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**Kibbutz Yizre'el**

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| **KIBBUTZ YIZRE’EL MOURNS THE PASSING OF** **OUR DEAR MEMBER****BEN ZION (BENNY) TOUYZ****12.11.1933 – 28.4.2020** |

**CONDOLENCES:**

***Wishing the family long life and no more sorrow.***

The Arieli family, Amos Shemi, Ruth Mor, Nissim Yaakov, Marnina and Miki Gross, Judy Pizarro, Rosa Lev Or, Ilana Shani, Zimra Baran, Philippa and Benny Segal, Peter Pizarro and Shlomit, Hanan and Maya Shaliv, Ruti Bekker .

**ENTRANCE TO THE KIBBUTZ**

This week end there will still be guards on the gate who will allow entry only to close family. From Sunday morning there will not be guards on the gate during the day so we will be returning to the procedures in place before the corona virus. Please limit invitations to close family even when there are no guards on the gate. Heartfelt thanks to the many guards who filled the post throughout this period and who sometimes faced unpleasant experiences.

 The Corona management team

**THANKS**

* To all those who helped prepare and participated in the Memorial Program for the Fallen in the Service of the State.
* To Itzik Shechter, the kitchen staff, the volunteers that packed the meals, those that delivered the meals. Food for Independence Day was amazing. You didn’t leave out anything and paid attention to the details.
* To all those who took part in preparing and organizing the Independence Day program.

**CONDUCTING THE BUDGET AFTER THE CORONA CRISIS**

1. The consumer investments and investments from the infrastructure fund and the public building fund are still frozen and will not be implemented without early approval.
2. The March – April and possibly May budgets that were not utilized are frozen and money can not be taken out over the monthly plan ( i.e. cannot take the back moneys).

Also the budgets that are yearly budgets are limited by a sixth at this stage and will only be opened up after a decision by the appropriate committee.

1. All people returning to work after unpaid leave/ recruitment/replacing workers need to coordinate this with the head of human resources or the ”mashakit”. Also before accepting a salaried employee and closing agreements, the above people must be consulted. Approval is also needed in accepting a member of the kibbutz or the son/daughter of a member.

 Ran Lilach – financial manager

 Rubin Ogen – Mashakit

 Adi Laviv - head of human resources

**ZOOM MAZKIRUT MEETING 26/4/2020**

1. Corona Updates: The dining room will be opened in order to allow people to take food home, the refrigerator on the ramp at the back of the dining room will be filled with vegetables as before, the hairdressing salon and the cosmetic salons will be reopened all under supervision.
2. A discussion on the return of the Shnat Sherut came up again. Yifat and Nachem will deal with it.
3. The carpentry shop: The committee that was formed to make recommendations about the future of the carpentry shop gave their conclusions. After discussion of their recommendations a vote was held. It was decided that the carpentry shop will not be opened in the premises of the building branch. The establishment of the carpentry shop will be re-discussed once all the service branches of the kibbutz move to Lot 1004.

**ZOOM MAZKIRUT MEETING 3/5/2020**

1. Corona updates: Committee coordinators have been asked to begin functioning with their committees in a step forward to going back to routine.
2. Familiarization with the topics coming up for discussion: The list of topics was presented and discussions were held but the whole list was not covered so it will be dealt with next session.

Members of the committee requested a discussion on the vacant housing on the kibbutz and the eligibility of people to reside there.

**DUTY ROSTER: A new duty roster(for guard duty, the clothing store, the dairy and the laundry) has been prepared till the end of June 2020.**

**ECONOMIC COUNCIL MEETING: 22.4.2020**

1. **SUMMARY OF 2019**

Ariel Brin Dolinko gave a summary of the activities of 2019:

* Population report – At the end of 2019 there are 295 members. The total population on Yizre’el is 554 people.

38% of the members are pension age so we need to take in younger new members for demographic balance.

* Agricultural corporation report: The corporation ended the year with a profit of 2 million shekel compared to a loss of 56 thousand shekel last year.

Rainfall: Winter 2018-2019 this year was a wet season which brought down the cost of irrigation.

Field crops: Changes in the branch brought about good vegetable marketing for 2019.

* Gilboa Almonds: After four years of loss it was decide to terminate the almond partnership at the end of 2019.
* Dairy : Continues to bring in good results. Two milkings a day for 2019. With the corona situation and a shortage of milk we went back to 3 milkings a day which should improve the dairy results for 2020.
* The chicken sheds: The project for growing mushrooms has been delayed because of planning difficulties.
* Olives: Small profit because of low yields. In 2019 we broke off with the company that marketed our oil and have gone over to Kibbutz Magal.
* Partnership with the Almond shaker. A partnership with Sha’ar Ha’amakim and a contractor was made to buy a machine for shaking almonds from the trees and thus providing this service to the partners and other growers. They picked 870 dunam which brought a profit of 240 thousand shekel (80 thousand for each partner). It was decided to expand and buy another shaker in the light of the demand for this service.
* “Kerem Navot” project: This is a project for growing grapes for wine but because of the load of other projects it was decided to freeze this project for another time.

 More of the report next week

**THE DENTAL CLINIC** has opened up. Appointments will be made and slowly we will get to everyone. Please call before you come to the clinic. When you come wait on the bench and put gloves on. If you are not well or have temperature, a cough, a cold, shortness of breath or any other problem not connected to corona please let us know in advance.

You can contact Shlomit at any time to ask advice, to comment or ask questions – 0523756021

 Shlomit and the dental staff

**ERADICATION OF FLIES :** The building branch has set up fly traps at strategic areas of the kibbutz in order to attract flies away from the living and public areas. As well as this the garbage bins and areas where flies reproduce will be sprayed. We are doing our best to overcome this nuisance.

**BUDGET REPORTS:** Those interested in receiving their budget reports direct to their email should send their email address to Esther Ben Bassat: esther@yizrael.com

**English is Fun - with Rahel**

Bill Gates decides to organize an enormous session of recruitment for a chairman for Microsoft Europe. The 5,000 candidates are all assembled in a large room. One of the candidates is Morris Cohen, a little Parisian Jewish Tunisian.

Bill Gates thanks all the candidates for coming and asks that all those who do not know JAVA programme language rise and leave. 2,000 people rise and leave. Morris Cohen says to himself, "I do not know this language but what have I got to lose if I stay? I'll give it a try."

Bill Gates asks all of the candidates who have never had experience of team management of more than 100 people to leave the room. 2,000 people leave. Morris Cohen says to himself, "I have never managed anybody but myself but what have I got to lose if I stay?"

Then Bill Gates asks all the candidates who do not have excellent management diplomas to rise and leave; 500 people leave the room.

Morris Cohen says, "I left school at 15 but what have I got to lose if I stay?" So he stays in the room.

Lastly, Bill Gates asks all of the candidates who do not speak the Serbo-Croat language to rise and leave. 498 people rise and leave the room. Morris Cohen says to himself, "I do not speak Serba-Croat but what the hell! Have I got anything to lose?" So he stays in the room.

He finds himself with only one other candidate. Everyone else has gone.

Bill Gates joins them and says, "Apparently you are the only two candidates who speak Serbo-Coatian, so now I'd like to hear you both have a little conversation in that language.

Calmly Morris turns to the other candidate and says to him, "BARUCH ATA ADONAI" and the other candidate says, "ELOHANU MELECH HAOLAM."

***A 4,500-year-old bristlecone pine named Methuselah***

***is now the oldest tree on Earth.***

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