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***Kibbutz Yizre'el***

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| **CONDOLENCES**  **TO DANIEL HARPAZ AND FAMILIY**  **ON THE PASSING OF HIS SISTER**  **RUTH HEMED**  **Kibbutz Yizre’el** |

**BEST WISHES to EDEN ARMOZA** on his recruitment to the armory division of Zahal.

**UPDATE FROM THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

1. Reminder: At the end of the year, debts of the Young Generation are charged automatically to the parents.
2. Bonus from profits will be allocated to those eligible in the coming month.
3. Reminder: Those with a loan from the kibbutz can renew it under better conditions, or pay it off without any conditions or fines. Speak to Esther Ben Bassat on the matter.

**MAZKIRUT MEETING 1/12/2021**

1. Information:

* The Finances of the water system: It was decided to conform with the demands of the Water Authority and thus be able to get water subsidies or cheaper rates. Charges for private water consumption will be made according to use and not in advance.
* A question was raised by Uri about the Marshel and Club Car vehicles in the car pool. They are in poor condition and unreliable. The chance of getting the vehicle that was ordered, is low. Erez explained that in the budget of 2022 they have allowed for the purchase of 2 Marshel vehicles.

1. A permanent team for the search for position holders.

Racheli Arava explained that the team that looks for people to fill positions on the kibbutz is open to private and personal information of members. This team is changed after the end of their term every 2-3 years. This means that more people are receivers of personal and private information. Racheli suggests that a permanent team be established which is not changed so frequently. She suggests term of 6 years so confidentiality is more preserved.

The Mazkirut decided to accept this suggestion. A team will be set up by the Human Resources Committee (this team will be subject to the Human Resources Committee) and the names will put forward to the Mazkirut. The team will serve for 6 years, with a gradual changeover of members.

1. Temporary groups in Yizre’el to be decided at the General Meeting:

Four groups are being considered: Shnat Sherut / Habonim Dror / Zabar / “Mambachim”.

The vote will be split into 2 stages or into 2 projects. The first stage will be a vote between Shnat Sherut and Habonim Dror.

The General Meeting will be organized as follows:

1. The four groups will be presented.
2. The discussion will be in two stages, because as of today, only two groups are relevant since the housing available is in the caravans. These two groups are Shnat Sherut and Habonim Dror.
3. Presentation of the two projects by relating to the criteria that has been set.
4. Announcement of the obligation to carry out the second stage in the first quarter of 2022.
5. The vote in the first stage will be as follows:
6. Only Shnat Sherut
7. Only Habonim Dror
8. The two groups together
9. None of these groups.

**MAZKIRUT MEETING 7.12.2021**

1. **A Building for the Arts**: Bernie and Omri Fink and Yaniv Shapira applied to the Planning Committee with the idea of converting Bernie’s, Mussli’s and Omri’s old studio and the Ninja shelter belonging to the dairy, into a building for the Arts which will include workshops, art studies, a store room for the creative art of the kibbutz, an art library, a gallery for exhibitions, a statue garden, an outside stage.

The present building is old, decrepit and needs to be demolished. In its place the dream is to create a center for the arts which will benefit the community and the area. After presentation of the project and discussion it was unanimously decided to support the advancement of the project and to present it to the General Meeting.

1. The Tzernicovaski Family has appealed against the Planning Committee’s refusal to accept their request for renovations in their house. The changes they requested involve a change in the building permits of the neighborhood. The Mazkirut discussed the appeal a second time and decided to reject it. The family may take the appeal to arbitration if they want to.
2. The budget 2022 for the local council that deals with services such as cultural activities, shredding of pruning materials, garbage collection etc. was presented and accepted. The sum being 148,000 shekel, an increase from the previous budget of 90,000.

**WINTER ENERGY** (from 22/12/2021 to March 2022)

**Sunday to Thursday**

High rate: 16:00 – 22:00 0.82 shekel

Medium rate: 06:00 – 08:00 0.48 shekel

Low rate: All the other hours 0.27 shekel

**Friday and Festival Eve**

High rate: none

Medium rate: 16:00 – 20:00

Low rate: All the other hours

**Saturdays and Festivals**

High rate: 17:00 – 19:00

Medium rate: 19:00 – 21:00

Low rate: All the other hours

**REMINDERS**

* The most efficient heating method is air conditioning when set to 22/23 degrees.
* The next best is oil heaters when set to no.1 and the thermostat in the middle.
* Turn the wings of the ceiling fans so they push upwards.
* Check that doors and windows are airtight.
* Shabbat Clock –don’t forget to adjust the boiler.
* If you don’t have enough hot water, it could mean that the boiler needs cleaning or you need more hours of electricity to heat the boiler. Leave a message on Kehilanet.

**THE MUSIC SCHOOL**

**Concertina No. 3** Monday 27.12.2021 at 20:00.

**Young Jazz in the South** Wednesday 29.12.21 at 19:00 Hechal Hatarbut “Berkovitz” in Nof Hagalil with our Gilboaband, the Bitband of Haifa, Kochavai Nof Hagalil and the best jazz soloists in Israel.

**Premiere Concerts** – 10/11/12/1/2022 at 19:00 All students included.

**Concertina No.4** Tuesday 18.1.2022 at 20:00

**English is Fun - with Rahel**

**APOSTROPHOBIA:** The fear of incorrectly positioned apostrophe's,

**Subject: Ough**

The ten pronounciations of –ough

I th**ough**t it would

be r**ough**

to pl**ough**

thr**ough** the

sl**ough**,

th**ough** it was falling

into the l**ough** that

left me thor**ough**ly

c**ough**ing and

hicc**ough**ing

**OLYMPIC MYTHS:**

Every four years we are treated to another round of Olympics. Whether you watch them or not, it's impossible to avoid all the hype - which, it turns out, isn't all true.

**The myth: In ancient Greece, the Olympics were so important that everything stopped for them, even war**s.

**The truth**: Nowar ever stopped because of the Olympics. But wars didn't interfere with the games because (1) participants were given night-time safe-conduct passes that allowed them to cross battle-fields after a day's fighting was done and (2) the Olympics were part of a religious ceremony, so the four Olympic sites, including Delphi and Olympia, were off-limits to fighting.

**The myth: To honour ancient tradition and discourage commercialism, organizers of the modern Olympics decided that only amateur athletes could compete.**

**The truth:** Not even close. It was "amateurs only" strictly to keep the riff-raff out. Baron Coubertin, the man responsible for bringing back the Olympics in 1896, was a French aristocrat who wanted to limit competitors to others of his social class. "He saw the Olympics as a way to reinforce class distinctions rather than overcome them," writes one historian. Since only the rich could afford to spend their time training for the games without outside support, the best way to keep the lower classes out was to restrict them to amateurs.

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