi, Ilana Peleg, Phillipa Segal, Shlomit Fink, Danit Dovdeani Kirshberg and Inbal Adler*** |

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| **GUARD AT THE GATE**  The Security Committee decided that there is no need for an early guard at the gate. So the guard duty from 20:00 – 22:00 has been cancelled.  The hired guard will continue at 22:00 as before.  We want to emphasize that for the last two weeks the gate has been closed during the hours of the day and can be opened using the App through the mobile phone.  The Community Team |

**English is Fun - with Rahel**

**More Words of Wisdom from Albert Einstein:**

* Insanity is doing the same thing over and over again, and expecting different results.
* If you can't explain it to a six year old, you don't understand it yourself.
* Learning of facts is rather training the mind to think.
* Two things are infinite; the universe and human stupidity, and I'm not sure about the universe.
* If you always do what you always did, you will always get what you always got.
* It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge.
* Education is what remains after one has forgotten what one has learned in school.
* I think 99 times and find nothing. I stop thinking, swim in silence, and the truth comes to me.
* Intellectuals solve problems; geniuses prevent them.
* The intuitive mind is a sacred gift and the rational mind is a faithful servant. We have created a society that honours the servant and has forgotten the gift.
* Condemnation without investigation is the height of ignorance.
* Everybody is a genius but if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing that it is stupid.
* The measure of intelligence is the ability to change.
* Be a loner. That gives you time to wonder, to search for the truth. Have holy curiosity. Make your life worth living.
* The important thing is to never stop questioning.
* Imagination is more important than knowledge. Knowledge is limited. Imagination circles the world.
* A ship is always safer at shore, but that is not what it is built for.
* Once we accept our limits, we go beyond them.
* The difference between stupidity and genius is that genius his its limits.
* Light travels faster than sound. That is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
* "I can" is 100 times more important than "I.Q."
* Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new.
* If R = success, then R = X + y = Z, with X being work, y play, and Z keeping your mouth shut.
* You have to learn the rules of the game and then you have to play better than anyone else.
* Try not to become a man of success, but rather try to become a man of value.
* ALBERT EINSTEIN WASN'T ABLE TO SPEAK UNTIL HE WAS ALMOST FOUR YEARS OLD AND HIS TEACHERS SAID HE WOULD "NEVER AMOUNT TO MUCH."
* MICHAEL JORDAN AFTER BEING CUT FROM HIS HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TEAM, WENT HOME, LOCKED HIMSELF IN HIS ROOM, AND CRIED.
* WALT DISNEY WAS FIRED FROM A NEWSPAPER FOR "LACKING IN IMAGINATION" AND "HAVING NO ORIGINAL IDEAS.
* OFRAH WINFREY WAS DENOTED FROM HER JOB AS A NEWS ANCHOR BECAUSE "SHE WASN'T FIT FOR TELEVISION".
* THE BEATLES WERE REJECTED BY DECCA RECORDING STUDIOS, WHO SAID "WE DON'T LIKE THEIR SOUND – THEY HAVE NO FUTURE IN SHOW BUSINESS."