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**Kibbutz Yizre'el**

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**BEST WISHES to Inbal Pezaro** who has come home as a candidate for “Klitah”. She will be living in the Young Generation area till a few technical details can be arranged. Her contact people are Noami Shechter and Liora Kamillian.

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| **DEMONSTRATIONS FOR A FREE STATE EVERYWHERE**  Thousands of kibbutz members, from the most senior to the most junior, from the Arava and the Negev, up to the southern border have been demonstrating, keeping to the Corona directives, saying “Till Now”!  A record of 100 demonstrators were at our junction this week saying:  “We won’t stop until Bibi goes home”! “Enough of this corruption”! |

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| ***MANY THANKS to the SUCCOT COMMITTEE*** *who organized such a large number of events for us during Succot.*  *The committee: Sarit Laviv, Reut Shaliv. Tzofnat Mor, Bar and Shachar Levi, Michal and Yishai Levi, Einav and Itai Nagar, Einan Grosser and Alita Mor.* |

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| **THE BAR MITZVAH YEAR for the “TUT” GROUP** is on its way.  The groups of 13 (is this a coincidence?) began the year with an opening seminar. Despite the cloud of Corona they expect to keep to the program of this special year. Wishing every success!!!  The leaders: Doron Kagen, Gazit Baran Levi and Tzofnat Mor |

**MAZKIRUT MEETING on ZOOM 18.10.2020**

Information

* At the last meeting it was decided to prepare a survey of the food branch so that we can identify and map the needs of the community. Shlomo Cohen, Noga Harpaz and Yifat Assaf together with Itzik Shechter prepared a draft which will be sent to the members of the mazkirut for perusal and comments and then the survey will be sent out to the public.
* Uri Gilad, after 5 years of being in charge of those studying for their driver’s license, has asked to be relieved of this position since his daughter is part of the next group to get their licenses.

We thank Uri for fulfilling this position so quietly, thoroughly and professionally.

Anyone who is prepared to take up this task should contact Uri Gilad or Yifat Assaf.

1. **Authorized Signers for the Kibbutz Bank Account.** Our legal advisor explained that we need to appoint two authorized signers and two replacement signers who are members of the mazkirut. They will be able to sign if the principal signer is unavailable ( e.g. overseas, or due to illness). It was decided that Yifat Assaf will be one signer and her replacement will be Uri Gilad. The second signer will be Yitzchak Peleg and his replacement will be Inbal Adler.
2. **Burial and Mourning Procedures**: Today there are 175 graves in our cemetery of which 50 are of members, 125 others of parents, parents of parents, soldiers, more distant relatives and others. According to the urban building scheme there is room for about another 100 graves. The kibbutz has 300 members and about 4-5 pass away every year so that in

a few decades there won’t be enough room for the members.

The accepted practice on Yizre’el is that members, parents and children of members can be buried in our cemetery. However, there are a lot of exceptions.

In addition, the founding garin of the kibbutz has been promised the right to be buried here. We need to ensure that in the future there will be room for members to be buried here. Therefore, decisions have to be made as to who is eligible to be buried here.

A point was raised that there are different options for burial (e.g. in tiers, as in town). So this subject should also come up for discussion and decisions made.

A vote was held: Should we separate the discussions of method of burial from the discussion of who is eligible to be buried here? With a vote of 7:3 it was decided to separate the two subjects and at this stage concentrate on who is eligible to be buried here.

The mazkirut has been given a few days to reflect on the subject and at the next meeting will decide on recommendations which will be brought to the general meeting.

**ECONOMIC COUNCIL MEETING 19.10.2020**

Agenda: Approval of investment in the “Netzer” Company

Details of the deal: Partnership with the Rikor Company in the 100% purchase of the Netzer Company – 60% to Rikor and 40% to Yizre’el Holdings.

Shaul Gur opened the meeting with a short explanation of the procedures of the purchase. Ariel Brin Dolinko gave his report as well as reports from the CEOs of Netzer and Rikor.

The matter was put to the vote and approval was given: 37 for and no objections.

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| **Kibbutz Cashier**  Roza has come back to open the cashier’s office at the regular hours. The procedure: Order the sum on Roza’s WhatsApp. If there are requests for notes or coins add this to the message. Roza will prepare the money in an envelope. Come in the opening hours (with a mask) to the receive the money . Thank you Roza. 052 3756048 |

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| **One plastic bag each time!**  When going for a walk or taking the dog for a walk, take a plastic bag with you and collect rubbish on the way. This way we will keep our kibbutz clean. Tzofnat Mor |

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| **“WORTH A LOOK”**  We are getting organized for the winter season. Please keep your summer items at home and only bring winter ones.  Despite the situation, Yael Ben Shitrit and I are working hard to keep the shop going. You are all welcome. Ofra Shapira |

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| **FROM THE CLINIC VITAMIN D and the Corona**  The Health Ministry recommended taking vitamin D as a preventative measure against Corona.  Children up to the age of 18 – 600 units a day  Adults of regular weight – 800 – 1000 units  Adults who are overweight – 2000 units.  Those who are taking vitamin D for other reasons should continue.  Vitamin D is available at the clinic so you may come and pick them up.  For questions call the clinic during regular hours. |

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| **Events in the Library**  On the cupboard behind the library door, there is a book called:  “What’s Hidden Under The Moustache”. The book, in memory of Suskin, was prepared by Yifat Assaf for Suskin and Hamutal’s grandchildren. It’s worth sitting in the library and reading it.  It’s been a while since the first exhibition of “Literature in the Square”. At present, Itai Ron is preparing an exhibition on the porch of the library - “Computer Games Associated with Literature”. Mika Assaf, Ayala Gilad, Chas Broadhurst and Tal Havshush assisted him in the preparation of the exhibition. You can see the exhibition even when the library is closed. Please look after the exhibition and leave the exhibits in their place.  Reut Shaliv Levin and Shani Bauer - librarians |

**SENIORS – MEETINGS IN SMALL GROUPS**

We are continuing with this project which is changing all the time and will continue to do so due to the dictates of the situation and the wishes of the seniors. You can join a meeting but let us know in advance. You can make suggestions for meetings and you can volunteer to head one.

We thank those who organize, lead and make things happen.

1. A social meeting – coffee and cake - coordinate with Sigal Perling.
2. Trivia and other games – Mondays at 10:00 with Galia Shemi.
3. Movies on Wednesdays at 10:00 with Galia Shemi
4. Crochet – There is a group already but at the moment there are changes so we will let you know what is happening.
5. Drawing / Painting– Mondays at 9:30 with Philippa, Chas Broadhurst and Rahel Piekarski.
6. Exercise on Chairs – Thursdays at 17:30 with Michal Shaanan.
7. Creativity – Mondays at 9:30 with Michal Sadur.
8. Thai Chi – with Einan Grosser (There are two groups: Wednesdays at 18:00, Thursdays at 19:00 and will let you know about a third group).
9. Life Stories with Dina Bookman and Hamutal Assaf (a group yet to be started)
10. Home Cooking with Zohar Assaf, Rachel Baruch and Yona Eshet. – a group in the making.
11. Listening to music – a group in the making.

**GIVE IT A TRY!!! ENJOY**

Updates will be announced.

You can register by calling Inbal Adler - 058-6140561 or members of the team: Galia Shemi, Ilana Peleg, Philippa Segal, Sigal Perling, Rinat Chicorel, Danit Kirshberg, Zohar Assaf and Shlomit Fink .

**English is Fun - with Rahel**

The meaning behind the following:

JUMP ON THE BANDWAGGON

In the mid-1800's, circuses would parade around the town before setting up, with a bandwagon leading the parade. They drew large crowds and politicians started renting space on the bandwagon to get face-time with an audience.

IN THE NICK OF TIME:

Through the 18th century, businessmen often kept track of debts owed (and interest that built on loans) by carving nicks on a 'tally stick'. When someone arrived to pay off their debt before the next tick was carved, they would save that day's worth of interest – hence 'nick of time'.

BURNING THE MIDNIGHT OIL:

In a time before electricity, candlelight or lamp oil was used for lighting. When you stayed up late to work, you literally burned the lamp oil at midnight.

GET OFF YOUR HIGH HORSE:

Before cars, owning a horse was a sign of prominence, since nobility and high-ranking military officials were primarily the ones who owned them. Getting off meant to humble yourself.

MAD AS A HATTER:

In the 17th and 18th centuries, hat-makers (hatters) often went insane as a result of mercury poisoning, a side-effect of manufacturing felt hats.

DRESSED TO THE NINES:

Dressed to the nines meant that you were rich enough to literally purchase the entire nine yards of material it took to make a tailor-fit, including a vest, jacket, etc.

AT THE DROP OF A HAT:

Instead of a gunshot to indicate that a race had started, in the 1800's it was customary to drop a hat to signal the start.

CARBON COPY:

Before photocopiers were a thing, copies were made by sliding a piece of carbon paper between an original document and blank paper.

*It is also what 'cc' means in your email.*

PULL OUT ALL THE STOPS:

This originated from back when organists would literally pull the stops from every pipe on an organ in order to play at maximum volume.

INTERESTING FACTS

Q. Why do ships and aircraft use 'mayday' as a call for help?

A. This comes from the French word m'aidez – meaning 'help me', and is pronounced approximately.

Q. Why are zero scores in tennis called 'love'?

A. In France, where tennis became popular, round zero on the scoreboard looked like an egg, and was called 'l'oeuf which is French for egg. When tennis was introduced in the U.S., Americans (mis)pronounced it 'love'.

Q. Why to X's at the end of a letter signify kisses?

A. In the Middle Ages, when many people were unable to read or write, documents were often signed using an x. Kissing *the x* represented an oath to fulfil obligations specified in the document. The x and the kiss eventually became synonymous.

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