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**Kibbutz Yizrael**

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**Edi-torial**

I leave for home from The U.S. in a few hours. By the time you read these words, I will be comfortably seated in my own home! The time difference is very convenient for translating. I have seven extra hours. I should move here permanently, then you could get the Yizraelite together with the Hebrew Alon. (No Way! East West Yizrael is best! The news can wait, I reckon) Shabbat Shalom and Chag Sameach)

**Congratulations**

**Congratulations** to Jules and Nitzan Feldman on the birth of their granddaughter. A daughter for Shaked and David Shviru, a sister for Ma’ayan. Wishing you much happiness, joy. good health, games and laughter - and lots and lots of love - to both families...

**Congratulations** to Stav and Aviv on the birth of their son. A grandson for Ofir and the late Vered Halevi, a great-grandson for Nitza and Eilon. Blessings to aunts and uncles and both families. Wishing you much joy, laughter and play, much happiness, good health and lots and lots of love...

**Memorial service for the late Yogev Cohen**

**On the anniversary of the death of the late Yogev Cohen**

**The memorial service will take place on Thursday, 20.10.2022**

**at 16:00 at the cemetery on Kibbutz Yizrael**

**After the ceremony we will gather in the kibbutz Moadon.**

**Annual Memorial Service for**

 **Dudi Silbowitz and Neil Freed**

**(members of Garin Hod, who fell in the Yom Kipper War)**

**Next Friday 21.10.22**

**11:00 at the cemetery**

**Annual memorial lecture in the Moadon after lunch**

**Subject: The Current Situation in The Ukraine and the role of the "Joint" organization.**

**Speaker: Reeva Segall Ninio (Benny Segall's sister)**

**(The message was not in the Hebrew Alon – Ed)**

**Transition Season – Energy. Jeremy Perling**

Officially - autumn has started and the heat has abated.

The transition season has begun, autumn did not arrive until the 22nd/23rd of September, but there is a drop in temperature and a change in terms of electricity rates.

**Electricity rates - until the winter rates in December:**

**Sunday to Thursday**

**Peak -** between the hours of 06:00 and 20:00

**Intermediate** (In Between High & low) - between 20:00 and 22:00

**Low** - all other hours.

**Erev Shabbat and Erev Chag**

**Intermediate** - between the hours of 06:00 and 20:00;

The remaining hours – **low**

**Saturdays and holidays**

**Intermediate** - between the hours of 17:00 and 21:00;

The remaining hours - **low**

**Low voltage kw/h cost**

**Peak**: 0.410 NIS, **Intermediate**: 0.33 NIS, **Low**: 0.27 NIS - before VAT

[In the summer the rates were: **Peak**: 0.99 NIS, **Intermediate** 0.41 NIS**, Low**: 0.27 NIS (prices before VAT]

**Reminder!** The solar boilers run on solar power until the end of September. After that, gradually, the solar boilers will use electricity, to complete the "work of the sun".

If the sun does not heat the water enough, you can turn on the boiler manually for half an hour. Remember to turn off after half an hour...! Otherwise... **you will only find out at the end of the month that you didn't remember, when you receive the electricity bill**.

It's time to think about heating in the winter - maybe buy a radiator on sale, before the price increases, for when it will really be cold! Check that all exterior doors and windows close properly.

**"Winter time" 2022 will commence from 02:00 on Sunday 31.10.2022 and continue until Friday 24.03.2023 at 02:00.**

On the night between Saturday and Sunday = **the clock must be moved back** one hour, from 02:00 to 01:00 - to gain another hour of sleep...

For those who have a Shabbat clock on their boiler, the time must be changed according to the winter time. Try to limit operation to "Low Rate" times

Enjoy pleasant weather until the cold of winter begins.

May we all have a year in which renewable energy will be at the forefront. The alternatives are not encouraging:

Dependence on electricity will be with us for many years to come, and it will only increase...

Jeremy Perling (The man with boundless Energy – Ed)

**Planning Committee Meeting Summary**

**Date: 13.09.2022**

Present: Yotam Assaf, Shachar Levy, Shlomo Levy, Erez Peleg, Axel Levin

Recorded by: Axel Levin

Agenda:

1) Master plan for infrastructures - draft review of existing situation

2) Requests from branches and committees

3) House model guidelines

4) Status of projects in planning and execution

**(1) Infrastructure master plan - draft review of existing situation**

We set out to prepare a master plan for infrastructure which includes landscape, traffic, water, sewage and drainage. Later, the areas of electricity and lighting will be added. The programme will include all areas of residence, education, sports and the heart of the kibbutz community. The purpose of the program is to write a master plan with general guidelines in all areas, for improvement and detailed future planning.

The programme consultants toured the kibbutz and began their work by reviewing the current situation.

The landscape consultants sent a draft report for review. They will continue the review after receiving measurements and completing another tour of the area.

The committee members went over the draft report and will pass several questions to the landscape consultants. The committee is waiting for the completion of the report and the integration of the review of the existing situation of the additional areas.

**(2) Requests from branches and committees**

**a) Changes in the position and general appearance of the new hut.** (Seemingly there is dissatisfaction regarding the new hut built for The Garden Shop– Ed)

Regarding the issues that should be considered to change, the planning committee recommends:

 The slope of the roof does not match the slopes of the other huts. If it can be modified according to the existing slopes, the new hut will appear to be more in keeping with the surroundings.

 Place the hut on a concrete surface.

In addition, the planning committee notes that:

 A building of this size built requires a building permit.

 The external colour must be chosen from the colour fan that was approved by the planning committee in a previous decision (sent to Shimon for his use).

a) The new Zachat (teenager’s) moadon

b) Recently The Zachat moadon moved to the Du-on (primary school age after hours moadon). Outside the moadon, a seating area was established. The seating area is very prominent. The garden furniture that was set up is large for the location, and the teenagers sit in front of everyone who passes by and in front of everyone who lives close to the moadon. The team working with the teenagers wants to hide the corner with a fence and/or bushes along the existing path.

The planning committee discussed the following issues: According to the community manager, the club is planned to be in the place in question for a temporary period (one or two years). In the opinion of the committee, the area in question is part of a public area with lawn. The committee thinks it is wrong to hide the open landscape with a fence.

The planning committee recommends changing the location of the garden furniture in such a way that the benches and swings are in the area where the picnic table is located and vice versa.

**(3) Completing the design of the house design in preparation for its submission** (Old rugby field neighbourhood - Ed)

After open meetings in the summer with interested members and future tenants, a meeting was held with the architects of the house model and the kibbutz secretary, community manager, administration manager, housing committee coordinator and planning committee coordinator regarding the completion of the model, in accordance with the comments received at the open meetings prior to submitting the permit.

The comments related to the permit stage are: need for a roof at the entrance to the house, the location and size of the back porch, the size of the windows, the possibility of replacing windows with display window and the possibility of adding a skylight.

It was agreed to review issues that came up in the building management branch over the last year in relation to requests for permits and to add relevant comments in preparation for the general submission for the new neighbourhood.

**(4) Status of projects in planning and in execution**

Cottages - detailed landscape planning has not yet been received.

Young generation - after the measurement is completed, the consultants will work on adapting the design to the topography.

Roads - the western road and the entrance road to the industrial area are under construction. The next roads in line for reconstruction are, the road between the kibbutz and the new neighbourhood and the main entrance road to the kibbutz.

The benches project - accepted. Permission was granted to start the process of selecting a model and a contractor to carry out the project.

Ninja Structure - bids were submitted to the regional council, as requested. Awaiting an answer.

The new neighbourhood - waiting to receive a permit for the infrastructures, and concurrently:

 We received approval from the Ministry of Construction and Housing for the infrastructure subsidy.

 We are working on a set of plans for the tender for the execution of the infrastructures.

 Coordinating with the Ministry of Construction and Housing and the Economic Council regarding the continuation of the work.

 Preparation of an application for a general housing permit

**Higher Education Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Sunday, 2/10/2022**

Participants: Shlomo Kamilian, Racheli Arava, Avishag Sharoni and Peter Pezaro

Apologies: Rotem Hillel, Limor Griman

On the agenda:

(1) Confirmation of the previous meeting’s protocol (14/8/22)

(2) **Information**

Peter informed that a budget request was submitted to the community manager. The request is enlarged, because there are many students who are continuing their studies next year

Yaniv Shapira decided not to continue with his Ph.D. studies. The committee trusts his judgment. As of 1/10/2022, Yaniv returned to work in Ein Harod full-time.

(3) Preparing the new students’ conference

The conference will take place on Thursday, October 13, 2022. An invitation has gone out to all new students. (Took place – Ed)

The study agreement was checked and we found that it needs to be updated. The update was carried out and the agreement was forwarded to the members of the community management for approval

(4) Discussion of savings measures for the 2022 budget

Peter estimates, that it will be difficult to meet the budget for 2022, due to several events that surprised the committee after the budget was built.

The Committee decided to make a number of small changes to the study agreement that may lead to a certain reduction in the expenses associated with studies. Thanks to this, they hope to meet the budget. The changes will be brought to the community management for approval.

(5) First discussion on attempts to locate an administrative leadership reserve for the kibbutz

A preliminary list was presented for discussion. All committee members were asked to add potential names.

Racheli added some insights from the human resources point of view, which could influence the discussion later.

It was agreed that the committee will also try to compile a list of the kibbutz's needs for the coming years, in order to focus the discussion. This topic is broad and very important, and will be discussed in the upcoming meetings of the committee.

Summation: Peter

**Sermon at the End of the "Kol Nidrei" Prayer 2022 תשפ"ג**  - David Mittelberg

The eve of Kol Nidrei is an eve of anxiety, for ourselves, our families, our community and our world, because of this we stand in fear and mercy before the Creator of the world between the forces of nature on one hand, and threatening rulers on the other, and we feel the helplessness of the individual person.

And we do have much to worry about and much to pray for - the peace of our homes, our families, our kibbutzim, the people of Israel and the whole world.

But it seems to me that every year another threats stand before us - refugees, climate crisis, the corona epidemic, a world war or the invasion of Ukraine with the threat of nuclear war, the rise of the extreme right and also anti-Semitism.

I ask where is the promise of PROGRESS that formed part of my education in the youth movement and at university in the 60s????

The late **Rabbi Yonatan Zaks** passed away in 2020. This former chief rabbi of England wrote a book: THE DIGNITY OF DIFFERENCE 2002. What worried the rabbi was the threat of the clash between civilisations and the threats facing humanity, which humanity itself creates. Zaks noticed a number of things:

 Consumption patterns are depleting the planet's resources.

 The deterioration of the environment threatens the existence of many species of life.

 Global warming threatens the global biosphere.

 The technologies of intervention in the human genome threaten the uniqueness of man in the world and evolution itself.

 The rise of tribalism and extremism, wars between ethnic groups and the ability of very small groups to threaten entire nations.

 There is a global economy but no global culture or coherent global governance and vision.

 And where will my help come from? Technology ensured control over nature, democracy - control over power, and economics - to increase wealth. All these together ensured the desired progress but…

 Reason does not erase prejudice.

 Technology threatens nature itself.

 The capitalist economy has created wealth that humanity has never known before, but it is unable to distribute the wealth equally or fairly.

 Modernity is unable to solve the problem which is not technical in essence but moral. It requires value choices, and for that reason, according to Rabbi Zaks, all the great religions remain in our world and do not disappear as the Enlightenment thinkers predicted.

And if so, on what are we required to put the emphasis? To give respect, not for money, power and technology, but for human dignity and respect for every person.

Empires rise and fall, civilisations survive not by virtue of their strength but in their treatment of the weak, not due to wealth but to how the poor are treated, and not by power but by the affinity for the powerless among them. Ironically, Zaks wrote, what characterises a robust civilisation is compassion for the vulnerable.

Well in conclusion - what is required of us today - to recognise diversity and respect it, because everyone was created in G-d's image. And if this is not the case, we will be condemned to endless wars between us and within us with an increasing blood price.

On the other hand, Zaks calls for an alliance of hope, and distinguishes between optimism, which believes that things will get better, and hope, which is the belief that together we can improve the future.

The Jewish past makes it difficult to be optimistic, but it is the covenant of hope that promotes our common future and it requires action from each of us – G-d willing and so we will believe and so we will act together, for a better future in the covenant of hope.

I wish all the worshipers, their families, my friends in Yizrael, and the entire nation of Israel a happy, healthy new year, and may you be inscribed in the book of life.

**Those were the Days – Patricia Markov Grossman**

Ah, such a meeting!

**Monday, October 4, 2004** - the Succot holiday is in full swing - place: Gilboa neighbourhood, time: 18:30

The excuse: to celebrate in the succah. "Barbeque" with all the neighbours

Meir Mashali, Phil Adler and Reuven Yankelevitz are in charge of the fire. Each family brings something according to the instructions of Sima Arieli and Inbal Adler-Fadael. Eddie Solow, of course, goes around among everyone offering all kinds of food, with drinks and what not... In Ruti and Meir's refrigerator there is a diet soft drink that is getting cold for those "on diet" - for those who are trying to keep their shape...

The atmosphere is pleasant, tables adorned with tablecloths ready for a meal. All around people are talking and laughing. Children run between the tables, play inside the succah - here and there a children's' fight breaks out amid shouts of joy, ... what a beautiful neighbourhood!

Almost all of us have been there...

Thanks to Eddie - for the idea and thanks to Sima and Inbal for the arrangements - for the hard work to mobilise all of us for the operation and for turning scattered people into a group.

I hope we will only meet in celebration and certainly we will meet again next Succot holiday, same place and at the same time.

"My neighbourhood is the best - **Gilboa neighborhood is on the map!"**

It was fun!! (Those certainly were the days – Ed)

**Project: "Cooking with Love"**

The project "Cooking with love" made the connection, for the third year consecutively, between the collective donating bodies and bodies that distribute meals to those in need. Before Yom Kippur, we met in the dining room with volunteers of all ages to pack cooked meals for those in need, which we sent the next day to the association "Ezer Lazulat" in Afula Ilit and the "Meir Panim" specialty home in Tiberias.

We packed 308 dishes cooked by our kitchen team and in addition about 30 cakes baked by volunteer kibbutz members.

Many thanks to the Donations Committee - which helped us to realise the project here on Yizrael.

Many thanks to the food branch team - who came and cooked the food

Many thanks to the many volunteers - they baked cakes, packed the food and transported the donations to their destinations.

May we always remain on the giving side (Amen!)

On behalf of the Cultural Committee - Tal Wolfson-Darom - Committee Coordinator

**Program for the Remainder of Succot**

**Friday, 14.10.22**

9:30 p.m. Pubsuccah - "Moshe Ferster's stand-up show" a funny, deep and intelligent show... You are invited from Younger Generation age and above, the show will start at 22:00

**Sunday, 16.10.22 -** Simchat Torah eve

19:00 Festival reception and meal in the dining room

20:45 "Sounds I Collected" - a world-wide musical show for the whole family: this is the story of Tal Kravitz's journey, starting with his childhood memories in the kibbutz where he grew up, to meetings with peoples and tribes in remote regions of the world. A meeting between special musical instruments and songs in Hebrew and in different languages, stories about the instruments and the countries, and also the life story of a boy who was not believed in and was told he had no musical talent, but today he represents the State of Israel on behalf of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs around the world through music.

The journey is accompanied by sounds and a lot of humor, the show includes playing ethnic instruments from around the world, songs in different languages ​​and songs of the beautiful Land of Israel.

**Monday, 17.10.22**

11:00 – 13:00 Kite workshop in the succah

 The materials for the kite will be distributed 1 per family. Anyone who has a rope to fly a kite – please bring it.

 16:30 kite flying on the rugby field

**English is Fun - with Rahel**

**THE WICKED WIT OF WINSTON CHURCHILL: (continued)**

During his long life, Churchill – as a boy noted for failing exams – received many honourary degrees. In 1946, at the University of Miami, on being awarded his doctorate of law, he remarked, with a neat allusion to a famous line he'd uttered some six years before: "Perhaps no one has ever passed so few examinations and received so many degrees."

In one of the many documents that came his way, a civil servant had gone out of his way to be grammatically correct, and had clumsily avoided ending a sentence with a preposition. Churchill scribbled in the margin: "This is the sort of English up with which I will not put."

WC once remarked: "I do not think any expression of scorn or severity which I have heard used by our critics has come anywhere near the language I have been myself accustomed to use, not only orally, but in a stream of written minutes. In fact, I wonder that a great many of my colleagues are on speaking terms with me."

An American general once asked him to look over the draft of an address he had written. It was returned with the comment "Too many passives, and too many zeds. The general was told: "Too many Latinate polysyllabics like 'systematize, prioritize and finalize'. And then the passives. What if I had said, instead of "We shall fight on the beaches", "Hostilities will be engaged with our adversary on the coastal perimeter?"

On a member’s statement that economic planning was "baloney: "I should prefer to have an agreed definition of the meaning of "baloney" before I attempt to deal with such a topic."

Churchill liked animals: sometimes he found this difficult to reconcile with his fondness for rich food. One Christmas he was about to carve a goose. On learning that it was one of his own, he put down the knife and fork and said, "I could not possibly eat a bird that I have known socially."

An exchange of telegrams:

George Bernhard Shaw: "Two tickets reserved for you, first night Pygmalion. Bring a friend. If you have one.

WC: "Cannot make first night. Will come to second. If you have one."

"Eating my words has never given me indigestion."

Struck down by acute appendicitis during the year 1922 election, he lost his seat at Dundee, and was able to say, "I am without an office, without a seat….and without an appendix."

"I am certainly not one of those who need to be prodded. In fact, I am a prod."

"I am not usually accused even by my friends, of a modest or retiring disposition."

"I do not resent criticism, even when, for the sake of emphasis, it parts for the time with reality."

"Madam, all babies look like me." WC's response to a woman who came up to him and declared that her baby looked just like him.

Churchill said of himself: "I always manage somehow to adjust to any new level of luxury without whimper or complaint. It is one of my more winning traits. And I have in my life concentrated more on self-expression than on self-denial."

"Unpunctuality is a vile habit, and all my life I have tried to break myself of it."

"I am a sporting man. I always like to give trains and planes a fair chance of getting away."

"Of course I am an egoist. Where do you get if you aren't?"

When he went to dinner for the Prince of Wales, later Edward VII, in 1896, Churchill wrote later, "I realized that I must be on my best behavior – punctual, subdued, reserved – in short display all the qualities with which I am the least endowed."

"My idea of a good dinner is, first to have good food, then discuss good food, and after this good food has been elaborately discussed, to discuss a good topic – with me as a chief conversationalist."

 …………more next week

**BEACON ON THE HILL - .2022 –.2022.**

**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****16.10** | Erev Chag - Closed |
| **Mon****17.10** | Chag - Closed |
| **Tue****18.10** | 9:00 Board Games9:00 Trivia with Galia9:00 Helen Rosenberg – facial (BAO) 16:00 – 17:45 Ceramics with Miki Touz |
| **Wed****19.10** | 9:00 Games10:00 Movie with Galiya “Primal Fear” Richard Gere12:00 Pedicure with Na’ama Baum (BAO)17:00 Tai Chi with Einan Grosser16:00 – 17:45 Ceramics with Ziv Ben Bassat |
| **Thursday 20.10** | 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 |

**Festival Prayer and Simchat Torah Rounds with the Sefer Torah**

Will be held in the synagogue

On Sunday, 16.10.2022

At 18:00

At 18:15 – the rounds begin

Candy for children guaranteed

Happy holiday!

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

**Thursday, Friday, Saturday: 10.11.22 – 12.11.22**

**Thursday 10.11.22** - Departure from Yizrael at 16:00 to Khan Elifaz

**Friday 11.11.22**

**Fit walkers**: Long route in Wadi Gishron

**Short Hike**: Upper Gishron, walking around Eilat, the beach

**All together**: flamingo observation in the afternoon

Accommodation: Elifaz

**Saturday 12.11.22**

**Fit Walkers**: Mount Amir and the pillars of Amram

 **Short Hike**: Hidden Lake (near Timna), Samar sands, a tour of Lotan

**All together**: a visit to the winery in Moshav Tzofar and returning home

**The End**