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**Kibbutz Yizre'el**

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**MAZAL TOV**

* To Neta Cohen on the birth of her daughter. To the grandparents, Shosh and Chaimke , and to the great grandmother Yona. Mazal Tov to the whole family.
* To Bar Kamilian and Or on their wedding. Congratulations to the parents and the whole family.

**YIZRE’EL ALON GAS STATION**

About 30 years ago the plan to build a gas station was brought forward. .During this period there were many ups and downs and there were times we thought it would never come about. But from the moment it was decided that it would really be built there was no stopping it. Jeremy Perling took charge and the gas station came to life with all the expertise behind it. Its establishment was complex and many professional people were involved. We thank all those who contributed to the establishment of the station.

**BONUS ON THE BASIS OF GAINS**

In the past bonuses were allocated twice a year – advance payment in June and final payment in December.

Because Maytronics has divided up the dividend of 2020 into two payments May and August, the financial committee decided that the members would receive the bonus in the three payments – June, August and December.

Ran Lilach

**CHAIRMAN OF THE HOLDINGS DIRECTORATE**

Shaul Gur, chairman of the Holdings directorate is completing his three year term in July. A team of the following members – Artzie Senker, Anat Friedman, Avner Alterlevi, Tamir Blas, Yifat Assaf and myself are checking out the possibility of choosing him for an additional term.

Enquiries are being made into his performance as chairman from people in relevant positions and a recommendation will be made by the end of June. During July recommendations will be presented to the directorate and afterwards to the general meeting of the kibbutz. After the general meeting accepts the nomination, it will go to the holdings committee for confirmation.

Einat Na’aman – Shpigler - Human resources (business)

**PARTNERSHIP HOUSE – Summer Regulations**

1. The towels in the partnership house are not to be taken to the pool.
2. When your guests leave, please return to the dining room all dishes and utensils that belong to the dining room.
3. No barbeques at the partnership house – only at the home of your host.
4. No dogs, cats, small and large pets allowed inside.

To book or cancel a room, please send an SMS or email [rahel.piekarski@gmail.com](mailto:rahel.piekarski@gmail.com) or WhatsApp or put a note in letterbox no. 194 . Rahel Piekarski

**MAZKIRUT MEETING WITH VA’ADAT CHEVRA 12/6/2020**

Presentation of the vision and objectives for the year 2030.

Va’adat Chevra has been working on this program for over a year and a half and now presented the strategic process for “Yizre’el 2030”. There were many challenges and pauses on the way but the committee has reached the finishing line at this festive meeting.

Many thanks to Nachem, head of this committee, who didn’t give up but with great determination revived the project every time it faltered despite lapses of interest by the community and periods of personal difficulties.

The committee presented plans of the project for each one of the following fields:

* Multi-generational community
* Work Livelihood Career
* Education
* Absorption and Demography

The program was discussed, suggestions and amendments were recommended. Another meeting will be held after adjustments have been made taking the suggestions and recommendations into account. Then the mazkirut will decide on the final version and it will be presented to the general meeting.

Yifat Assaf

**MAZKIRUT MEETING 14/6/2020**

* A request for the percentages of work positions was made in reference to the organizational structure of the kibbutz.
* Continued discussion with Va’adat Chevra where the final version will lie with the mazkirut.
* The committee investigating Adi Laviv’s resignation has completed its task. They will give their report to the mazkirtut. Adi and relevant members will be asked to attend the meeting.

**To HEADS OF BRANCHES AND THE BUDGETARY COMMITTEE**

It was decided to make adjustments to the budgets in the light of the financial period of the corona crisis. Heads of committees and branches may not draw on moneys in their accounts but wait for the new budgets for May – December 2020.

**RECYCLING**

Unfortunately, our regional council does not send the garbage to be sorted for recycling so we need to do our best at recycling our garbage.

1. Throw all cartons into the crate for this purpose.
2. Throw all plastics and disposable items into the bottle cage or the crate for plastics where there isn’t a bottle cage.
3. Bottles that have refund value should be placed in the plastic barrels where the twelfth graders collect them. All other glass items should thrown in the glass container.
4. Plastic bags go in the compartment on the bottle cage.
5. Thin cardboard boxes like egg containers, pill boxes and newspapers go in the newspaper container.
6. Electronic equipment can be placed in a container for that purpose near the drum bomb shelter opposite the basketball court.
7. Two containers for used clothing can be found near the drum bomb shelter and on the road leading up from the dining room. The clothes are sorted, those in good condition go to different causes, to the needy in Africa and the rest are sold to factories and garages as rags.

Please try to cut down on the amount of garbage, buy goods in larger packaging, cut down on the use of disposable items and reuse plastic utensils and bags.

**DOGS – MAN’S BEST FRIEND**

There are about 70 dogs on Yizre’el (a quarter of the number of members). Most of these dogs are kept under control but there are about 12 dogs that are not. As a result, we have had no other option than to enforce the rules decided upon by the committee.

Dogs which are on the loose will be photographed and their owners will receive a written warning. If the dog is photographed again the owner will be fined 100 shekel each time.

The money will be used to build a dogs’ garden and stands with plastic bags and garbage bins. We will organize lectures on training dogs and we will have children meeting dogs and dogs meeting children.

Try to understand others, and consider other,s so we will feel safe and calm.

The committee: Rinat Levi (dog owner and head of the committee, Rahel Piekarski, Maida Nechushtan (past dog owner), Ma’ayan Epstein (dog owner), Nofar Alul, Rotem Kamilian (intending to adopt a dog).

**POOL NEWS**

People have asked why the pool is open fewer hours than previous years. The budgets have been cut because of the Corona period including the pool budget. But we have changed the hours for the coming week and will change them again in July.

**21 - 26/6/20**

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| DAYS | MORNING | ATERNOON |
| Sunday | 7:00 – 10:00 |  |
| Monday - Wednesday | 7:00 – 10:00 | 14:00 – 18:00 |
| Thursday | 7:00 – 10:00 |  |
| Friday | 7:00 – 10:00 | 14:00 – 17:00 |
| Saturday | 10:00 – 18:00 |  |

Night swimming will begin in July. Temperatures are not being taken anymore. Many thanks to the volunteers who did this up till now.

**THE EVENING MEAL**

The dining room will be open in the evening on Sunday, Tuesday and Wednesday. The food will be served by those on duty together with two of the kitchen staff.

***ANNUAL BREAST EXAMINATION***

***Tuesday 30 /6/2020 from 16:00 in the clinic.***

*Please bring the reports of previous examinations (mamography, ultra sound, follow up reports, etc). Price of the examination for non Yizre’el members –* *40 shekel.*

**English is Fun - with Rahel**

**Things you probably didn't know about Australia:**

There were no hoofed animals in Australis until the Europeans arrived in 1779.

There are over 200 species of blowflies and it costs more than $200 million a year trying to control them.

90% of the animals are found nowhere else in the world.

Animals that have since been introduced and are disastrous to the economy are the rabbit, cane toad, camel, water buffalo and the dingo.

Only 24 rabbits were released in Australia in 1859 and today there are over 300 million.

Dingoes don't like water, and can't bark.

Kangaroo is an Aboriginal world meaning "don't understand". When asked by the Europeans what that strange hopping creature was, an Aboriginal man answered, "kangaroo" meaning "I don't understand." The European thought that that was its name, *and it stuck*.

Eleven of the world's top 15 most poisonous snakes live in Australia.

The most popular cat name in Puss.

The most popular gold fish name in Jaws.

The funnel web is the world's second deadliest spider. The number one winner is the banana spider found in Central and South Australia.

Australia is smaller, drier and flatter that any other inhabited continent in the world.

Aboriginals arrived in Australia 60,000 years ago.

During European settlement, approximately 160,000 convicts were sent to Australia.

You could be shipped to Australia for stealing a loaf of bread.

Australia only began to receive convicts after Britain lost its colonies in America.

Over 90% of Australia is flat, dry and arid.

The Sydney Opera House took 14 years to build and cost $102 million.

Ayers Rock (Uluru) is the biggest rock in the world.

Australia has the longest railway line in the world, the Indian Pacific, which includes a stretch of perfectly straight railway line for 478 km.

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