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**Kibbutz Yizre'el**

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**MAZAL TOV** to Yuval Agmon, Nevo Levi and Adi Feldman on the completion of their army service. We thank you and are proud of you.

Yuval will be working in education, Nevo in the almond branch and Adi in the dairy. We wish you all every success and look forward to meeting you on the paths of the kibbutz.

**MAYTRONICS - HELPI - IS ON ITS WAY**

Every month Maytronics will post an email giving an opportunity to register for a chance to volunteer (transporting people, lecturing, calling people in isolation etc).

**Join us and additional teams who have already started.**

Last Friday a team volunteered to renovate the apartment of a single mother in Haifa who had just undergone an operation. The team consisted of the following people: Aharoni Basus (IT), Idan Zelas, Gal Cohen and Ehud a volunteer from Haifa. After four and a half hours work, they left the apartment neat and clean, all the walls painted white, a box of food and 2 challot for Shabbat.

**Kol Hakavod to the volunteers!**

**ABSORPTION COMMITTEE**

WELCOME to Inbal Pezaro who has applied to the kibbutz for membership.

Inbal works as a consultant to rehabilitation associations for people with physical disabilities. She works four days in Haifa and one day in Tel Aviv.

Her supporting family for klita: the Tzefadia family

Contact with the Absorption Committee: Liora Kamillian and Noami Shechter.

Good luck with your absorption!

**THANKS:**

* The children and the youth leaders wish to thank Emma, Ariel, Yoav Lihi, Ma’ayan, Noa, Nitzan, Shachar, Tom and Tomas for their great help during the last month in activating the youth.
* Noga Ken Dror Shapira and family wish to thank those who sent condolences, showed concern and support on the passing of their mother.

**GUEST ROOMS:** Two of the guest rooms (a large one and a small one) are now available. Orders for the rooms through Rahel Piekarski. The two remaining rooms are being kept for Corona cases or for those in isolation.

If the need arises for more rooms , the two guest rooms will be at the disposal of the Corona Committee.

**MAZKIRUT MEETING 8/11/2020**

1. Information

So that the public representatives on the mazkirut don’t complete their term at the same time, it was suggested that the Nominations Committee select two of the new representatives to extend their term to 4 years instead of three.

1. Opening a new account with Bank Hapoalim and nominating those who will activate investment portfolio in the account. Ran presented the recommendation, questions were asked and a unanimous vote was taken.
2. Work Bonus

The work bonus is the bonus received for chaverim’s work in Maytronics. This bonus is divided into two parts. One part is for social kibbutz projects and the other is given into chaverim’s private account.

There is another source of work bonus and that is from chaverim who work outside and whose income is over 25,00 shekel. This bonus has gone into the communal income of the kibbutz.

Two proposals were put forward.

Shlomo Cohen‘s proposal: The bonuses received from chaverim who work outside are be transferred to the chaverim in order to raise the personal budgets.

Ran Lilach’s proposal: The bonus of those who work outside whose income is above X amount a month, is to be added to the bonus received from Maytronics for their work.

For Shlomo’s proposal – 1 vote. For Ran’s proposal 7 votes / 2 abstentions.

Follow up on Social projects

It was unanimously decided that social projects should be carried out within a year from when decided upon. Every project will be supervised by a person in charge who is authorized to extend the time if necessary. Funds not used will revert to the budget for the following year.

1. **Budgets after the passing of a member:**

Transfer to the Nursing Home:

When a member moves into the Nursing Home permanently, he continues to receive his personal budget. After three months the electricity and water allocations will be taken off if he lives alone. If a partner remains in the house, the water and electricity allocations will be adjusted according to the number of people living in the house.

The following proposals were accepted -

1. When a widow/widower remains after a member passes away, the widow/widower will receive a double budget for the following 6 months including the month in which the member passed. At the end of six months, the widow/widower will receive a budget and a half.
2. When a member passes away and no one is left in the house, the electricity and water will be continued in the house for 3 months and then the house will be returned to the Housing Committee.

**GENERAL MEETING ON ZOOM 9/11/2020**

1. Election of Head of the Community – Erez Peleg

A vote was taken on Kehilanet: 95 votes for / 4 votes against/

We wish Erez every success!

1. Proposal for the election of internal directors for the Holdings Directorate: Idan Zelas, Tamir Blass, and Arnon Matalon will continue for another term. Ran Cohen will join them as an additional director.

Vote on Kehilane:t 68 votes for / 22 votes against.

1. Fireplaces: After a vote on Kehilanet (51 for / 32 against) it was decided that: It is forbidden to use or install a fireplace unless it works on gas. Families who already have a diesel fuel fireplace can continue to use it. The mazkirut will decide when this decision will come into effect.

**HUMAN RESOURCES**

* Erez Peleg will begin working immediately. For the first two months he will be working 60% of the time – Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays then he will be working full time.
* In December there will be a seminar for the heads of the service branches. The aim of the seminar is to consolidate the leadership with emphasis on challenges of the Corona period.
* Changes in work places: Dental Clinic – Zahava Rozillio will receive extra hours in the clinic since Daliya Shedmi’s leaving.
* Rotem Kamillian has left the food branch and has joined the informal education team.
* Adi Laviv has begun working in updating the data system of the food branch.

**CHANUKAH LAMPS**

Those interested in receiving a Chanukah lamp kit which includes a Chanukah lamp, brushes and paints to make their own special Chanukah lamp at home, should contact **Ziv Ben Bassat**.

When your lamp is ready, she will collect it and complete the process by glazing and firing it.

Price of the kit: 120 shekel or you can receive a ready made one for 99 shekel.

CHAG SAMEACH TO ALL!

**English is Fun - with Rahel**

**Amazing Luck**:

**My Fortune for a Kiss**:

Hauled before a Melbourne court in 1907 for hugging and kissing spinster Hazel Moore when she entered his shop, young Michael Connor defended himself by claiming it had been a lovely spring day and he was in high spirits. He had to serve a few months for breach of peace. So imagine his amazement 10 years later when an attorney representing Miss Moore's estate gave him her bequest of $20,000. She left him the fortune in memory of the only kiss she had received from a man in her adult life.

**Train kept a-rolling:**

Participants in this tale of survival still can't believe it really happened. Thrown through the steel roof of his car in a head-on collision, a Denver man landed 30 metres away on railroad tracks, directly in the path of a speeding train. Too late to brake before passing over the body, the engineer stopped as fast as he could, and rushed back to the spot, certain he had killed the man. What he found was a man limping, shaken, but very much alive.

His only injury was the broken leg he suffered in the car collision.

**Amazing Lottery Winners:**

Randy Halverson was one of 14 employees to share a $3.4 million jackpot in 1988. The Iowa resident then won $7.2 million with his brother in 1990.

In Wisconsin, Donald Smith of Amherst has won the state's SuperCash game three times. On May 25, 1993, June 17, 1994 and July 30, 1995. He won $250,000 each time. The odds of winning the SuperCash game just once, are nearly one in a million.

Joseph P. Cowley won $3 million in the Ohio lottery in 1987. Six years later, he retired to Boca Raton, Florida, and played the Florida Lotto on Christmas Day, 1993. He won $20 million.

**Bless the Torpedoes:**

A charmed life. That describes the experience of seaman Roy Dokkers during World War II. Sealed in a compartment when a German torpedo struck his tanker, he was freed by a second torpedo explosion. Racing on deck he found the sea around the floundering vessel ablaze with oil fires. He never had to make the fateful decision whether to stay on the sinking ship or risk the fiery sea.

*A third torpedo blew him far from the scene, beyond the oil slick. Landing near a floating raft, he crawled aboard and was found by a Norwegian freighter three days later.*

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