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***Kibbutz Yizre'el***

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| ***PRESENTATION OF THE NEW ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE***  ***OPEN MEETING ON THE SUBJECT***  ***Wednesday 23/3/2022 at 20:00 in the moadon***  *Everyone is invited to come and learn, ask questions, comment.*  *Background information will be sent out*  ***The team;*** *Elad Ilan, Racheli Arava, David Mittelberg, Erez Peleg, Nitzan Rivlin Feldman, Yifat Assaf* |

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| ***THE BOOK OF ESTHER – AT YIZRE’EL***  ***You are invited to attend the reading of The Book of Esther from an original scroll in traditional music***  ***Wednesday 16.3.2022 at 19:15 in our synagogue***  ***Everyone is invited***  ***Children and Adults in masks, rattles for everyone***  ***Light refreshment***  ***HAG PURIM SAMEACH*** |

***IMPORTANT NOTICE:*** Use of the kibbutz gates

During the week the gates are used for work and by members and on the weekends mainly by members and guests. When the gates are left open vehicles of all kinds can enter the kibbutz. In order to safeguard our children and grandchildren, we need to prevent these vehicles from entering and driving around the kibbutz. Members are asked to close the gates when leaving and returning – not to leave the gates wide open at any time.

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| **BOOKING ROOMS FOR PESSACH**  (in the hope that Corona will allow us to celebrate Pessach as usual)   * You can book rooms for the three festivals (New Year, Pessach and Shavuot) up to a year in advance. Bookings will close a month before the festival. * On the closing date, the rooms will be allocated so that members who did not receive a room in the last three years will receive preference over those who did receive rooms in the last three years. * You can book rooms for Pessach till 15th March. 2022. * If there are no new bookings as described above, the allocation will be made according to the date of the booking.   Bookings or cancellations: WhatsApp or [Rahel.piekarski@gmail.com](mailto:Rahel.piekarski@gmail.com) |

**GENERAL MEETING 6.3.2022**

Auditing of the Human Resources

Uri Grinberg, the interior auditor, presented the report prepared by his predecessor, Eitan Frankel. Eitan Frenkel prepared the report after Racheli had been in the position of Head of Human resources for half a year. The full report can be found on Kehilanet.

**GENERAL MEETING 7.3.2022**

1. Financial report 2022 – After a vote the report was accepted 59 for / 3 against / 2 abstentions

The report can be found on Kehilanet.

1. Nir Segal of the Nomination Committee presented the following committees:
2. Head of the Housing Committee: Aviva Beutler – 2nd term
3. Absorption Committee: Head Uri Gilad (elected), continuing for an additional term: Noami Shechter, Aviva Beutler, Nitzan Rivlin Feldman, Yishai Levi (Young Generation rep.) Sigal Hadar, Liora Kamillian, Ilan Sadur, Karen Brustein Eylon. New members to the committee: Brent Abramovitch and Tzach Sassi.
4. Nominations Committee: Nir Segal (elected), Shimrit Tzefadia (previous head of the committee continuing till the takeover), Racheli Arava Head of the Human Resources),

Continuing: Nofar Brin Dolinko, Irit Cohen, Patricia Groisman, Vicki Hollander (recently elected), Ori Eylon, New member to the committee: Anat Freidman.

1. Public representatives to the Third Age Eshkol: Anat Frieman, Bernice Kaplan.

All nominations were accepted without reservation.

1. Human Resources: Permanent Nominations team for finding long term positions: Head of Human Resources (head of the committee) – Hila Alterlevi, Ofra Shelef, Irit Shemesh, Amir Darom. The secretary will take part but will not have the right to vote and additional members will be added according to the need of the positions sought.

The team was accepted.

**THE GARAGE – KIBBUTZ YIZRE’EL**

The garage was relocated in order to make room for the technological building to be built for Maytronics.

This was an opportunity to make changes and reorganize for efficiency and expansion.

The number of areas for servicing the cars was increased, and provision made to service hybrid and electric cars. The store room for spare parts was reorganized for efficiency, accessibility and order.

With the fact that a thousand cars enter the kibbutz daily with workers from Maytronics, the potential is enormous. It is logical for the customers to place their cars in Yizre’el’s garage for service in the morning and pick it up, ready, at the end of the day.

The garage is looking to increase its staff with qualified workers in the field of electronics and sensors. The demands for service are changing significantly and there is a need to expand the knowledge of mechanics in the field.

There is a separate area for the service of tractors and agricultural equipment. The garage is working on approval to become the regional service garage.

The garage has a new logo (thanks to Revital Zelas) and a new look inside and out. When all is ready, the garage will be presented to the public.

**THE BAR MITZVAH GROUP “ELA” CONQUER MASSADA**

They started off with a visit to Nitzanim where they learnt **a**bout the battle for the kibbutz, went on to a museum in Be’er Sheva and finally to Massada where Eran Shkolnik and Moosli Arieli awaited them with all the equipment and food. They climbed Massada on the battery route and greeted the sunrise at the top. Through a variety of activities they learnt all about Massada and the history of the time. They made their way down the snake path and home.

Many thanks to Itzik Shechter, the staff of the KolBo, Eran and Moosli and of course Adi, Shimrit and the madrichim.

A GREAT TIME WAS HAD BY ALL .

**FROM EREZ’S DESK**

* Relocation of the Car Pool Office: Because part of the foundations of the Mazkirut and Accounts building have collapsed, it is necessary to carry out supervised destruction of part of the building.

The car pool office is in this dangerous part of the building and will be relocated to the old clinic building, to the room used for meetings. A small addition will be made for the computer and the car key cupboard. The meetings with Manny will take place in one of the rooms in the Building Branch.

* The Western Gate: It is prohibited by the police to use the western gate except for agricultural machines that need to reach area 1000 and for emergency vehicles. The gate can be opened by a list of limited approved users. We have noticed that this list is not so limited and privately owned cars have been entering. It seems that an app was used to break into the system thus calling the number to open the gate. This is seen as a security breach, so two weeks ago the gate was closed to all. The number to open the gate has been cancelled and now entry is through the app “palgate” for authorized numbers only.
* Gardening along the Western Road: Trees that can be moved are being replanted along the course of the new road those that cannot be replanted will be removed and the fence will be extended to its new boundaries.

In the next few weeks, sewerage pipes and electricity lines will be installed from the rugby gate to area 1004.

* Bathroom accessibility at the swimming pool: Permits for the building of accessible bathrooms and showers have been received. The building will be in the area between the two sport courts and should be ready by the beginning of the swimming season.
* Cottage area. The laying of the foundations has been completed. Next step, the beams for the floor.
* Southern Neighborhood: Plans have been presented to the Housing Ministry and are awaiting permits.
* Parents’ Neighborhood: Architect plans are in the making.
* Young Generation Neighborhood: Architect plans are in the making.
* Renovation of temporary housing: In order to cope with renovation of 7 units of housing, an additional contractor has been hired.
* New Vehicles: We have ordered 7 new vehicles (6 Hundai hybrid vehicles + 1 Hyundai i20). We are looking for a station wagon vehicle and another vehicle 4x4.
* KolBo: One of the cashier computers broke down and took a few days to be repaired. Thanks to the workers in the KolBo for their effort to continue under these conditions.
* Corona: Time to rejoice! Since Tuesday no Corona patients – especially after a record of 98 patients, all at the same time.

After two years of intensive activity, the Corona Team has taken a break.

**ENERGY – THE IN-BETWEEN SEASON BEFORE SUMMER**

Tariffs until July – August 2022

**Sunday to Thursday** Winter / Summer

High rate: 6:00 – 20:00 0.38 / 0.84 / 0.92 shekel

Medium rate: 20:00 – 22:00 0.31 / 0.50 / 0.38

Low rate: All the other hours 0.25 / 0.28 / 0.25

**Friday and Festival Eve;**

High rate: 6:00 – 20:00

Low rate: All the other hours

**Shabbat and Festivals**:

High rate: 17:00 – 21:00

Low rate: All the other hours.

**Reminder:**

Those who have a Shabbat clock for the solar boiler should adjust the timer to the lower rate.

Solar boilers will continue to work on electricity until the end of April. The reduction of the use of electricity will be gradual to the end of April.

**From the beginning of May, the solar boilers will operate off the energy of the sun.**

For those who have enough hot water, the boiler can be switched off manually. Those who need more hot water can turn the boiler on for half an hour.

DON’T FORGET TO SWITCH IT OFF.

As part of your Pessach clean up, don’t forget to clean the filters of the air conditioners and to change the direction of the fans downwards. Ceiling fans can save up to 15% of energy costs for heating / cooling.

ON FRIDAY 25TH MARCH - TURN THE CLOCKS FORWARD FOR SUMMER TIME.

Summer time will end – Sunday 30th of October 2022.

(219 days of summer).

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**What’s On in March?**

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| Date | Event | Location |
| Sunday 13.3.22 | Education Dept. Convention:  Big Band | Rosh HaEyin |
| Sunday 20.3.22 | Education Dept. Convention:  Mixed orchestra | Keshet Eylon |
| Monday 21.3.22  at 20:00 | Concertino No. 6 | Bet HaMusica |
| Sunday 27.3.22 | Performance “Ba Shir Ivri” | Bet Tzizling |

Saturday 9.4.22 – Teachers’ Concert

Pessach holidays: Wednesday 13.4.22 till Friday 22.3.22

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| ***CHILDREN’S PURIM***  ***FRIDAY 18.3.22 AT 11:30***  ***MEET ON THE CHILDREN’S COURT***  ***FROM THERE SET OUT ON A PARADE TO***  ***“THE NERD CIRCUS”***  ***ACROBATICS AND CLOWNS***  ***A COMEDY SHOW FOR ALL AGES***  ***A LIGHT LUNCH AND MORE PAMPERING*** |

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| ***PURIM FOR ADULTS***  ***FRIDAY 18.3.22 AT 22:00***  ***THE TOPIC: “SONGS”***  ***COME AND HAVE A GOOD TIME***  ***(with the hope that the police won’t come this time)*** |

**English is Fun - with Rahel**

Many years ago when I was 23, I got married to a widow who was pretty as could be.

This widow had a grown-up daughter who had hair of red. My father fell in love with her, and soon the two were wed.

This made my dad my son-in-law and changed my very life. My daughter was my mother, for she was my father's wife.

To complicate matters worse, although it brought me joy, I soon became a father of a bouncing baby boy.

My little baby then became a brother-in-law to dad, and so became my uncle though it made me very sad.

For if he was my uncle, then that also made him brother to the widow's grown-up daughter, who, of course why my step-mother.

Father's wife then had a son, who kept them on the run. For he was my daughter's son.

My wife is now my mother's mother and it makes me blue. Because, although she is my wife, she is my grandmother too.

If my wife is my grandmother, then I am her grandchild. And every time I think of it, it simply drives me wild.

FOR NOW I HAVE BECOME THE STRANGEST CASE YOU EVER SAW. AS THE HUSBAND OF MY GRANDMOTHER, I AM MY OWN GRANDPA.

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Not sure who came up with the spelling of the word "PHLEGM" but phuck thegm.

ODD JOBS:

**Killer Bee Hunter:** Your mission: Track down Africanized "killer" bees, which are migrating north from Central America, and destroy them before they can take up residence in North America.

**Chicken Shooter:** Fire dead chickens out of a cannon at aircraft to see what kind of damage occurs.

**Anthem Man:** A unique profession: King Alfonso of Spain was tone deaf, so he employed one man whose job it was to alert him when the Spanish national anthem was playing (so he would know when to salute).

**Worm Collector:** Get ready to crawl through grass at night with a flashlight, to catch the best worms for fishing. Tip: Grab them in the middle to avoid bruising.

**Armpit Sniffer:** Enough said!

**Flush Tester:** A gold star to the gallant professionals who test toilet-bowl standards by trying to flush rags down various toilets.

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