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**THANKS A MILLION** to so many people for the wonderful Hanukah week of activities. A huge number of people gave of their time and energy, their talents, ideas and imagination and created an amazing week of festivities.

**OUTSIDE OUR YELLOW GATE:** **Third Flight of Ethiopian Olim**

219 Ethiopian Olim landed in Israel. Till now, 659 Olim, who waited at the Gondar Camp, out of the 2,000 that are expected to arrive by the end of January.

***“Great rejoicing laced with sadness for those who are left behind”.***

**MAZKIRUT MEETING 20.12.2020**

In attendance**: The public representatives who are completing their term** –

 Arzi Senker, Shlomo Cohen, Liran Penn, Hila Alterlevi and David Beutler,

**The members who are continuing**: Yitzchak Peleg, Nachum Levin, Uri Gilad, Noga Harpaz, Neta Blass, Inbal Adler, Racheli Arava, Erez Peleg and Yifat Assaf.

**The elected public representatives**: Natasha Tchernichovsky, Nitzan Rivlin Feldman, David Mittelberg, Yifat Segal and Elad Ilan.

The meeting was a festive one, thanking the outgoing members and welcoming the new members of the Mazkirut.

1. The out-going members were asked to comment on the period they served – what went well and what went not so well as well as adding tips to the newcomers. The out going members were given a gift as thanks and to acknowledge our appreciation of their contribution.
2. After the out going members departed, the new representatives were welcomed and asked to comment on what their expectations were and what they thought the task of the Mazkirut, as the social manager of the kibbutz, should be.
3. The selection of a representative of the Mazkirut to the Reserve Fund:

This entails about 6 meetings a year. The members of the fund are: Jeremey Perling, Yitzchak Peleg, Moran Cohen, Avner Alterlevy, Ran Lilach and people from outside – an accountant and a lawyer.

Natasha Tchernichovsky was chosen and the nomination will come up for approval at the next General Meeting.

**GENERAL MEETING ON ZOOM 21/12/2020**

1. The General Meeting approved Natasha’s nomination as representative of the Mazkirut to the Reserve Fund.
2. The Absorption Committee recommended Tom Adler and Einav Nagar (Morkia) as candidates for membership.
3. Omer Harpaz’s request for candidacy for membership

**Yifat Assaf** represented the family’s request. On 26/1/2020 the Mazkirut decided to allow Omer to put in a request to start proceedings toward becoming a member, to the General Meeting. Since then, because of the Corona, a year has passed and now Omer’s request to begin proceedings has come up again.

**Eddie Solow** claimed that the report given by Yifat in the name of the family is not accurate and that many details of events were not mentioned. Eddie summed upby saying that he felt that Omer could continue to be a resident but not a member.

**Hanan Shaliv** felt that acceptingOmer as a member would set a precedent for all Bnei Meshek who may want to come back as members. This is against the rules set for those who want to become members.

 It was decided that his request for candidacy for membership will be brought to the vote this coming Sunday and Monday.

**FROM THE HUMAN RESOURCES DESK**

**The Vehicle Branch**: It was decided to appoint Dotan Savir as Head of the Vehicle Branch. He will take on the position a day a week, in January 2021. Together with the nominations committee, he will form a committee which will present a working plan for the branch.

**Movement of Workers:** **Gili Vittelson** will be replacing a hired worker as a part time job in the Partnership House. She will organize the rooms and keep them clean and tidy. Rahel Piekarski who is in charge of the Partnership House is very pleased with Gili’s participation.

**Dean Barnett** will be working part time in the KolBo.

**The Human Resources Committee** is working on an update to “work and livelihood rules” which were last updated in 2009.

**The Individual Aspect**: Finding a place of work for members / Bnei Meshek where they feel appreciated and satisfied takes time and patience. It also means having managers who are prepared to teach the workers what is needed and to give them a chance. Fortunately, in Yizre’el we have these people who are willing to open doors to those who are not sure where they want to go. We live in a community where seeing the other person and giving those that need a hand is our way of life. Rachel Arava, Human Resources

**PUBLIC BUILDINGS RONDO**: The urgent need to evacuate the cottage area in order to build new housing is the reason that offices and clinics have been moved to other locations. Meetings have been held with the people involved in this move, their reactions were noted and where possible accommodations were made. The options are limited and what is needed is understanding and cooperation. This move may be looked upon as an opportunity for change and renewal. The first immediate stage is led by Vicki Hollander.

The team dealing with public buildings is continuing to plan for the future.

**BREAK INS**: Last week break ins and thefts were reported in our area – Gan Ner, Ram On, Moshav Barak. Weapons, lap tops, cash and jewellery were stolen.

Be watchful! Report suspicious people and vehicles to the police (tel. 100) or

to Ehud 0523765269. Protect your property.

**DANA** (Zimra’s sister) complimented us on the fact that we produce a newsletter every week. She read our Hanukah edition and was very impressed. She noted that we have special people in Yizre’el as there are in other places, but we know how to active them. Kol Hakavod!!

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| **GENERAL MEETING ON ZOOM****Wednesday 30/12/2020 at 20:00**A link to zoom will be sent before the meeting.The meeting can be seen on Channel 900**Agenda: Presentation of “YIZRE’EL 2030 PLAN**The pamphlet of the summary of the plan was put in post boxes |

**English is Fun - with Rahel**

Interesting history tidbits that just maybe you didn't know:

In George Washington's days, there were no cameras. One's image was either sculpted or painted. Some paintings of George Washington showed him standing behind a desk with one arm behind his back while others showed both legs and both arms.

Prices charged by painters were not based on how many people were to be painted, but by how many limbs were to be painted. Arms and legs are 'limbs' therefore painting them would cost the buyer more. "Okay, but it'll cost you an arm and a leg." (Artists know hands and arms are more difficult to paint.)

*In the late 1700's, many houses consisted of a large room with only one chair. Commonly, a long wide board folded down from the wall, and was used for dining. The 'head of the household' always sat in the chair, while everyone else ate sitting on the floor.*

*Occasionally a guest, who was usually a man, would be invited to sit in this chair during a meal. To sit in the chair meant you were important and in charge.*

*They called the one sitting in the chair, the 'chair' man. Today, in business, we use the expression or title "Chairman" or "Chairman of the Board."*

Ladies wore corsets, which would lace up in the front. A proper and dignified woman, as in "straight laced" wore a tightly tied lace.

Personal hygiene left much room for improvement. As a result, many women and men had developed acne scars by adulthood. The women would spread bee's wax over their facial skin to smooth out their complexions. When they were speaking to each other, if a women began to stare at another woman's face she was told "mind your own bee's wax."

Should the woman smile, the wax would crack, hence the term "crack a smile". In addition, when they sat too close to the fire, the wax would melt. Therefore the expression "losing face."

Common entertainment included playing cards. However, there was a tax levied when purchasing playing cards but only applicable to the "Ace of Spades". To avoid paying the tax, people would purchase 51 cards instead. Yet, since most games required 52 cards, these people were thought to be stupid or dumb because they weren't "playing with a full deck."

Early politicians required feedback from the public to determine what the people considered important. Since there were no telephones, radios or TV, the politicians sent their assistants to local taverns, pubs and bars. They were told to 'go sip some ale' and listen to conversations and public concerns. Many assistants were dispatched at different times. 'You go sip here' and 'You go sip there'. The two words 'go sip' were eventually combined when referring to local opinion and, thus we have the term 'gossip'.

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