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**Kibbutz Yizre'el**

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| ***A NEW FIRST GRADE GROUP HAS BEEN FORMED******WELCOME TO THE PETEL GROUP*** ***Aviv, Alon, Bar, Brit, Daniel, Hadar, Zoe, Yiftach, Kerem, Noam, Sapir, Koren and Tamara*** |

**ANGELS IN MY HOUSE**: What a surprise! I returned home from a spin in my kalnoit and found my house bright and clean thanks to the Assaf girls, Tamar and Na’ama. Ilana Shani

**CORONA GRANT**: Update for those who have not redeemed the grant from the post office. Meir Shpigler, the CEO of Bituach Leumi says they are continuing to pay the last of those who have the right to the grant. They have decided to extend the period in which citizens can receive the grant in cash from the postal bank ,(including those with power of attorney from the parents, to end of November 2020. Ran Lilach

**WANTED:** A tractor and implements driver for Horesh-Yizre’el Field Crops.

Those who are interested and feel they are eligible should contact Einat, Head of Human Business Resources – bizhr@yizrael.com or 054-2620228

 Einat Na’aman Shpigler

**GENERAL MEETING ON ZOOM 20.9.2020**

1. Formal Cessation of Assi Mor’s term as Head of the Vehicle Committee.

Arzi Senker, as the mazkirut representative, chronologically presented the progression of events. Assi related to the matter from his point of view. Two other members presented their opinion and the matter was put to the vote on Kehilanet. By a majority vote, it was decided to end Assi’s term of office as Head of the Vehicle Committee.

1. Studies of Bnei Meshek: Noga Harpaz, as Head of the Young Generation Committee and Shlomo Kamillian, as responsible for Bnei Meshek studies presented their requests (which were approved by the mazkirut) to the General Meeting for approval.
2. To raise the budget for student studies from 48,000 shekel to 58,800 shekel.
3. To give an annual supporting budget for those who have special needs in their course of study.
4. Full use of the budget by each student (each student will personally receive money not used) from 50% to 100%.

The issues were discussed and a vote was taken on the Kehilanet. The three requests by the Young Generation Committee were approved by a majority vote. Yifat Assaf

**MAZKIRUT MEETING ON ZOOM 11.10.2020**

1. Information
2. Farewell to Robin Ogen. She is holding final meetings with heads of committees and will return to meet the new Community Head when he/she is elected.
3. The establishment of “ Social Yizre’el” – a project organized by Yifat Assaf whereby heads of committees will attend courses that will give them the tools to enable them to be effective, efficient heads of committees.
4. Yizre’el Representatives to the Kibbutz Movement Council:

Yizre’el has the right to send three representatives to this council. It is important for us to do so in order to influence proposals and decisions that are made. Nitzan Rivlin Feldman has been a representative for many years and wishes to continue. David Mittelberg has also expressed his wish to be a representative. We need another candidate so anyone wishing to apply should do so this week. If there are more than three applications then a vote will be taken.

1. Approval of the “Tzachi Team” . The team is made up a large group of people who represent various functions on the kibbutz . This team was approved by the General Meeting. A question was raised about the parameters of this team and those of the mazkirut in running the kibbutz. The following decision was made:

The mazkirut approves the functioning of the present Corona Team in their management of the Corona Crisis. The team coordinates between the State decisions and our lives on Yizre’el. Wide, significant, social /strategic subjects will be dealt with by the mazkirut.

1. The Educational Division during the Corona: After a discussion the following decision was made; The mazkirut gives its approval to the Educational Division to act in accordance with our communal, educational framework and that of the Corona instructions, using their discretion and judgement.
2. The Food Branch - Brainstorming We have two situations -
3. the food branch during the time of the Corona
4. the food branch in normal times.

Both of these situations need to be discussed. It was decided to immediately prepare a survey for the public on the food branch in this time of the Corona in order to collect data on the situation today. The survey will be prepared by a team from the mazkirut with Itzik Shecter, Head of the Food Branch.

In addition, the mazkirut promises to hold a discussion in the first quarter of 2021 on the situation and the demands of the food branch in general, normal times . Yifat Assaf

**NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE**

**Public Representatives to the Mazkirut:** In December the following representatives will complete their term:

Artzi Senker, Hila Alterlevi, Liran Penn, Shlomo Cohen and David Beutler. Members who are interested in being public representatives on the mazkirut are invited to nominate themselves.

Procedure: Collection of the names of all the nominations by the committee, ballot vote to choose 5 candidates.

**Head of the Young Generation Committee:**

Noga Harpaz is completing her term as head of the committee.

Those interested in heading this committee are invited to nominate themselves.

Procedure: Ballot vote is required because the head of this committee sits on the Mazkirut.

**Members of the Young Generation Committee:**

The following members are completing their term:

Vicky Hollander, Elad Ilan, Shlomo Karmelian, Hedva Sharabani, Shachaf Halevi, David Beutler and Ishai Levi.

Those interested in being members of this committee are invited to nominate themselves.

Procedure: The names of the candidates will come up to the General Meeting for approval.

**Head of the “Chevra” Committee**:

Nachem Levin is competing his term as head of this committee. Those interested in heading this committee are invited to nominate themselves.

Procedure: Ballot vote is required because the head of this committee sits on the Mazkirut.

**Members of the “Chevra Committee:**

The following members are completing their term:

Uri Gilad, Navot Assaf, Yoni Brauman, Nitza Halevi, Momi Cohen Adi Goldstein Ilan, Ofir Griman, Irit Shemesh, Eyal Tirosh, Lilach Ron, and Tal Darom.

Those interested in being members of this committee are invited to nominate themselves.

Procedure: The names of the candidates will come up to the General Meeting for approval.

**Additional Member for the Donations Committee**:

Oren Broadhurst is completing his term on this committee and an additional member is needed to supplement the four on the committee who are: Smadar Agmon, Karen Brustein Ilan, Ran Lilach and Yifat Assaf.

Those interested in being members of this committee are invited to nominate themselves.

**Public Representative on the Economic Council**:

The following representatives are completing their term: Aviatar Assaf, Amir Armoza, Elad Ilan, Tzvi Sadur. Those interested in becoming representatives on this council are invited to nominate themselves.

Procedure: The names of the candidates will come up to the General Meeting for approval.

**Joining the Ballot Committee and the General Meeting Committee:** Because the voting is done via the Kehilanet there is no need for two committees so one committee will perform the functions of the two committees.

Members of the Nomination Committee: Shimrit Tzefdia, Ori Brustein Ilan, Amir Darom, Nofar Brin Dolinko, Irit Cohen, Patricia Groissman and Racheli Arava

**GENERAL MEETING ON ZOOM 12/12020**

**דמי קליטה**

It was suggested that the rationale behind the setting of the sum to be paid for joining the kibbutz should be simplified and changed. By vote on the Kehilanet, this new system called “Levels” was accepted.

Payments would be made in this way:

From the age of 28 to 32: a payment of 14,000 shekel for every year till the age of the applicant. (This does not apply to Bnei Meshek and their partners).

From the age of 32 to 45: a payment of 16,000 shekel per year from the age of 28 to the age of the applicant.

From 45 and over: a payment of 18,000 shekel per year from the age of 28 to the age of the applicant.

**ECONOMIC COUNCIL MEETINGS ON ZOOM 4/5/2020** A**) Summary of 2019**

1. Maytronics: Eyal Triber presented a summary of activities of 2019 - successes, challenges, disappointments, analyses of data, reports of improvements made due to the Corona and the status of building projects.
2. Ma’agan Eden: Ilan Kedem reported that this year was better than last year but a little less than the work plan.
3. The community: Ran Lilach gave a report. The budget for 2019 was within the plans for the year. We tightened our belt and kept expenses down except for some overspending in public building. There were reports on the Music School, the Building Management the small businesses.

Ran also talked about the fleet of cars: we are not buying new cars but replacing cars that are taken out of the fleet.

Arnon Matalon asked about the optic fibre project and was referred to a future discussion to be held at the council.

B) **Approval to invest in additional solar systems** – **An opportunity** **that came up because of the corona**. Ariel and Jeremy presented a request by the “Holdings” to invest in additional solar systems.

In the light of the attractiveness of the solar project and the ability to raise financing at a low rate with 100% outside capital, the request was approved with a majority vote.

**ECONOMIC COUNCIL MEETINGS ON ZOOM 1/6/2020**

**Management of Investments of the Holdings Corporation**

In the last few months the directorate of the Holdings together with “Gil Strategies Company” part of the BDO Group, met to examine and refresh investment policy and the management of the kibbutz portfolios. The last time this was done was in 2011.

It was decided that discussions would be held in smaller groups, and later at the Economic Council meeting at the end of the process, future activities by the Holdings management would be set.

**ECONOMIC COUNCIL MEETINGS ON ZOOM 7/9/2020**

1. Ma’agan Eden: the management of Ma’agan Eden reported on the set backs because of the Corona on the second quarter and the compensation received in the third quarter. The company entered the Corona crisis in a good financial state and so was able to cope.
2. Ariel gave a report on all of Yizre’el’s holdings.

**ECONOMIC COUNCIL MEETINGS ON ZOOM 12/10/2020**

**Presentation of the program for Area 1004 and Request for Approval of the budget.**

The Maytronics building plan entails taking over areas of the kibbutz now occupied by the garage, the welding workshop, the gardening branch and the field crops offices and tractor sheds. In These facilities will eventually be moved to Area1004. In order to prepare for this event, the infra structure to this area and at this area must begin by next year so approval for the budget to begin this process must be given now.

**The Economic Council approved to grant 400,000 shekel for project 1004 according to the plans presented, and in accordance with the projects management.**

**English is Fun - with Rahel**

Phenomenal two-letter word:

This two-letter English word has more meanings than any other two-letter word, and that word is UP. It is listed in the dictionary as an [adv.], [prep.], [adj.], [n.], and [v.]

It is easy to understand UP meaning toward the sky or at the top of the list, but when we awaken in the morning, why do we wake UP?

At a meeting, why does a topic come UP? Why do we speak UP, and why are the officers UP for election (if there is a tie, it is a toss UP) and why is it UP to the secretary to write UP a report?

We call UP our friends, brighten UP a room, polish UP the silver, warm UP the leftovers, and clean UP the kitchen. We lock UP the house and fix UP the old car.

At other times, this little word has real special meaning.

People stir UP trouble, line UP for tickets, work UP an appetite, and think UP excuses. To be dressed is one thing, but to be dressed UP is special.

And this UP is confusing. A drain must be opened UP because it is blocked UP. We open UP a store in the morning but we close UP at night. We seem to be pretty mixed UP about UP!!

To be knowledgeable about the proper uses of UP, look UP the word UP in the dictionary. In a desk-sized dictionary, it takes UP almost 1/4 of the page and can add UP to about thirty definitions.

If you are UP to it, you might try building UP a list of the many ways UP is used. It will take UP a lot of your time, but if you don't give UP, you may wind UP with (UP to) a hundred or more.

When it threatens to rain, we say it is clouding UP. When the sun comes out, we say it is clearing UP. When it rains, it soaks UP the earth. When it does not rain for a while, things dry UP. One could go on and on, but I'll wrap it UP for now. My time is UP!

Oh… one more thing. What is the first thing you do in the morning and the last thing you do at night?

U P!!

Did that one crack you UP? Don't screw UP… Send this on to everyone you look UP in your address book. Or not… it's UP to you. And now I'll finish UP…

I found another few: first UP, give UP, settle UP, hands UP, all UP, fire UP, UP you go, UP yours!!, speed UP, come UP, get UP, fill UP, raise UP, come UP, get UP, belt UP!!, hurry UP

Come on, my faithful subscribers – how many can you find? Text me! Rahel