**The Yizraelite - No 2078 Date: 28.10.2022**

**Kibbutz Yizrael**

**Translated and edited by Eddie Solow**

**Edi-torial.** Last Friday we held the annual Memorial for the members of Garin Hod, Neil Freed and Dudi Silbowitz who fell in the Yom Kippur war. It is a source of wonder that members of the Kibbutz and friends of the fallen soldiers maintain this admirable tradition year after year. The service at the crematory and the memorial lecture in the moadon are held in the English language so that members of the Habonim youth movement and visitors from abroad can also participate.

The late Arnie Freidman was the driving force behind this event so it was only fitting that we should honour the memory of Arnie and Peggy at the event.

Since Arnie's health began to fail, Jenny Zelas agreed to organise the event. I would like to thank Jenny for her sterling work

I was given the honour to speak in their memory. Next week I will print the speech. This week I chose to bring you the very moving words spoken by Jenny Udovich, Neil's widow, who lives in Australia and attends the azkara (memorial) as often as she can

Many "Thank You" cherries this week:

**Thank You to the Kolbo staff**

Dear Neta Cohen, Tami Penn and the entire team!

I would like to compliment you all on the wonderful management of the shop throughout the holiday season.

It was a busy and intense period… from the weekend to the holiday and back again...

Throughout the whole period you gave us amazing service … with a smile - and for that, a word of thanks is due.

Moran Kuperman

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**Congratulations to Gal and Yehonatan Wittelson**

**on the birth of their daughter.**

Sister to Michael and Abigail.

Congratulations to Shulamit and Shai - on the birth of their granddaughter

Congratulations to Marnina and Michi - on the birth of their great-granddaughter.

Congratulations to the entire Wittelson family, the Gross family and Gal's family.

Blessings of happiness, joy, good health and lots and lots of love...



**To Rosa and Tzvi - Warm thanks for many years...**

To Rosa Lavor - upon completion of your 44 years of work (from 1978...) in managing the kitty (Kupa K’tana) and other tasks – (including the register of all who came to, or passed through, Yizrael over the years. No small task! -ED)

Tzvi Sadur - upon completion of your 48 years of work (from 1974) in several positions, in the management of the accounts -

Both of you are a wonderful example to all of us with perseverance, modesty, great professionalism, high service, loyalty, integrity and good manners, the ability to work in a team and a pleasant partnership all these years, both within the industry and with the clientele.

In the hope that we all will all learn something from you, thank you from the bottom of my heart, and I wish you success in whatever you choose.

**Thanks to Hedva**

**Thanks to Hedva Sharabani** For many years of assuming responsibility for the community's diary, which includes all the activities in the various areas, and in particular - full responsibility for the members’ moadon - its daily operation, care for equipment, cleaning, renovations and everything that is required related to it. Thank you for your persistence, investment and great care, when you repeatedly took on the responsibility for the moadon, even when friends took on the role and left... Thank you very much!!

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**Thanks to those who Helped Organise the Memorial Service**

I want to thank all the good members who helped on the Memorial Day for Dudi and Neil last Friday:

Itzik Shechter - from the kitchen, Aviva Beutler - who prepared the meal in the moadon, Idit Halevi - responsible for the moadon, the mourning committee, Itzik Nitzani - sound and computer, Judy Pezaro, Idan Zelas, Omri Zelas - who helped serve the lunch and to all the members who helped with serving and holding the event.

Jenny Zelas

(See Jenny Yudowitz' s words at the end of this Letter. Jenny is the widow of Neil ז"ל – Ed)



**Thank you from the Library**

On Friday, October 21, 2022, the annual commemoration was held for the soldiers Dudi and Neil, who left Yizrael to fight in the Yom Kippur War and did not return.

On this day, three new books were donated to the library for the children's bookshelves:

1. What do you do with a problem?
2. What do you do with an idea?
3. What do you do with an opportunity?

The books were written by Kobi Yamada, illustrated by Mae Besom, and translated by Yehuda Atlas;

And as often happens with children's books - adults will also enjoy the beautiful illustrations and the wisdom inherent in them....

Thank you - to Jenny (Freed) Udovich - for donating the books in memory of Neil Freed and Dudi Silbovich.

Reut Shaliv and Shani Beor - the librarians

**Upgrading of the Cemetery**

On Sunday 30.10.2022 in the morning - decorative works by an external contractor will begin at the cemetery as part of a plan to upgrade the appearance of the site. The works will last about a month. For any questions, please contact Sigal Perling. In regards to visiting the place, please coordinate with Rafi Baum. (No comments – Ed)

Cemetery planning team



**Thanks for Almost a Year of Activity at "Or B’givah"...**

After the holidays and in honour of the new year, we would like to say thank you to all those involved in the work... our partners in the activities.

 Rog'er Baruch: Our energetic house father!

 The practitioners and physical activity team at "Or B’givah":

Biff Markham Oren / Naama Baum / Aviva Beutler / Helen Rosenberg / Limor Moalem / Ilana Lahav / Michal Shaanan / Einan Grosser

 The creative team: Miki Touz / Ziv Ben Basat / Michal Sadur / Mavis Kaplan / Pnina Havshush

 The permanent team: Chas Broadhurst / Hamutal Ben-Amati Assaf / Galia Shemi / Zohar Assaf

 Members and families who came and related their stories around trips, experiences and shared their knowledge with us: Eddie Solow / Cora Baum / Gavrush Nechushtan / Jules Feldman / Amos Shemi / Hanan and Maya Shaliv / Nir Beor / The Laviv family / Danny Harpaz/ Bernie and Dorit Fink / Rochele and Arnon Matalon / "Shibolet" group madrichim, (who help out Michal Shaanan, in her exercise on chairs classes – Ed)

Monica Brustein

**Results of the Pool Satisfaction Survey Summary**

**86 members residents filled out the survey. (15% of the potential uses)**

**52 respondents replied that they use the pool almost every day or a few times a week**

**62 respondents (73%) are happy with the opening hours in the summer months**

**53 respondents (63%) are happy with the permanent life guards**

**Additional facilities that people request - repeated requests:**

1. Improving the kitchenette - both the appearance and all the facilities in it.

2. Heated pool

3. Elevator / hoist for the disabled

4. Parasols for personal use and additional shaded areas

5. Greater shading of the pool

6. Popsicle refrigerator with self-registration

7. Pleasant music

8. Accessories, such as: exercise noodles, balls, sunbeds, children's games

9. Shading for the barbecue area

Improvement suggestions:

1. Beautifying the entrance to the pool

2. Clearing the tables from the paved area

3. Improving cleanliness in the showers, the kitchenette and the courtyard.

4. Opening the pool for morning swimming regularly and not on a voluntary basis.

5. The lifeguard should be alert to bathers

**Summary: The results of the survey show that there is general satisfaction, but there is room for improvement and efficiency.**

**Arnon relates to suggestions:** We benefit from two financial sources: a current budget and an investment budget. Both are limited and limiting. We have a budget from the social project to improve the kitchenette. Idit Halevi has taken it upon herself to handle the planning and execution.

The rest of the issues will be examined in the annual budget where the order of priorities will be decided.

Arnon promises renewal and improvements for the next season.

Arnon Matalon

(Note – The Hebrew Alon displays colourful pie and column graphs described in percentages (See Kehilanet for colour). Unfortunately, not many people responded – Ed)

**Ideas for the Auditing Committee (Vaadat Bekoret)**

At this time, the planning of the audits for the year 2023 is taking place. Anyone who wants to propose a topic for the audit is welcome to contact me.

Reut Shaliv Levin - Audit Committee Coordinator

**Health Refunds - Message from Kobi**

Due to previous cases, and in order to allow us better control over the management of the health budget and choose the best course of action - I ask that requests for kibbutz participation in any health-related expenses be directed to me - **in advance** (prior to receiving the service) and not after the fact.

Unfortunately, I will not be able to approve refunds retroactively (except for emergencies of course).

Thank you for your cooperation.

Kobi Levy - Director of the Health and Welfare Cluster

**What is Novemberhealth?**

In the month of November, "the week for the promotion of health in Israel", "diabetes day", "awareness month for the fight against prostate cancer", "and the day for the fight against violence against women" are noted.

And here on Yizrael...

With the cooperation of all the clusters, we will launch the month of "Promoting Yizraeli Health" - with lots of sports and health activities, lectures, healthy food and more... and don't forget to grow moustaches

Every week, a schedule of activities will be published, in Kehilanet, in the newsletter and on the bulletin boards - so that you can prepare.

Some of the activities are for all ages and some are age-appropriate. The team invites everyone to participateand take part and thereby launch a new and healthy tradition **- a healthy mind in a healthy body**

**Questionnaire for Kibbutz Members on the Subject -**

**Defining Lifestyle Issues on Yizrael**

This coming Sunday, October 30, 2022, we will conduct an anonymous questionnaire (survey) for kibbutz members only, on the subject of the definition of “What constitutes "lifestyle issues" on Yizrael “.

A sub-committee, established on behalf of the executive Committee, is required to bring a proposal for discussion and decision about our lifestyle on Yizrael. That is, what are those areas, in which a change would require a special majority? (Different from a normal majority of 50% of voters +1).

A little background - the Registrar of Cooperative Societies (Rasham Ha’agudot) defined 4 issues, a change in any of which would result in the declaration of the kibbutz as a renewing kibbutz, and therefore require a special majority decision:

(1) Transition to differential wages

(2) Privatisation of the education system

(3) Privatisation of health and welfare systems

(4) Cancellation of the mutual help

In addition, any change to anything that appears in our kibbutz protocols (Takanon Hakibbutz) requires a special majority decision to change it. This also applies to changes in the "profit key", before 4 years have passed.

We, the members of the committee, require your feedback re: what are the topics that you think, should be added to the list of topics determined by the registrar, and to the rules that appear in the kibbutz protocols, which should call for a special majority. The questionnaire was designed to collect the opinions of the kibbutz members, to coordinate them and bring them to a discussion and decision of the asefa.

Here are some of the issues that the team raised that will be presented in the questionnaire - the members will have to mark all the issues that, in their opinion, we should only change with a special majority (i.e. it is not enough to decide on them with a simple majority of one vote):

 Extension neighbourhood (for non- members)

 Privatisation of the food branch

 Personal affiliation of apartments

 Affiliation of production assets

 Connection between work and allowance (payment for work)

 Sale of Maytronics shares

 Other (additional subjects may be added)

Team members: Eddie Solow, Elad Ilan, Talia Arad, Yitzhak Peleg, Nitzan Rivlin-Feldman and Yifat Assaf

**From the Manpower Desk**

1. **A manager is needed for the Yizrael plant nursery**

Background: on Yizrael there has been a nursery for quite a few years. Over the years it has gone through different statuses. Today the nursery is under the responsibility of an entrepreneurship committee and the committee sees this entrepreneurship/business as a potential for growth and livelihood.

The nursery was maintained and nurtured by **Oded Fink** in recent years, **Oded has decided to end his work at the nursery**. We are looking for someone to replace Oded. Job description and details – Apply to Racheli

**(2) New Head of Yizrael Security**

Alon has taken on the position of head of security on the kibbutz. Alon has past experience in the field and brings with him a “toolbox” fitting the position.

He will commence immediately while receiving a handover from Matthew

Many thanks to Matthew, for his time in the position and for his efforts and contribution to the security of Yizrael

***"I asked a wise man once: "tell me, sir, in which field can I create a successful career?***

***He replied with a smile: "Be a good person. There are many opportunities in this field and very little competition"***

**Racheli Arava**

**Thoughts Just Prior to the Elections - Zohar Assaf**

I want to say that everyone in entitled to his opinion, and that here, I am appealing mainly to left-center voters.

I have been watching with great concern and sadness since the assassination of Rabin and the rise of Bibiism, the collapse of the left, and the fear of the leftists to proudly express their opinion.

I fully believe that there is a place for the left in Israel, and define myself as a proud leftist who is not ashamed to think left, and this means above all to be optimistic and a great believer that there is still a chance for peace and dialogue with the Arab minority that lives with us in this country. I believe in full equality of rights and firmly oppose the occupation that corrupts us, and especially the soldiers who are forced to serve in the territories and sacrifice their lives for an ideology that, in my eyes, is irrelevant and illogical. It deprives the Palestinians of their basic human rights.

It doesn't matter at all what solutions I or others propose. I have no doubt that this whole situation is complex and complicated and very difficult to solve. But I believe in humanism and the right to freedom for every person.

And now regarding the elections - in my opinion there are three options: Yesh Atid, Ha’avoda and Meretz.

I think that Yair Lapid has good intentions, he can be a good prime minister and an excellent diplomat and he certainly has been successful, but I cannot stop trying to strengthen the left from crashing at the polls.

There is still room for people who work for human rights, for people of values ​​who believe that there can be good in this country. We cannot just think of war. We must believe that it is possible to live here in peace.

It is true that it is important to strengthen Yesh Atid as the strongest party against Bibi, but there are many good people in the Labour Party and Meretz and every vote is significant for them. Above all we must convey a message that we (on the left) are still on the map, we have not disappeared. There is still hope for a better future in the Land of Israel. We believe in the goodness of human nature. We believe in dialogue and peace. Everything should be done against war, incitement and violence of any kind.

To the right-wing voters, I just want to say - those who vote for Likud and love Bibi - you will get a right-wing government, horribly racist and controlled by the ultra-Orthodox.

And those who unfortunately vote for Ben Gvir - you will get a government headed by Bibi, a corrupt person who thinks mainly of himself and incites against the left in a destructive way that tears people apart.

But again, as mentioned, a person will live by his faith. As far as I'm concerned, we will continue to live with dignity in this country, however if the right rises to power again, I will be a little sadder.

**Just a Moment Before the Elections - Meir Shalev**

They knew he was taking children, boys, and turning them into his sex slaves.

They knew, everyone knew and kept quiet. They knew and yet they let him light a torch on Independence Day. They let him pollute the flag, the symbols, everything that unites us. They knew, were afraid, bowed their heads, surrendered, hid, protected, allowed. The result: a pedophile, a serial sex offender, received the Israel Prize. They knew that President Moshe Katsav harasses women. They knew he was a serial sexual harasser, and they allowed him, gave him freedom like that, to be a member of the Knesset, head of the council, minister, and of course - president!

This is the man who greets the IDF martyrs on Memorial Day, by lighting beacons, on Independence Day, and, I am ashamed to mention, Holocaust Day. They knew and kept quiet. They filled their mouths with boiling water!

That's how it is with a prime minister who cheats, who lies, who corrupts, who bribes, who threatens. Year after year...

This is how it is with a prime minister's wife who abuses, bullies, tramples and crushes the weakest mothers. years, years...

They knew, they know and they are silent. They see, hear, look away and continue on their way. They don't even stop for a moment in front of the mirror. They who roll their eyes up and down, knew that at the end of the bullying she puts on the best apparel, and goes on a crazy journey of extravagance, hedonism, Louis XIV meals. They knew and they kept silent. They are still silent!

So with Shula Zaken, Olmert, the Chief Rabbi, the Minister of Finance, the Minister of the Interior... Where do we live? Which hornet's nest did we choose?

What? We are the barking dogs, and the convoy of officials with blue flashing lights, passing by, like we were oil in their Audi and Cadillac engines.

What? Are we only good for paying an ocean of taxes, lying in ambushes, putting on a uniform, accepting emergency call-ups, and spending most of our lives in traffic jams?

They knew, they know! Cursed be you who are corrupt. Cursed be you who know. Damn you who are silent. Damn you cowards! The cruelest lies are told in silence...

This week before the elections, **I am appealing to all citizens of Israel: On 1/11 - go out and vote.** Go out to choose and turn on the light. Otherwise, we will find ourselves in an era of darkness that has not been equaled in the history of our enlightened people.

Winston Churchill - "A bad government was chosen by good people who did not go to vote..." This nightmare can be prevented - go vote!

This is the 'Netanyahu Bloc' - anyone who is concerned about Israel's image as a democratic, liberal state that promotes innovation and creativity, which continues to be a power that relies on creative citizens, entrepreneurs, workers - must go out and vote to prevent the 'Netanyahu Bloc' from returning the State of Israel to the Stone Age.

Smotrich, a former Shin Bet detainee who evaded military service until the age of 28 and served a few months in the Kiriyah in Tel Aviv, wants to be the Minister of Defense. His friend, the convicted criminal, Ben Gvir, another draft evader, who waves his gun and lights fires, wants to be our Minister of Internal Security - God forbid... If you are concerned for Israel's security, do not sit at home on election day **– Go out and vote!**

Pay attention, Yitzhak Goldenkopf wants to be Minister of Finance, the man who claims that there are two peoples in Israel - the ultra-Orthodox and the rest, the man who claims that "mathematics and English have so far not promoted Israel's economy" wants to sit on the public purse - if this happens Israel's economy will be enslaved to distribution money (for the ultra-orthodox) , will collapse. Those who are worried about Israel's economy must not sit at home on election day - **so go out and vote!**

David Amsalem, the Minister of Justice, in his own eyes, has already announced that "we will replace the government’s legal advisor, (Sa'ar's judge, he calls him). We will pass a French law and a superseding clause".

Convicted criminal Aryeh Deri wants to continue as Minister of the Interior to promote his family and associates while leaving his public ignorant, poor and destitute, as he did throughout his tenure as Minister. Those who fear for the State of Israel as a state of law and order are not allowed to sit at home on election day - **so go out and vote!**

Simcha Rothman, the one who blows a shofar in a Muslim cemetery, who promotes a law to declare war on entities that transmit content of sexual orientation or gender identity in schools. We can still get him as Minister of Education... Those who are anxious for a liberal state that grants equal rights to every person regardless of religion, race, gender and sexual orientation, are not allowed to sit at home on election day - **so go vote!**

We don't have another country, it was accquired with blood and suffering and it is forbidden, it is simply forbidden to let this terrible bloc push the State of Israel into the club of third world countries - we can stop them! And how?

**All that is needed is to simply go out and vote - so go out and vote!**

**From the Finance Department**

In order to improve service in matters of computers and communication, we ask all those wishing to make a request from the finance department to do so, via Kehilanet using the appropriate form. This enables us to sort the requests, direct them to the relevant service provider, monitor the performance and draw conclusions regarding system problems.

Help us help you!

**"There's a Pile of Guys on the Grass"**

**About a Player and a Rugby Game**

The holidays are over and we are back to our normal routine. Autumn is coming and the warm weather is giving way to cooler days.

One day, in the middle of the week, an announcement appears in Kehilanet about a rugby match against "Hadar".

Saturday comes and I head out to the rugby field in a great mood. As I walk towards the field, I never imagined that at the end of the day I would be deeply impressed by the excellent play of the Yizrael team... and especially and above all by Aaron Emerick...

I must admit that I really don't understand much about the rules of rugby, but on the other hand I understand "a little" about the investment in sports games... from the first moment the referee started the game and throughout the game, Aaron caught my eye.

He doesn't stop running, passing the ball, getting into the thick of things without hesitation... simply tremendous...!

All afternoon, I heard people in the crowd praising the amazing work Aaron is doing. I, myself, never stopped being amazed by his performance.

Here I must point out that a true athlete, no matter how great he is, must first be a mensch... and what did the poet mean?

At one point during the game, I noticed Aaron approach an opposing player and reach out to him. From his body language, it was clear that Aaron was apologising to the player for a foul he had committed against him...

The game became one-sided and the Yizrael team opened a big gap... and who continues to run without a break? Who directs players, encourages and continues to fight for every ball? You guessed it - Aaron...

I enjoyed seeing the head referee (a rugby player himself) at the end of the game looking at Aaron and, in his heart, he must have thought: "Wow, what a great player is growing up here on Yizrael"...

I write all this only after consulting with rugby experts as to whether my enthusiasm for the player is indeed justified. Everyone unanimously agreed with me...

And hence, Aaron – onward, straight to the Israeli national team...

Shmulik Hollander

(Touch wood – Ed)

**Rainfall Table**

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| Month | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | March | Apr | May |
| Total | 0 | 14 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Average | 0.38 | 16 | 51 | 99 | 111 | 80 | 52 | 19 | 5 |

**Dotted mandalas workshop**

**Welcome with love –**

Learn to draw dotted mandalas in a three-hour workshop, where we will learn the simple and fun technique and make a mandala on a 20x20 cm canvas with acrylic paints

everyone can

on Friday 4/11/22

9:00 - 12:00

Cost: NIS 170, including materials

For more details: Shlomit Fink 0506570029

**18+ Trip to the Mountains of Eilat**

Thursday-Friday-Saturday 10-12.11.22

Thursday 10.11.22:

Departure from Yizrael at 16:00 for Khan Elifaz.

Accommodation in a khan with mattresses on the floor.

Friday 11.11.22:

Departure at 07:30 after breakfast and making sandwiches.

Walking distance: Nahal Gishron - Long hike - a beautiful route, 10 kilometers, 5-6 hours of walking.

A short trip: Upper Gishron - a circular route of 3 kilometers and two hours walking, a trip to the botanical garden in Eilat, then a trip to the north coast and walking around freely.

All together: meet on the north coast and go to the flamingo ponds, north of Eilat

Accommodation: in Khan Elifaz

Saturday 12.11.22:

Departure at 08:30 after breakfast, making sandwiches and loading the equipment.

Walking distance: Mount Amir and the Pillars of Amram about 5 kilometers, 4 hours of walking.

Short trip: trip to the disappearing lake - round trip, a kilometer each way, Samar sands (almost no walking), a tour of Kibbutz Lotan's ecological park.

All together: an afternoon visit to the winery in Moshav Tzofar (SO FAR? – ED) and returning home together.

 Cost per traveler - IL100

**BEACON ON THE HILL – 30.10 – 3.11**

**Every day** 8:30 – 12:00 Coffee, cake chats and board games

* 9:00 – 11:30 Ceramics - to complete work.

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| **SUN****30.10** | 09:10-12:15 Zoom - Affairs that Rocked the Country, with Moshe Elad - Galia*09:00 Facial – Helen Rosenberg* (BAO) |
| **Mon****31.10** | 9:00 Coffee, cake, chats, and games9:30 Art Appreciation with Chas8:30 Limor Mualem – pedicure (BAO) 16:00 – 18:00 Coffee, cakes, chats and games |
| **Tue****1.11** | ELECTION DAY – Please Vote |
| **Wed****2.11** | 9:00 Games10:00 movie with Galia “Purple Hearts”12:00 Pedicure with Na’ama Baum (BAO)17:00 Tai Chi with Einan Grosser16:00 – 17:45 Ceramics with Ziv Ben Bassat |
| **Thursday 3.11** | 9:00 Coffee, cake, chats, and games9:00 – 12:00 Ceramics with Ziv Ben Bassat9:30 Blooming Nature with Hamutal7:00 Pedicure with Naama Baum17:15 Exercise on chairs with Michal Shaanan |

**Songs in the Moadon**

An evening of song and biography to mark the 27-year **anniversary of the assassination of Yitzchak Rabin**, Prime Minister of Israel

Shabbat 5.11.22 - 19:30

**Moving Words Spoken by Jenny Udovich at the Memorial Service for Dudi and Neil**

(Jenny is the widow of the late Neil Freed – Ed)

After an absence of 3 years due to the corona virus pandemic, Eitan and I are once again able to participate in this azkara - a significant milestone.

It was 49 years ago on Tuesday the 18th of October 1973 when Neil and Dudi were killed defending the State of Israel.

Interestingly, every 19 years, the Hebrew date and the 18th of October actually coincide on the same day. This year, just three days ago, marks one of those occasions……

Coming to Israel during this Month of Tishri is a time so heartfelt to us all….

However, Yom Kippur on the 6th of October 1973 will always remain the same….

A day that for some, changed their lives forever…..

A day of remembrance….

On each and every Yom Kippur, that solemn day, some of us fast…

Some of us recite blessings….

We remember…

And as is customary, beat our chests asking for forgiveness….

It gives us time to reflect, to uphold our existence by chanting affirmations (Viduim) of what wrongs we have done and what will be in the future.

We ponder the question of who shall live and who shall die…….

Life **is** short…..

We will not, in one lifetime, be able to achieve everything we might wish to achieve.

This life is all we have….

So, the question is:

How shall we use it well?

Did Neil ask this question? I wonder?

Neil believed in Israel, and was passionate about it…..

Unlike today, Zionism was a **fine** word, not a word to be ashamed of…..

He believed in kibbutz, even if he couldn't really fulfill all of its values, absolutely and completely.

In 1973, we were in our twenties ... the beginning of our adult lives ...

Neil was building his dream.

However, as I get older and reflect, I know Neil was happy within himself.

He was loved by all…..

He achieved his dream and brought a smile to all those around him.

Neil was kind, loving and always with a smile. The time he spent in the army was part of his “Right of Passage**”.**

The world we live in today is not the world as it ought to be.

Life is not something we may take for granted.

But it is in life before death that we truly find human greatness.

Having known Neil, I believe he walked as tall as the ideals for which he lived……

And I think that if he was alive today, he would **stroke** his chest on Yom Kippur rather than beat it and chant affirmations of love.

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בֵּרַכְנוּּ

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תָּרַמְנוּ

Many years have passed, but they have never been forgotten…..

Always a candle lit in their memory…..

A past never extinguished……

I pay tribute to Neil, I feel his zest for life, his commitment to always being true unto himself.

I honour the sacrifice that was made…….

Their narrative and our story will grow old with each and every one of us……

May their memory be a blessing……

And on a lighter note…..

**English is Fun - with Rahel**

THE WICKED WIT OF WINSTON CHURCHILL: (concluding)

"It's an extraordinary business, this way of bringing babies into the world. I don't know how God thought of it."

At a reception in Richmond, Virginia, in the U.S.A, his hostess, an ample lady, led him to the buffet table. When she offered him some cold chicken, he asked if he could have a breast. As she helped him to a particularly succulent-looking piece, his hostess informed him genteelly that 'We Southern ladies use the term 'white meat'.

The next day a corsage arrived for her – with the flowers was a card from Churchill on which he had written 'I would be most obliged if you would pin this on your "white meat".

Churchill was on a speaking tour in Canada. At a reception he happened to be seated next to a very strait-laced Methodist minister, when a pert young waitress came up to them with a tray of glasses of sherry. She went first to Churchill, who took a glass and then turned to the Minister. He was appalled to be offered alcohol: "Young lady" he announced. "I would rather commit adultery than take an intoxicating beverage." Whereupon Churchill beckoned the girl: "Come back miss – I didn't know we had a choice."

When he eventually came round to the idea of women holding executive positions, he signed the order for their appointment with a flourish and declaration: "Let there be women!"

Over a weekend when the Astor's and the Churchill's were guests of the Duke of Marlborough, and during which Churchill and Nancy Astor apparently argued ferociously the whole time:

*Nancy Astor: "If I were your wife, I would put poison in your coffee."*

*Churchill: "Nancy, if I were your husband, I would drink it"*.

Newly elected to the House of Commons in 1900, the young Churchill thought that a moustache might add dignity and maturity to his youthful looks. Not long after a woman came up to him and said forthrightly: "There are two things I don't like about you, Mr. Churchill – your politics and your moustache."

"My dear madam," he replied, "pray do not disturb yourself. Youare not likely to come into contact with either."

"MY MOST BRILLIANT ACHIEVMENT WAS TO PERSUADE MY WIFE TO MARRY ME"

When, in 1960, a reporter from the London *Evening Standard* asked Churchill what he thought about the recent prediction that by the year 2000 women would be ruling the word, he muttered gloomily in reply, "They still will, will they?"

DRINK: "An ineradicable habit"

"I neither want it (brandy) or need it, but I should think it pretty hazardous to interfere with the ineradicable habit of a lifetime."

Churchill's reply to Field Marshal Montgomery's smug statement, "I neither drink nor smoke and am a hundred percent fit," was inevitable: *I* drink and smoke and I am *two* hundred percent fit."

"No one can say that I ever failed to display a meet and proper appreciation of alcohol."

"When I was younger, I made it a rule never to take strong drink before lunch. It is now my rule never to do so before breakfast."

When Churchill was First Lord of the Admiralty, he was approached by a temperance group suggesting that he should reconsider the maritime tradition of christening a ship by breaking a bottle of champagne across the bow. (They felt that the practice added an undesirable glamour to champagne)

"But madam, "Churchill replied, "the hallowed custom of the Royal Navy is indeed a splendid example of temperance. The ship takes its first sip of wine and then proceeds on water ever after."

On hearing, during a lunch with the King of Saudi Arabia, Ibn Saud, that the king's religion forbade drinking and smoking, Churchill couldn't resist announcing, (though presumably not to Ibn Saud's face): "I must point out that my rule of life prescribes as an absolutely sacred rite smoking cigars and also the drinking of alcohol before, after, and if need by during all meals and in the intervals between them."

……………and in summation

Although he played golf – and probably enjoyed it – Churchill was clearly not an obsessive bore about the game: "Golf is a game whose aim is to hit a very small ball into an even smaller hole, with weapons singularly ill designed for the purpose."

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