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Kibbutz Yizrael

Edi-torial: Shabbat Shalom to all our readers. You just have to read the articles in the Yizraelite to understand just how intensely the Seventh of October effects our daily lives. We all feel guilty if we enjoy ourselves. We feel it is our duty to keep the hostages and their poor families constantly in our thoughts. Bibi, do you really sleep easy? I know I don't. You must be super-human... or not a human at all!!!! Which one is it? Doesn't the death of so many young lives press on your conscience? Do you have a conscience? Shabbat Shalom

Community Management Meeting

Sunday, 8/6/25, 17:30 in the Moadon

Agenda:

1. Rediscussing the Budget for protest headquarters activities –
(Invited: Security Committee)
2. Public space usage procedure.

Assefa + Economic Council

Monday, 9/6/25, 20:00

Assembly Agenda:

1. Selection Committee Nominations:

1. **Housing Committee:** Ben Kirshberg, Dalia Abadi, Hila Alterlevi, Neta Cohen, Natasha Tchernichovsky, Rotem Agmon. (Noga Harpaz will remain on the committee for the next three months to support Nitzan Kamilian, the newly elected committee coordinator - Ed)
2. **Young Generation Committee:** The committee proposes to extend the term for David Beutler, Monika Brustein, and suggests adding new members: Eyal Sharoni, Yarden Naor, Tzachi Tzafadia, Lotem Cohen.
3. **Vehicle Committee:** The committee proposes to extend the term for Oscar Groisman, Lilach Harpaz, Shai Hadar.
4. **Outside Workers Management:** As public representatives, Peter Pezaro and as outside workers representative, Sagit Beutler.
5. **Culture Committee:** Daniel Assaf, Yaniv Lifshitz, Pnina Habshush, Shachaf Sassi, Sheli Edelstein, Sarit Laviv.

2. **Economic Council:** Candidates for public representatives – Avner Alterlevi, Gil Hillel, Sigal Hadar, Peter Pezaro, Rafi Baum, Shimon Zelas.

The election of the candidates for the Economic Council will take place at the ballot box.

From the list, 4 candidates will be selected.

6. Presentation of the Education System Audit Report (Guest: Uri Greenberg, Internal Auditor)

Economic Council Agenda

Approval of Investment Policy



Shavuot Thank-Yous

One the eve of Shavuot we were treated to a lavish meal, and an enjoyable agricultural amusement park... all homemade — because why bring things from outside when there's a kibbutz here? The Bringing of the First Fruits ceremony concluded with loud cheers from the enthusiastic crowd and the emotional “Dance of the Tractors”. (See the Drone-eye view Video on Kehilanet - Ed)



Photo – Chazz Broadhurst

Thanks to:

The creators of the Agricultural Odyssey — an engineering project built with hammer, nail, and a sea of determination

The festive café operators — catered by the kitchen team and supplied by the Kolbo.

To the operators of the creativity and tie-dye stations

To those involved in advertising the festival.

To the builders and dismantlers of the mobile stage — thank you for your super professional work, patience, muscles, and precision with every screw!

First Fruits Ceremony — written with talent, decorated with love, placed with magic — on time and in front of an enthusiastic crowd.

Thanks to the **scriptwriters and presenters**

Dancers of all ages, tractor drivers and first fruits deliverers

To the excellent sound team

To the organizers and volunteers — many thanks for every helping hand. And to all the appreciative audience who enjoyed and shared our excitement.

The **Shavuot team** has been working together for several years. This year, the team was blessed with the help of a wonderful youth group, who were very diligent and reliable and took a very significant part throughout the holiday. We are proud and grateful to you! ♥

The holiday has passed, the tractors have been washed, and the cake has been devoured, but the memories remain!

Happy Shavuot to us all — and see you next year, with fresh ears of grain, delicious cakes, and all our brothers and sisters having returned home (NOW!).

Shavuot 2025 Team: Eviatar Assaf, Navot Assaf, Yotam Assaf, Avishag Sharoni, Hadar and Tamir Lavi, Itzik Nisani, David Serano, Doron Kagan, Ido Sharoni, Oren Blass, Alma Brauman, Goni Lifshitz, Doron Elul, Yotam Darom, Yuval Agmon, Ariel Sadur, Lia Axelrod, Omer Griman, Michal Zinenko, Reut Mor, Tima Ba'or, Ofri and Adva from Commune Z' and Uri Gilad.



The Dance of the Tractors – Bird's eye view

YouTube link for the Drone-view of the Dance of the tractors:

https://youtu.be/PiTggtB1GVk?si=4hNzv-_kTx0Kg_vb&OPENNEWBROWSER=1

Greetings and Readings from the Bikkurim Festival Ceremony

Welcome to all the participants of the 77th Shavuot Festival here on Yizrael. Once again, like all the holidays since October 7th, this festival is different from what we knew before. Our country is going through a difficult time. The fighting continues, and fifty-eight hostages remain in enemy captivity — They have been there over 600 days now.

Even today, and especially today, we do not forget the fields that were damaged and burned, the ongoing harm to Israeli agriculture, and the resilience of rural settlements. Fortunately, our agriculture on Yizrael still thrives and fills us with great pride. During today's ceremony, we aim to express our hope and optimism for better days — days of peace and renewed growth for the southern and northern communities. Children will return to their homes, farmers to their fields, and that all the hostages will quickly return to their families. (Let it be)

*"The battlefield will turn into wheat fields,
Seeds of hope will sprout, reaching great heights,
The battlefield will turn into wheat fields,
Beautiful people will continue to dance across the plains,
Here, more books will be written,
And thousands of poppies will cover the years..." (Assi Stav)*

To the sound of this song, dancers will rise and perform —
They have been performing at this festival for several years now,
Symbolizing the eternal connection
Between man and the land, between the past and the future.
Here, a spirit of great friendship and unity rises and grows —
Between man and man, between people and machines.
Another year, dedicated to our brothers and sisters —
The hostages there.
Notice how the dancing machines
Create a symbol of the hostages on both sides of the stage.
And in the centre the yellow chair stands silent —
Shouting for everyone to come home already!
The ploughing continues, and we hope it never ends —
With goodness, unity, similarity, and acceptance of the different.
We will continue to rejoice in our part, create, and be inspired.
And we will meet again next year at the Bikkurim ceremony on Yizrael!
With a prayer from us all
That everyone will return home now!

Written by Yifat Assaf



What's Happening in the Livestock Sector – Shavuot 2025

Written by Uri Horvitz, Sector Manager. Read by Idan Zelas (C.E.O. Yizrael Holdings)

The Yizrael Dairy Farm has grown over the past year to a quota of 8.1 million litres of milk. This year, we entered into a partnership with Kibbutz Maoz Haim. We completed the construction of new sheds as well as renovation of the milking parlour. As of today, we are milking 600 cows, raising 400 calves for milk production, and 150 calves for market.



The dairy farm team includes 4 kibbutz members—two of whom, Ken Phillips and Milton Kaplan, are “retirees”.

There are two youth service members, five teenagers, five Thai workers, and additional employees in various roles.

The dairy team works around the clock, committed to caring for the cows every day of the year, 24/7. I want to thank the team for their dedication. Our economic results are excellent, and that wouldn't be possible without the team's commitment.

Hoping we will continue to succeed!

In celebration of the Dairy Foods Festival, the Dairy Sector Team wishes everyone at Yizrael a Happy Holiday.



What's Happening in the Horticulture Branch – Shavuot 2025

Written by Ohad Ziv, Sector Manager

The Horticulture branch is celebrating a year of

unification between the orchard and field crops. In total, we cultivate about 6,150 dunams, including double cropping.

The team consists of kibbutz members and teenagers, strengthened by several employees and Thai workers. The variety of crops is very broad: onions, broccoli, cauliflower, cilantro, parsley, dill, garlic, carrots, wheat, corn for eating and for cattle feed, chickpeas, watermelons for consumption, cotton, and more.

Due to a severe lack of rainfall this year, the wheat yields were significantly impacted. However, results in other crops are quite good. We are definitely optimistic regarding the branch's profit by the end of 2025.

Happy holidays and best wishes from the Yizrael Horticulture branch.

Maytronics' Blessing for the Bikkurim Festival – Written by Idan Zelas, Yizrael Holdings C.E.O.



During Shavuot, we celebrate the fruit of labour — the harvest of hard work, perseverance and partnership. Maytronics is a source of pride. It is a lively and innovative expression of this spirit.

The past year was not easy — increasing global competition brought challenges that affected sales and profits.

But even during such times, it's important to remember that Maytronics still leads the global market in robotic pool cleaners and continues to demonstrate stability, creativity and responsibility. In 2025, we will launch a new series of products — the result of long-term thinking, research, development

and faith in our path.

This company is not just an economic engine — it's a symbol of the dream that can be realized, even from a small kibbutz. Behind every robot are people — workers, engineers, managers — who dream, think, and create.

This Bikkurim holiday, we salute you. And we hope that next year, we will all see these fruits grow and ripen in abundance.

Happy Shavuot!



Delving into the Archives

On Monday, as every year, we held the Bikkurim Festival. For many years, Michal Sadur, of blessed memory, coordinated the festival team and organized the holiday ceremonies and events. Shavuot is a holiday connected to agriculture and nature. Michal imparted to generations of Yizrael children a love for the land and a passion for nature. Through the children, she also instilled this love for nature in their parents, including those among us who are immigrants and did not grow up in and on the Land of Israel.



When they were still in kindergarten,

my own children taught me the names

of wildflowers

and what can be gleaned from the land. Jules Feldman

H.R. Updates

1. Update Regarding Job Search and Staffing in the Community

- **Year of Service Management:** Daniel Heims-Assaf will replace Nachem Levin starting from the upcoming school year after a handover period. Daniel will work at 80% of a full-time position, and Uri Ayalon will work alongside her at 20%.

- **Classes Aleph - Gimmel Tlaton Summary:** As Maya Weisman finishes her term at the end of the summer vacation, we are looking for her replacement. A call for applications has been issued on the Kehilanet with the job description and requirements.

- **Music House Administration:** A candidate from outside the kibbutz has been accepted to replace Dana Alster.

2. Maytronics needs production workers and forklift operators at the main factory on the kibbutz!

We would be very happy to hear from anyone currently between jobs, after military/national service, or after a long trip... even for a short period of a few months. Feel free to also recommend relatives, friends, and acquaintances living in the area.

Kinneret Govrin – HR



Update by Yossi Abadi following an article published in "Kibbutz Time"

"Does Social Seniority in a Cooperative Kibbutz Have Legal Validity?"

"Kibbutz Time", Issue 22, B' Sivan 5785

I would like to update you that, following the publication of the critique I wrote on seniority in a cooperative kibbutz in the newspaper "Kibbutz Time," I received many responses—most of them warm, insightful and touching from fellow kibbutz members. Is it possible that a kibbutz member with forty or fifty years of participation is not entitled to formal recognition of his seniority?

I am working to promote a legislative amendment on this matter, with the aim of establishing a clear, equitable, and legal regulation of the seniority issue—an issue that currently lacks explicit grounding in a command, regulation, or bylaws.

My colleagues and I are voluntarily preparing a detailed document based on legal findings and the accumulated life experience of veteran members. This will be directed to the Ministry of Justice and decision-makers.

Best regards,
Yossi Abadi

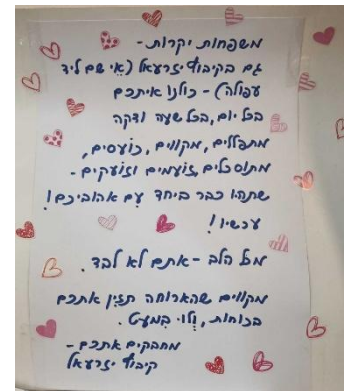
Updates from the Yizrael Protest Headquarters

In recent weeks, we have participated in several initiatives to raise awareness about the hostages and their presence in the public and personal spheres.

Dinner for the Families of the Hostages and the Returned

On Saturday, 24/5/25, we volunteered to prepare a dinner for the families of the hostages and the returned, who gather in the designated family room at Beit Ariella, near the Hostages Square. The families come there for various meetings, especially on Saturday before and after the weekly rally at the square. At the end of the rally, dinner is served for the families, organized each week by a different group of volunteers.

More than 50 participants from Yizrael volunteered to prepare a homemade meal for the families of the hostages, thereby showing our support. Thank you all very much, it is truly very moving. We also added a letter from all of us to emphasize our support for the families and our commitment to the fight to bring everyone back — now! (See picture on the Right)



The 600th Day

Last week, we marked with sadness the 600th day of captivity of our 58 brothers and sisters held by Hamas.

To mark the day, three friends initiated demonstrations across the country in squares and other sites. Thousands of citizens responded to the call, went out at 6:29 AM, and created the hostage symbol, from Ortal in the Golan to Eilat.

On Wednesday, 28.5.25, at 6:00 AM, more than 300 people gathered at the Kfar Yehezkel-Gidona intersection, with a remarkable presence of over 30 people from Yizrael. At this local demonstration—one of dozens across the country—we held yellow flags and created the hostage symbol, so that the hostages and their families would know: we are here for them — we do not forget, we do not give up!

Over 200 sites and countless citizens participated in this moving initiative, and we all hope to hear good news soon and for everyone to be returned home!

You are invited to scan the barcode or visit Jezebel Productions' YouTube channel to watch the full video (with almost all sites), edited by Tzufnat Mor — it's a bit long, after all, with 235 sites included...

<https://youtu.be/MqHtXSXkCgs?si=CVVfGO6XCcPdk1uu>

We are waiting for everyone at home! 🕊

Written by: Alita Mor

Impressions from a Demonstration in London – Milton Kaplan

I just returned from a visit to my daughter Sigal in London. The question I am always asked is: "How are Sigal and the children?" What they really want to know is: "What is the situation of Jews and Israelis in London?" It's a somewhat complex issue. In day-to-day life, you don't feel anything. You don't notice the antagonism of the population, (including Muslims), against Israel.

The impact of Muslims in London is felt by everyone: Muslims have a presence in London—there's no place you can go, whether it's a street or park, without encountering Muslims there. And you know this because many women wear veils that cover almost everything—except their eyes. There's no doubt, they have no intention of integrating into the local culture. They strongly want their own schools, to study the principles of Sharia law.



Regarding Jews, there are neighbourhoods where many Jews live. For example, Golders Green. Every time I was there, I felt comfortable. It was easy for me to identify Jewish people, because of the religious appearance—women with head coverings and boys dressed in black and white. I didn't feel any fear. That doesn't mean there's no anti-Semitism in London. Every Jewish institution—synagogues nursery, school—is under police protection with armed guards. Sometimes you're driving and suddenly you see armed security, and that's how you know there's a Jewish institution there. (In London, Jews, like Catholics, have established their own schools. Many Jews send their children to private schools. Jewish schools are under the jurisdiction of the national authorities).

The headlines are often about large demonstrations in London. Usually, they take place on Saturdays, so of course many Jews are in synagogue services then, and they don't feel it. But it significantly affects the atmosphere in London in the area of the Parliament and surrounding areas. These demonstrations are not necessarily against Jews but against Israel, aimed at pressuring the British government to oppose Israel. In that sense, they are successful.

During my last visit, I attended one of these protests. The demonstrators are usually attended by a large majority of Muslims who come not only from London. Buses arrive from various places around London bringing protesters. Many leftists also participate, such as Jeremy Corbyn and far-left groups like "Jews for Palestine."

The demonstration I attended was a week after Independence Day, and it was essentially to mark the 77th anniversary of the Nakba. There were many people—certainly over five hundred thousand. Opposite them was a protest by Israelis and British Jews, to counter and celebrate 77 years of Israeli independence. Of course, we weren't as many as them, but we had many flags, music, and slogans that were very effective. Many speakers also participated: Colonel Richard Kemp—who was a commander in Afghanistan and has long spoken about how the IDF is a moral army. Another speaker was Nor Dahi, a devout Muslim who believes that the State of Israel belongs to the Jews. Natasha Hossdorf—a very famous international lawyer—helps in various forums like the UN. She appears before the British government, and I was very happy to be at this demonstration with such people. Milton Kaplan.



Did you know? – Yitzchak Peleg

- * Over the course of a person's lifetime, they produce about 27,000 litres of saliva.
 - * The snoring sound of an average person can reach up to 69 decibels.
 - * The fastest speed achieved by a golf ball during play is 192 km/h.
 - * When Coca-Cola was first created, it was green in colour.
- Message: Yitzhak



Chag HaMeshek

Yizrael 77 Years Young

Just around the corner!

8/9 August 2025

This is your chance to influence plans for the event!

If you have any ideas ... or simply want to participate

Please enlist on the notice board or talk to me

Yifat Segel



Beacon on the Hill

Activity schedule from June 8 to June 13, 2025

Every day from 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM: Coffee, cake, conversation, and board games

Day and Date | Activity

Sunday 8.6.25

9:10 AM - Zoom Dorot B'Gilboa: Affairs and Course Summary with Dr. Moshe Elad

Monday 9.6.25

9:00 AM - Sweet from the Oven with Monika and Noa

8:00 AM - Pedicure with Limor Moalem – appointment required

10:00 AM - Thinking Games and Trivia with Galia Shemi

6:45 PM - Musical Experience with Stass Gavrillov

Tuesday 10.6.25

9:00 AM - Holistic Treatment with Shulamit Fink – coordinate arrival with Shulamit

9:00 AM - Non-walking Trip to Kfar Kama

Wednesday 11.6.25

9:30 AM – Lecture with Rochela Matalon

10:00-12:00 PM - Open Ceramic Room guided by Mickey Touiz

Thursday 12.6.25

9:30 AM - Woodcraft with Noga Harpaz

9:30 AM - Flora

10:00 AM - Movie with Galia Shemi

5:15 PM - Chair Exercises with Michal Shaanan

ENGLISH IS FUN with Rahel

HOW MANY OF THESE WORDS DO YOU KNOW?

AGOG - very eager or curious to hear or see something

BUMFUZZLE - to confuse or fluster

CACOPHONY - a harsh, discordant mixture of sounds

CATTYWAMPUS – askew or awry

COLLYWOBBLES – a feeling of anxiety or an upset stomach

DEFENESTRATION – the act of throwing someone out of a window

DISCOMBOBULATE – to confuse or disconcert

DOODLE SACK – an old word for a bagpipe

FLIBBERTIGIBBET - a frivolous, flighty or excessively talkative person

GARDYLOO – a warning shouted before throwing waste from above (historical)

GOBBLEDYGOOK – language that is meaningless or hard to understand

HULLABALOO – a commotion or fuss

IMPIGNORATE – to pawn or mortgage something

JIGGERY-POKERY – deceitful or dishonest behaviour

KERFUFFLE – a commotion or fuss

LIMERENCE – the state of being infatuated with another person

LOLLYGAG – to dawdle or be slow

MALARKY – nonsense

MUMPSIMUS – a stubborn person who keeps making a known mistake

NUDIUSTERTIAN – relating to the day before yesterday

OXTER – an armpit (chiefly Scottish/Irish English)

PANDICULATION – the act of stretching and yawning

QUIRE – two dozen sheets of paper

RATOON – a small shoot growing from the root of a plant

SIALOQUENT – spitting while speaking

SKEDADDLE – to run away quickly

SNOLLYGOSTER – A shrewd, unprincipled person (especially in politics)

SUSURRUS – whispering, murmuring or rustling

TITTYNOPE – a small quantity of something left over (like a few grains of rice)

ULOTRICHOUS – having woolly or tightly curled hair

ULTRACREPIDARIAN – someone who speaks on things they don't understand

WAMBLE – stomach rumbling or a feeling of nausea

WIDDERSHINS – counterclockwise or in the wrong direction

XERTZ – to gulp down something quickly and greedily

ZUGZWANG – a situation in chess where every possible move is a bad one

ZENZIZENZIZENIC – the eighth power of a number (obsolete math term)

.....more next week

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