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**Kibbutz Yizrael**

**Translated and edited by Eddie Solow**

**Edi-torial**

The voting is over! The people have had their say. By a narrow majority of 9/6, it was decided that from here on there will be one official spelling of the name of our beloved kibbutz (in the English Newsletter)…and the name is, wait for it….

**YIZRAEL**

The majority abstained, therefore I must conclude that this is a non-issue for most readers (or perhaps there are few readers?)

**Our next task is to find a good name for the Newsletter. Any suggestions?**

**New in this addition: The satirical column "Holech B'tel" from last week's Alon. It was too good to skip!!!** **See page 17**

**Welcome!**

**Sigal Kaplan** **(**daughter of **Bernice and Milton)** and her daughters - **Annabel and Sienna** - will arrive here next week to stay for a period of time in order to organise the new chapter of their lives in Israel. They will live in the home of the Kaplan family and the girls will study at the "Emek Harod" elementary school and will join the educational framework.

May you and your family have a pleasant stay and good luck!!

Kibbutz Yizrael.

**Congratulations to Eilon Halevi**

 Congratulations to Eilon Halevi on his 90th birthday. Mazal Tov Eilon. May you live a long happy life – wishing you good health and lots of love from all of us.

**Condolences**

**We would like to express our sympathy to Eran Shkolnik and all the family, on the passing of his brother Omer**

**Eulogy**

**Omer my dear brother,**

Mum and Dad brought you to us when you were only 10 days old; And I told my mother that you were too small, how will you survive?

And after a month, the crib was too small for you.

I am happy for you, that you grew up in a loving family after you were abandoned at birth. I remember my father's smile when he said to me: "This is the one we adopted, now he is your brother in every way."

Thank you for giving our mother a reason to get up in the morning and continue to function, after we lost Ofir.

You were always sweet. Even when you were seriously injured in an accident and it took you a long time to recover, you always smiled... a sweet boy with Downs syndrome. Full of charm.

Rest peacefully and don't worry, Ofir will take care of you

Eran Shkolnik - July 30, 2022

On behalf of my family, I would like to thank the mourning committee, Yifat Assaf and especially Itzik Schechter, who is a true friend with a heart of gold. He took care of us and provided lunch for the family every day. Thanks to the friends who sent me condolences and to the friends who came to visit the "Sheva". May we know no more sorrow.

Thank you - the Shkolnik family.

**Maytronics Throw a Party for Miriam Davidson**

Last Sunday, Maytronics employees thanked Miriam Davidson for her many years of contribution

"A string of congratulations and thanks to Miriam Davidson - from Maytronics" - Orit Sloman:

Miriam and Maytronics is a love story, almost like Miriam and Derek.

Quite a number of couples work and have worked in Maytronics, but not quite like "Miriam and Derek". It comes however with background noises… **"mrrrrrrrrrrrrr**". **"He is Just a piece of SH-T"**, and..."**Derek stop that!**" and "**Miriam enough**!", and… Cut - end of the scene.

And all that remains now is to explain all this to the number of new employees who missed out. You have never seen anything like this! We are talking about **the hottest couple in Maytronics**.

And it is true that there is no Miriam without Derek, and no Derek without Miriam, but for the purpose of this auspicious occasion we will concentrate on the better half of the team!

"Enlarge the space between your ears" - just one of Miriam's flagship phrases.

Mail, parcels, stamps...

Fortune notes in honour of the New Year...

Tu B'shvat quizzes, chocolates for Valentine's Day, reminders about Mother's Day, T.L.C. (Tender Loving Care) that eventually became almost an institution in Maytronics.

Miriam personally greets every guest, shows an interest in the well-being of his family. Is he perhaps hungry? She is ready to prepare food, bring it from the dining room, reserve a table. As long as the guest stays, Miriam will be his mother, his sister or even grandmother, whatever the case may be.

Miriam is constantly giving, the factory brings out the best in her, and she turns Maytronics into a second home, for every employee irrespective of rank. A sympathetic ear, a warm smile and a bright face and thus the addiction begins: Where is Miriam? What, she is not coming today? When are you coming back? ...and this addiction cannot be cured at Malkishua.

Years of cigarettes and coffee and laughter, endless brochure covers, leaflets and what not, these are just some of Miriam's specialties. She is considerate and knowledgeable about the personal details of the employees. There was someone to turn to. A shoulder to cry on. Our company is growing and changing and with it some inevitable alienation. How we all miss you, Miriam...!

Keep up the good work, we wish you a life full of interest and meaning.

Missing you

The entire Maytronics family.

**Dear Miriam** – Shimon Zelas & Neomi Amit

You started working at Maytronics sometime in the 1980s when Maytronics was another attempt by Kibbutz Yizrael to enter the field of industry in order to expand the sources of livelihood and improve the difficult economic situation of the Kibbutz.

I started to work there after you when success was still a distant hope. In our wildest dreams we could not have imagined the growth and development of this mighty enterprise called Maytronics today.

Maytronics has changed and so have we, but over the years managers have come and gone, but you remained the same Miriam. The care, the endless giving, the concern, the warm embracing attitude and the willingness to help everyone, from the CEO and the chairman of the board of directors to the last of the production line workers. They were all equal in your eyes and you were always ready to reach out and help everyone.

All the employees, customers and suppliers of Maytronics knew that when you contact Miriam you always get an answer, any hour of the day

For many years you were in charge of the "Tsumi" team (T.L.C.) and the position suited you so well because that is who you are.

Guests from Israel and abroad would always say that when the Maytronics automatic door opens and you walk in, there is a feeling of entering a place that envelops, accepts and embraces. A place that, despite being a factory, creates an atmosphere of home. **You** are a huge part of this because for many years **you** were the one who welcomed with a warm smile and a bright face, those who entered.

There are not many members, who have persevered for so many years in Maytronics. You will forever be a part of this amazing enterprise. You are one of the few and your place is guaranteed forever in the annals of this wonderful institution, Maytronics .

We wish you many more years of good health, joy and pleasure.

We're not saying goodbye, we're just saying " Peace Be with You Miriam..."

Shimon Zelas and Neomi Amit

August 2022

**Farewell to Yafit**

**Yafit Aloni has Ended her Term as Head of the Pre-school Section**

Dear Yafit

Upon reaching the finish line on your Yizrael journey... I would like to express our endless gratitude for all you have done providing an all-encompassing optimal, protective, rich, enveloping and high-quality educational framework.

On behalf of the parents who, every morning, knew they were depositing their treasures in a safe and wonderful place. Every parent's dream.

I thank you on behalf of the teams who have been led, developed, listened to, included, guided and supported by you. You are for them, a beacon that protects, teaches and lights the way.

I thank you on behalf of the education system of Kibbutz Yizrael, for being able to trust and rely upon you, knowing that there is a reliable leader of the pre-school system, that there is someone who looks after the interests of the kibbutz and at the same time cultivates a professional heavenly corner that we can all be proud of.

You brought the system to a very high professional level, and I hope we can keep it that way.

Thank you for everything.  We wish you lots of success in your new path. Hopefully you will get some rest first, as you so richly deserve.

With great appreciation, many thanks and love - Yifat Assaf, on behalf of Kibbutz Yizrael - July 2022

**Report from the C.M.C. (Va'ad Hahanala) - 31/07/2022**

Present: Ilana Peleg, Erez Peleg, Yifat Segal, Yishai Levy, Limor Griman, Inbal Adler, Kobi Levy, Racheli Arava, Maor Parsai, Dalia Levitan, Yifat Assaf

1. Miscellaneous

At the beginning of the meeting, we congratulated Limor Griman upon her entry into the C.M.C. as the head of the education cluster, and we said goodbye to Netta Blass, at the end of six years in the position of education chairman, in which she served on the Mazkirut.

2. Vacation Protocol

We continued to delve deeper into the protocol prepared by a small team on behalf of the community management. Questions and issues were raised, which require further rethinking. The matter will be returned to the team and brought to the approval of the community management and the asefa at a later stage.

**3. A social project from the work bonus.**

The social project team, established by the community management, includes: Nitzan Rivlin-Feldman, Shlomo Cohen, Shahar Levy and Amir Armoza.

In the light of lessons learned, it was evident that there was a need for a team that would collect the proposals, sort them and bring a cohesive proposal to the community management and the asefa.

The team presented the suggestion they have worked on over the last two months.

The team recommends that they continue for three consecutive years maintain continuity and draw on their experience gained.

The team presented the list of social projects it recommends for this year. There was a discussion on the definition of a "social project", and what is the difference between a social project and investments budget of the branches and committees. We discussed how to present the proposal to the asefa. We ***agreed that members should be allowed to vote on each proposed project separately, and not be forced to vote 'on bloc'.***

**Below is the team's proposal for social projects:**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Proposer | Proposal | Estimate | Remarks | Team's final proposal |
| Einan Grosser | Speakers | 22,000 |  | 22,000 |
| Einan Grosser | Additional sound equipment | 23,000 |  | 23,000 |
| Gardens | Construction of the field- crops park | 35,150 | One third of the cost | 10,500 |
| Gardens | Lawn at old stables | 130,000 | Half/half | 65,000 |
| Tal Darom | Kibbutz Anniversary | 50,000 |  | 50,000 |
| Tal Darom | Then & Now calendar | 10,000 |  | 10,000 |
| Axel Levin | Garden Benches | 54,000 |  | 54,000 |
| Ella Cohen | Composter | 400,000 | Half Maytronics? | 200,000 |
| Idit Halevi | Pool equipment & Improvements | 30,000 |  | 30,000 |
| Idit Halevi | Lobby furniture | 35,000 |  | 30,000 |
| Tal Darom & Yifat Segal | 75th anniversary activity. Mosaic wall and more | 200,000 |  | 200,000 |
| Nitzan Kamilian | Trip for all ages | 350,000 |  | 175,000 |
| NOT SPECIFIED - Ed | Reserve for 75th anniversary | 50,000 |  | 45,000 |
| Team | Reserve for projects | 50,000 |  | 25,000 |
| Team | Bonus for members | Not specified |  | 300,000 |
| TOTAL |  | 1,439,150 |  | 1,235,500 |

**It was unanimously decided:**

A. The team that prepared the topic this year will be a permanent team for the next three years, & then will be gradually replaced.

B. To bring the teams’ proposal before the asefa

C. The management of the community assigns the team, after the asefa, to draw conclusions and to propose a protocol for the permanent course of action, in reference to: abandoned projects, a fixed financial formula between the community and the private, time schedules, monitoring and control, reserves and more. This protocol will be submitted for approval by the community management and the asefa. All this after the decision process for this year is completed.s

🌸 The community management was very impressed by the thorough work done by the team and congratulated them on their fine work.

**General Meeting - 01.08.2022**

Present: 42 members

Chairman - Eddie Solow. Meeting Secretary - Shlomo Cohen

**On the agenda:**

1. New committee members

2. Approval in principle for the construction of 30 units in the northern neighbourhood

3. Updates in the organisational structure - the composition of the Economic Council

4. Entrepreneurship and small business protocol

**New Committee Members - presented by: Nir Segal**

**Conclusion** Without objection, the following positions were approved:

- Public representatives for Eshkol Tsemed (absorption, young people and demographic growth): Rafi Ben Bassat, Adi Goldstein-Ilan, Rafi Baum, Sarit Laviv

- Public representatives for culture and leisure cluster: Daniel Hyams-Assaf, Dorit Fink, Tamar Sankar, Karen Brustein-Eylon

- Representative of the Absorption Committee in the Housing Committee: Sigal Hadar

- Donations Committee: Committee head: Yoni Brauman

Committee Members: Yifat Assaf (Secretary), Sima Arieli (New Member), Einav Nagar Mukaria (Continuing Member), Adi Goldstein-Ilan (Continuing Member), Karen Brustein-Eylon (Continuing Member), Oren Broadhurst (continuing member), Smadar Agmon (continuing member)

- Mourning and Commemoration Committee: Committee head: Einan Grosser Committee Members: Rotem Hillel (continuing member), Musli Arieli (continuing member), Doron Kagan (new member), Yitzhak Peleg (continuing member), Yifat Mizrahi (new member), Hanan Shaliv (new member)

We wish the continuing and new members good luck

**(2) Approval for the construction of 30 units in the northern neighbourhood**

Erez Peleg introduced the topic. The subject is of great importance. A project of this magnitude will receive approval in principle at the asefa tonight in order for us to move forward. **The intention is to build all 30 houses at once.**

In light of receiving funding and approval from the Ministry of Construction and Housing for the construction of 30 units (government subsidy for infrastructure, in the order of NIS 70,000 per unit), and in light of the fact that the list of members eligible to move to a permanent apartment exceeds 30 families, the asefa is asked to approve the plan to build 30 housing units in phase one of the northern neighbourhood. The estimated cost is about 45 million NIS. The budget for each phase (infrastructure and construction) will be submitted for specific approval by the Economic Council.

Ilana Peleg asked a question regarding various infrastructure projects that are currently taking place in the kibbutz. Are there any that are related to two projects? Erez explained that there are such projects, and wherever that happened the costs were deducted from the infrastructure costs in the new housing.

Avner Alterlevi asked why the approval is not final? Erez replied that budgeting is the role of the economic council.

Irit Shemesh asked if there is there a time estimate for the project? Erez replied when we get infrastructure approvals we can evaluate more accurately The public will be informed. Erez is targeting 2024 for the first tenants. (From your mouth to God's ears! - Ed)

Peter Pezaro asked about the positioning of the houses as they are shown in the presentation. Axel replied that the positioning was approved in the asefa as well as in the regional council.

Jeremy said that the decision is in fact about increasing the size of the kibbutz. Shimon Zelas stated that he is against increasing the number of members even though he is in favour of housing and in his opinion, there is a difference.

**Vote** to approve the construction of 30 units in the northern neighbourhood

In favour- 118, against- 13, abstained-1

(**3) Updates in the organizational structure - the composition of the Economic Council / Presenter: Elad Ilan**

The main idea behind the change - reducing the number of members from 40 to 30, creating a majority in the composition of members with an economic background (two thirds) and increasing the number of public representatives. The rationale for reducing the number - creating a committed body, which includes representation from the two central institutions and additional representatives in a realistic number for the existence of most participants.

Nachem Levin asked why it is necessary to have an economic background to be a member of the economic council

Jeremy Perling explained that it is important that at least two thirds of the council should have some economic knowledge. Participants must be able to understand and read financial statements.

Shimon Zelas does not see the necessity to reduce the number.

Shlomo Levy related a parable: a few years ago, in a kibbutz in the north of Israel, a large American company came and offered to buy a factory for a certain amount. The financial management was in favour… and the end is well known.

Ron clarified that this is not **an accurate portrayal of events**. Exceptional economic decisions come to the asefa, and the story in question was also debated in the asefa.

Eddie Solow explained that voting "against" the proposal means leaving the status quo.

Vote of approval for the composition of the Economic Council as presented. :

In favour - 47, against - 26, abstained - 5

(**4) Entrepreneurship and small business protocol - presented by: Shimon Zelas**

Shimon presented the protocol (which was sent to the members as background material) and explained the main changes.

Jeremy asked if there is an expectation that at least 50% of the revenue will be outside money?

Shimon answered that there are indeed enterprises that are built on internal income, and moreover, they are subsidised by committees. Sometimes they also do not raise prices so as not to lose the customer.

Shimon explained that he, personally, is in favour of raising prices ~~according~~ realistically, and giving members a 10% discount and not 50 %.

After going over all the changes proposed, the entrepreneurship and small business protocol as presented was approved.

 For: 43, against: 8, abstained: 3

Summation: Shlomo Cohen

**From Erez's Desk - 15.07.2022** - **News from the field**

**The main roads project is underway**

This week, work began on the main roads project, which includes:

1. **Renovation of the entrance to the kibbutz** while expanding the intersection closest to the gate in order to allow a correct and safer turning radius for trucks heading towards the industrial area.

2. **Regulating the drainage channel** between the fish branch intersection and the gate area and building a sidewalk with lighting and landscaping.

3. Sidewalk arrangement, additional parking, lighting and landscaping, on road number 1, along the section of road between the packing house junction and the kitchen junction.

At this stage the landscape gardeners are working on clearing the route. Next week, we will begin moving street light poles and burying the power lines, and later on, the earthwork and development will commence.

The expected completion of the works- mid-December 2022 - good luck!

2. **Clarification of "Thoughts about the Catering Complex"**

Last week we met at the moadon to share thoughts about taking advantage of an opportunity and trying to connect Maytronic's need for a catering solution for the employees, and the kibbutz's need to renovate the dining room complex.

It is evident that the data, or mainly the lack of data, and the publication of the intention to appoint a project manager, caused eyebrows to be raised, and this is completely understandable.

The information conveyed at the meeting was very general and amorphous, and for good reason. As of today, there are still no decisions and not even a concrete plan that can be presented.

As of today, no decisions have been taken, other than the decision to move forward with formulating a proposal for an outline that will be presented for approval by the asefa. As with any large project, in this case, too, a project manager is required to formulate the outline and proposal for the meeting.

The need to appoint a project manager to promote the investigation into and the formulation of alternatives, was accepted by the community and holdings coordination team, and by the sector managers who are partners in the team: Ron, Maor, Yifat Racheli and Erez, with the understanding that there is an urgent need to address the issue and formulate a plan to bring it to the asefa for the approval of the members.

I hope that these comments have shed a little light on the issue of the project manager, and that we will be able to present a more cohesive idea by New Year. (Hope springs eternal – Ed)

Erez Peleg - Community Manager.

**Report: Planning Committee meeting 19.07.2022**

Present: Vicky Hollander, Tomer Hayun, Shahar Levy, Shlomo Levy, Benny Segal, Erez Peleg, Axel Levin

Documented by: Axel Levin

Agenda:

1) Infrastructure master plan

2) The old wooden shacks area **(Tsrifim)**

3) Young generation

4) Shed for the Agmon family

5) Status of projects

1. **Infrastructure master plan**

Work on a masterplan is underway (Enough said – Ed)

(2) The old wooden shacks area

The planning committee was updated on the idea of ​​cooperation between Neomi's and Oded (Rio-Ginun) - to establish a "coffee nursery". Preliminary sketches were presented, which include the addition of a small shack, a central west-east path in the middle of the shack complex, and the addition of a (partial) fence and gates. The committee discussed the size of the additional hut and the need for a fence. The committee awaits details before making a final decision

**(3) Young generation housing**

The options were discussed and it was decided to promote the alternative - to add another building on the east side of the oak grove.; The architect and the landscape architect who are currently dealing with the first building, which is already in progress, will be asked to continue their planning for a second building.

**4. The Agmon family** wants to build a small shed in their garden area. The planning committee approves the request, provided the shed will stand 1 meter or more from the lot border, and will be hidden by shrubbery in the direction of the main path.

**Report from the Open Meeting of the Planning Committee Date: 24.07.2022**

Present: about 10 kibbutz members and 4 planning committee members

Documented by: Axel Levin

**Agenda:** The new neighbourhood - final construction plan

The process of preparing the building plan was presented, including explanations and examples.

Axel related all the steps along the way

This evening Axel presented the updated construction plan, as it is transferred to Gramushka for the infrastructure permit application. The public area between the houses was designed according to the infrastructure and according to the ideas of the kibbutz members who participated in the open meeting. The committee will organize an open meeting on the details of this planning later in the process.

You can contact the planning committee by email: [planning@yizrael.com](mailto:planning@yizrael.com) or by phone: 052-5012116

**Asefa – General Assembly**

**Monday, 8.8.2022**

**at 20:30**

**In the Moadon and on channel 900**

**(No dogs allowed -Ed)**

**On the agenda**

1. **Committees - Tal Havshush for the Dog Maintenance Committee**

**Maytronics has bought a 70% stake in US online home swimming pool accessories sales and distribution company Backyard.**

Israeli robotic swimming pool cleaner manufacturer [**Maytronics Ltd.**](http://www.maytronics.com/) (TASE:MTRN), controlled by Kibbutz Yizre'el has acquired a 70% stake in US online home swimming pool accessories sales and distribution company Backyard for $16 million, plus $4.5 million in add-ons depending on the 2022 and 2023 performance. The Dallas-based company was founded in 2010 by father and son Michael and Chris Hoffman, who will retain a 30% stake.

**Information from the Younger Generation Committee**

The Young Generation Committee is always proud to present what is being done... and there is always plenty!

Congratulations to:

ϖ Stav Mishali who enlisted at the end of July... good luck... 💕

ϖ Inbal Mizrahi joined the ICT Corps this week... Wishing lots of success 💕

ϖ Ma'ayan Assaf started studies at the 'Technical School of the Air Force'. And already wearing a uniform! Wishing lots of success

ϖ Yonatan Assaf started a year of service at 'Nirim in the mountains' - a place where a last chance is given to at-risk youth who did not succeed in Nirim. The opportunity is given through a special process, of working in agriculture with a close supervisor. The farm is in the Golan Heights. Wishing lots of success 💕

ϖ Shay Savir has completed her army service and will work at 'Neomi's' - Wishing lots of success. 💕

ϖ Lidor Nankashvili finished a year of service and will work with the Shinshins until he is drafted. Wishing much success in everything! 💕

ϖ Shira Levy is on discharge leave until the end of August, her service completion date, and then she will start working in youth and education. Wishing lots of success 💕

With love, Young Generation Committee.

**The Secretarial Offices have Moved**

We are updating that the secretarial offices have moved to their new (temporary) home in the old clinic, and we are back at work. Some updates related to the move:

¬ Packages continue to arrive at the entrance to the previous mazkirut

¬ Rosa is in the office in the previous mazkirut

¬ A neat and beautiful meeting room was prepared in the room that was Erez's office in the previous mazkirut

¬ The parking arrangements at the entrance to the new secretariat (old clinic) have change slightly, as this is a place that welcomes locals and guests: bicycles - must be parked in the facility next to the wall, please park club cars - near the bicycle facility, but not in front of the entrance.

A huge thank you to the building branch team for the great help and the fast and hard work in preparing at record speed a beautiful building that functions!!!

**Public representatives to the Economic Council**

The manpower search team appeals to members who are interested joining Economic Council - to submit their nominations. According to the composition approved at the asefa, it is necessary to elect 8 public representatives. 4 of them must have an economic background. It should be remembered that the members of the council have an obligation to participate in the council meetings. (Surprise – Ed)

The search team: Hila Alterlevi, Irit Shemesh, Amir Darom, Ofra Shelf, Yifat Assaf, Racheli Arava

**Our Collective Calendar Project!**

Dear friends and residents,

We are proud to announce our collective calendar project!

The calendar portrays pictures that portray the life of the kibbutz from its beginning until today, with each month dedicated to a different topic, and combines pictures of past and present members.

The collection of information and photos was done throughout the last year and was particularly challenging in the absence of an archive, which resulted in us relying mainly on those who brought us photos from their private albums. Some of the photos could not be reproduced, sorry.

It is important for us to note that this is a symbolic project and it is clear that many of the old members who do not appear in the project also worked and built the kibbutz throughout its years of existence.

The calendar will be distributed to the general public (one calendar for each family) - on Thursday, 1/9/22.

Friends and residents who wish to order additional calendars for their family, are invited to register on the list that will be published on the bulletin board - the cost of each calendar - NIS 20

Many thanks from the bottom of my heart to the Culture Committee for supporting the project, and thanks also to Patricia M. Groisman for the assistance.

From the team - Dina Bookman, Einan Grosser and Tamar Sankar

Graphic design: Dana Beutler-Dayan. Editing: Irit Shemesh.

**A Stroll on the Hillside** – הולך בתל

The editor's thing

Strange events, strange times. The Mazkirut building is suspended by a thread, not to say glued with gum, and its occupants finally understand that it is better to abandon ship, A.S.A.P. On the other hand, road renovations continue unabated, including sudden surprises and spontaneous roadblocks that require survival maneuvers and navigation skills, just to find one's way home.  The bizarre happenings intensify when a pair of dentures mysteriously go for a swim in the pool and reach their climax with the unbridled epistolary attack that simultaneously threatens the existence of the rain forests and stretches the limits of good taste.

As they say:" it will surely get worse before it gets better" -Yaniv

**Hey-Ho Hey-Ho, it's Off to Work We Go**

Kehilanet-Kehilanet, God's gift that keeps gushing forth like a volcano. The hot trend (boiling hot, scathing): Prime time resignation live, before our very eyes. Gone are the days when letters of resignation were delivered by registered post, or, say, via a discreet WhatsApp?  Those were the days!... …and now? Expect a post in Kehilanet, with "likes" and comments for and against. Well, that's how it is, when the requirements of the job are overwhelming and the standards are unattainable. What next? Cancellation of our afternoon sleep between 14:00 and 16:00???

**I know what you did last summer (and the summer of 2002**)

The section took its time and was delayed once again in going to print. Have you asked yourself why? Well, even if you have not asked yourself why, we will reveal that **fear motivates the writer of these lines**.

Since the refined letters began to appear (or "clarifications", according to their author), your obedient servant thinks twice before going to press. After all, go remember what skeletons are hiding in the depths of ones’ closet, and all that I am short of, is for the skeletons to make their way to my friends' mailboxes. Therefore, after catching my breath and before sitting down to write my column, I decided to take a prophylactic measure and to confess my sins, and reveal all, here and now. My doings might, anyway, explode in my face without prior warning.

**Winter 1994**: Break into the pantry of Kibbutz Ashdot Ya'akov. For the record, I'll note that we left with minimal loot (it's the quality, not the quantity that counts)

**Spring 1997**: Confined to base for two consecutive weekends (for leaving my weapon unattended and abandoning my post on guard duty, respectively)

**Independence Day 2014:** Forgetting young daughter on the lawn next to the stage. It is important to add that the little girl arrived safely home on her own. The moment she arrived; she was kicked by her mother back to the scene of my crime, by her mother!

**Summer 2021**: in the wake of a vacation abroad, I completely forgot about my dining room duty and what is more, on the very evening that hamburgers and chips were served (thank God for the Champion of Yizrael, Ilan Sadur, who saved the day and prevented a second Yom Kippur war)

And after unloading all this baggage, we will point out that it is possible and even desirable for the writer of the letters to make use of his extensive historical knowledge and verbal proficiency for the benefit of the Kibbutz archives. A position that has recently become available…and thereby killing two birds with one stone. All the best

**Girls' Soccer - Israeli Gold Medal in the U-18 Category in Maccabi Games**

The girls under 18 team won the final game against the U.S.A. winning the gold medal

The talented **Talia Mor** starred - well done, Talia!

Manager - Yoel Ben Naim, coach Michal Rawitz, said:

"In a short time, we managed to form a young, diverse

and talented team. Most of the players are 15-16 years old. I am very proud

The team managed well with far from ideal preparations.

The girls learned and improved with every game."

**Parternership 2000 - Bookings**

ϖ You can always book rooms a year in advance.

ϖ For the three major holidays - Rosh Hashanah, Pesach and Shavuot - registration will close one month before the holiday date.

ϖ On the closing date, I will assign the rooms. A member who has not received a room in the last three years will have priority.

ϖ If there are no "new" reservations (according to the above category), the order of receiving the rooms will be according to the reservation date!

ϖ For Rosh Hashanah, you can order until August 20, 2022.

To reserve rooms or cancel them - please send to my WhatsApp

Rachel Piekarski.

**Not by bread alone...**

**The 74thAnniversary of the Kibbutz**

**Program:**

**Thursday** 11.8.2022

21:00 Moonlit night hike along the scenic route - for ages 18+; The trip is arranged by the sports committee

**Friday** 12.8.2022

18:00 – 19:30 Festive self-service dinner. The meal will be served in the dining room and in the upper courtyard.

19:45 The holiday ceremony on the big stage: "Yizraelite Shabbat"

22:00 Party at the pool (no swimming)

**Saturday** 13.8.2022

9:00 – 12:00 sweet brunch

16:00 You are invited to the pool for swimming and treats

18:00 Performance by the "Ritalin" band - a bouncy and happy music performance for the whole family, at the pool (no dinner)

Happy holiday to all

The holiday team: Damian Chikorel, Yaniv Lifshitz, Nitzan Weinreich, Nitzan Feldman, Nir Segal, Anat Friedman, Tzachi Tsfadiya, Shani Baor, Sarit Laviv, Tal Wolfson-Darom-Director of Culture

**BEACON ON THE HILL**

**Weekly Program for 7.8 2022 – 11.8.2022**

**every day**  -12:30 8:30 from  games board Coffee, cake, chats and

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

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| **Day & Date** | **Activities** |
| Sunday  7.8.22 | Opening the week  - Baking with Monica  7:00 Ilana Lahav – Feldenkreiz (BAO)  9:00 Helen Rosenberg – facial (BAO) |
| Monday  8.8.22 | 9:00 Coffee, cake, chats and games  9:30 Lecture by Zohar Assaf  ”Behind the Songs”  8:30 Limor Mualem – pedicure (BAO)  16:00 – 18:00 Coffee, cakes, chats and games |
| Tuesday  9.8.22 | 9:00 Coffee, cake, chats and games  10:00 Trivia Quizzes with Galia Shemi  9:00 Helen Rosenberg – facial (BAO)  16:00 – 17:45 Ceramics with Miki Touz |
| Wednesday  10.8.22 | 9:00 Coffee, cake, chats and games  10:00 Movie with Galia  12:00 Pedicure with Na’ama Baum (BAO)  16:00 – 17:45  Ceramics with Ziv Ben Bassat |
| Thursday  11.8.22 | Coffee, cake, chats and games  9:00 – 12:00 Ceramics with Ziv Ben Bassat  10:00 – Meet with the Elementary School children for               Kibbutz Birthday Celebrations  7:00 Pedicure with Na’ama Baum (BAO)  17:15 Exercises on chairs with Michal Sha’anan |

BAO  - By Appointment Only                           Monica and the team

**English is Fun   -    with Rahel**

STUDENT BLOOPERS continued:

When there are no fresh vegetables, you can always get canned.

It is bad manners to break your bread and roll in your soup.

The problem with intersexual swimming is that the boys often outstrip the girls.

*Running is a unique experience, and I thank God for exposing me to the track team.*

A triangle which has an angle of 135 degrees is called an obscene triangle.

The dog ran across the lawn, emitting whelps all the way.

A virtuoso is a musician with real high morals.

*We had a longer holiday than usual this year because the school was closed for altercations.*

STUDENTS OFTEN REVISE HISTORY BEYOND RECOGNITION:

The Gorgons had long snakes in their hair.  They looked like women, only more horrible.

Zwingli's followers all smashed their organs.

Zanzibar is noted for its monkeys.  The British governor lives there.

*The Puritans thought every event significant because it was a massage from God.*

The divine wind protected Japan by sinking the fleet of invading Mongrels.

The President of the United States, in having foreign affairs, has to have the consent of the Senate.

The difference between a king and a president is that a king is the son of his father, but a president isn't.

AND EVEN THE SCIENCE AND HEALTH CLASSROOMS ARE NOT IMMUNE FROM VERBAL SCHOOLISHNESS:

To collect sulphur, hold a deacon over a flame in a test tube.

H2O H2O is hot water, and CO2 is cold water.

Three types of blood vessels are arteries, vanes and caterpillars.

A fossil is an extinct animal.  The older it is, the more extinct it is.

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