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Kibbutz Yizrael

Editorial

Gideon Hausner, Eichmann Trial, 1961): “When I stand before you here, Judges of Israel, to lead the Prosecution of Adolf Eichmann, I am not standing alone. With me are six million accusers. But they cannot rise to their feet and point an accusing finger towards him who sits in the dock and cry: “I accuse.” For their ashes are piled up on the hills of Auschwitz and the fields of Treblinka, and are strewn in the forests of Poland. Their graves are scattered throughout the length and breadth of Europe. Their blood cries out, but their voice is not heard. Therefore, I will be their spokesman and in their name I will unfold the awesome indictment.” Gideon Hausner, Eichmann Trial, 1961).

The heart of the nation was shivering as Hausner spoke out his opening address in the historical, unforgettable, eternal trial, placed firmly forever in the pages of history. At that moment, every Jew felt immense identification with the prosecutor. For he was not speaking on behalf of the victims alone, but also on behalf of every single Jew and every single man and woman who are moral and humane. His fierce and profound speech was the voice of justice, moral and the image of God in man, spoken against the man in the glass booth, representing the pure evil of the Nazi diabolic monster, the worst evil ever in human history.”

Hausner carried his speech for two days. It was broadcast live over the radio.

Hausner’s historical, powerful words caused thousands of holocaust survivors to recall the horrors they had overcome, after years of repressing their loss, pain and hunger. The speech also illustrated to the younger generation the scale of the holocaust atrocities.

The next day, when Hausner was done with his opening address, the people of Israel – despite their great sorrow and pain – went out celebrating the 13th Independence Day.



**Maya and Chanan Shaliv,
Almost every morning they go out with flags.**

Photo: Yaniv Shapira

Please note!

**Next week, the newsletter will not be published.
The next newsletter is scheduled to be published on 9/5/25**



Rut Mor Thanks Yifat Segel and Shimrit Meir

This year, I wasn't sure I could handle the logistics of Passover! Yifat Segel, in her quiet way, with two or three phone calls, got the wheels turning... and then she introduced me to Shimrit Meir, a lovely woman who came to us at the outbreak of the war with her family and is in the absorption process. She reassured me and accompanied me, until the beginning of Passover. Without the help of these two amazing women, I wouldn't have made it to the end of the journey safely.

Ruth Mor



Instead of Spring Flowers... **Yifat Segel thanks Rut Mor.... and More**

The preparations for Passover met me with a lot of confusion and uncertainty: What are the tasks, what is required, how do I start, and why the heck didn't I go on a long vacation before...?

Fortunately for me, I met quite a few people who understood my question marks and offered a helping hand.

And to you, my thanks:

- Adi Goldstein Ilan, Shimrit Levi, Stas, and Shlomo Cohen, who took it upon themselves to be the calm, experienced, and most importantly, smiling Passover team.
- Ruth Mor, Nitsa, and Idit Halevi — "The Memory" of a long-standing Yizraeli tradition of the Passover Seder. I learned quite a bit from you.
- To everyone who lent a hand in hanging the traditional Passover decorations on the walls and the floral arrangements from the ceiling with the kind help of the Decorations and Urban Renewal team.
- To Revital and Amit Zelas — who prepared a lovely announcement on the notice board.
- To the Food and Kolbo team — for the cooperation and patience with our chaos.

Thanks to all the many volunteers who came to assist with every small and big request throughout the holiday. You are a very important reminder that "Together, we are stronger" — you made me so happy. I hope that next Passover we will celebrate with our brothers home from captivity, and then it will truly be the freedom festival. Yifat Segel. Culture Cluster



Community Management Meeting

Monday, 28/04/2025 at 17:00

In the large conference room

Agenda:

1. Appeal by Esther Ben Basat regarding the decision on seniority (Vetek) for housing. Invited: Attorney Omer Cohen, Esther and Rafi Ben Basat, Yifat Asaf, Yitzhak Peleg, Yishai Levy, Aviva Boitler, Ranit Levy, Stas Gavrilov, Tzach and Shachaf Sassi
2. Election of a Management Committee representative on the Reserve Fund Committee
3. Approval of the investment policy change, based on the recommendation of the Finance Committee
4. Update on the Facebook lawsuit, and approval to provide information

Jeremy Perling

Asefa - General Assembly

Monday, 28/4/25, 20:00

Agenda:

- **Appointment of committees:**

- - Nitzan Kamilian to lead the Housing Committee
- Shlomo Cohen for an additional term as Chair of the Assembly
- Rafi Baum for an additional term as a public representative on the Construction Management (Minhelet Binyan)
- Social Involvement Committee - Adi Goldstein Ilan as coordinator, Oren Broadhurst, Gazit Levy, Yifat Asaf, Nitzan Rivlin Feldman and Tzafnat Mor, as members of the committee.

- **2. Demographic Plan 2030**

(Background material on Kehilanet)

Limor Griman



Mimouna Thank-Yous – Shlomo Cohen



There is an old joke: How many people does it take to replace one light bulb?

And here is our version: How many people does it take to replace one Boitler who dared to travel abroad specifically during the Mimouna celebrations?

In the kitchen alone, four people worked continuously all day, trying to replace just one person. And in the dining hall – another four were needed to provide the laughter, joy and energy.

All the recipes were written down, all the instructions clear, and the community volunteered wholeheartedly, yet – I admit – it was hard without you, David. So, if possible, next time – take a vacation during a different holiday...

A huge thank you to Yifat Segal, who organized the celebration without a budget, without toranim, and without roots from Morocco – only with a big heart and a creative mind.

Thanks to Itzik Schechter and Adi Laviv, for their precise hands, sharp eyes and the experience that helped us make the right decisions.

Thanks to the kitchen and dining hall staff, who endured us getting in the way and tidied up after us on Sunday.

Thanks to Oren Broadhurst, Eli Friedman, and Doron Kagan – the trio that, together with me, tried to step into huge shoes.

A special thanks to Mavis Kaplan, who worked quietly and zealously, lending a hand wherever needed, and to Ilana Peleg, who volunteers every year to roll, flatten, and cut.

Diligent work was done by Dotan Savir, Dagan Meir, and Eran Shkolnik

It's impossible to count how many utensils we dirtied. Thanks to Genady Axelrod, Uri Gilead, and Amir Darom for working in the dishwasher. And thanks to Ben Kirshberg, who understood that it's better to start washing the trays early.

Warm thanks to all the volunteers who came, cut, arranged, and returned – especially Stas Gavrilov. Helping him were Shimrit Meir, Nov Cohen, and Margalit Levi.

Shimrit stood with Avishag Sharoni at the Belgian waffle station all evening. It is well known that waffles originally come from Morocco, near Belgium.

Thanks to Talia Arad, who made sure that everything was neat and tidy and the trays full.

There were entire families who volunteered to roll the dough.

It was fun to be part of this effort.

Young Matan Friedman coated five hundred salted sesame cookies on his own.

And if I forgot to mention someone specifically – I apologize in advance.

Several members asked me during the holiday evening: “Why aren’t there duty toranim for Mimouna?”

I laughed and answered: look how many people are waiting in line to volunteer.

May you be blessed and nourished!

Shlomo Cohen.



Summary of Joint Meeting of the Community Management and the Management Committee -20.4.25

Participants:

Community Management – Ilana Peleg, Erez Peleg, Yifat Segal, Ishi Levy, Limor Griman, Maor Persai, Stas Gavrilov, Shlomo Levy, Tamir Blass.

Management Committee – Eviatar Asaf, Uri Gilad, Elad Ilan, Jeremy Perling, Doron Kagan, Idan Zelas, Inbal Pezaro.

Agenda:

1. Information and Miscellaneous

Members of the kibbutz management sometimes participate in personal discussions related to private matters. It is expected that management members will attend discussions free from external influences and without preconceived ideas. It is mandatory that what is said in these discussions

remains within the meeting room, and all participants are required to maintain confidentiality. Information about discussions and decisions will only be shared through the publication of meeting summaries.

2. **Presentation of a Demographic Plan** (Guests: Jules Feldman, Nitzan Rivlin-Feldman, Ophir Griman)

Ishai Levy, head of the Cluster, presented to the community management and the management committee, the demographic analysis and the absorption plan until 2030.

Questions were asked, and comments were made regarding the content, the method of data analysis, and the defined goals.

The plan will be submitted for approval at the general assembly next week – April 28, 2025.

Since the plan is lengthy and very detailed, it was proposed that it be sent in full as background material for the assembly, allowing members enough time to review it. During the assembly, the main points of the demographic analysis and the focus on the absorption plan will be presented. (I will not be translating the 33-page document.... Sorry – Ed)

3. **Update on Absorption Fees** – The discussion on this item was held without the participation of the management committee members.

Background: In 2021, a decision was made at the assembly regarding the amount of absorption fees charged to newcomers to the kibbutz. As part of the decision, it was stated that the absorption fees would be calculated taking into account the change in the money index starting from the beginning of 2021.

In practice, over the past four years, the Absorption Committee did not implement the index adjustment—due to an oversight, not a deliberate decision. Now, a correction is needed.

All families already in the absorption process have signed an "Absorption Agreement" with the kibbutz, which states the amount of the absorption fee without the index adjustment from 2021. For these families, the amount will remain as specified in their signed contract, and it is understood that it cannot and should not be changed now.

The correction will be made for all families currently in the selection process for absorption in 2026, who have not yet received a final decision regarding their absorption, and who were informed this week about the change in absorption fees and the implementation of the assembly decision that the amounts will be linked to the index starting from 2021.

The issue raised for discussion concerns the amount of the absorption fee for families expected to arrive in 2025, for whom an oral estimate of the fee without the index adjustment has already been given, and a general agreement on the conditions under which they will begin absorption in the

kibbutz has been reached.

The gap between the agreed-upon fees with the three families and the fees with the index adjustment is approximately ₪150,000.

Additionally, the financial assessment conducted by BDO Institute examined the families' ability to pay the absorption fees without the index adjustment, as these were the amounts transferred to the institute and the families by the Absorption Committee.

In the discussion:

- The amount is significant and not negligible.
- The reputational damage to the kibbutz and its relationship with the families moving in could be high if the previous agreement is changed.
- Two of the three families are evacuees from the Gaza envelope and are already facing difficulties in realizing their assets; it would be inappropriate to add more hardship.

Decision:

For the three families beginning absorption in 2025, the absorption fee will be as initially communicated to them, without the index adjustment from 2021.

Reported by: Liron Griman



From the Health and Welfare Cluster

New in Kehilanet

Health and Welfare Rights – Accessible and Convenient Edition

The content of the "Health and Welfare Bundle" remains as it was, but we wanted to create a document that is visually pleasant and user-friendly.

The main change is the ability to click on the desired topic in the content index to navigate directly to it.

I sincerely thank Tze'ela Baran Skolnick for her professionalism and patience in editing the document.

You can find the Health Basket Bundle (Ogdan) on Kehilanet, under "Regulations and Procedures", in the Health and Welfare Cluster tab.

Talia Arad

PARTNERSHIP HOUSE

- All rooms can be booked a year in advance.
- For the three main festivals, Rosh Hashana, Pesach and Shavuot, bookings will close one month before the festival.
- On the closing date bookings will be finalized, giving preference to those chaverim who have not received a room for the previous three years.
- Subsequently, if needed, bookings will be allocated according to the date of the booking.
- **Bookings for SHAVUOT will close on May 8, 2025**
- Price: double room NIS 185, single room NS 120
- Check in: 16.00

Check out: 11.00

Monica Brustein
Rahel Piekarski



Musical Education



A collaborative and inclusive approach to music education under the auspices of Gal Peleg-Witelson

As part of my role as a lecturer at the Levinsky-Wingate Academic Centre, at the beginning of this month, I set out with a delegation of lecturers and researchers for a unique project called *Inclusive Music Education: Fostering Equity and Accessibility*. This project is funded by the Regional Cooperation Ministry and aims to share knowledge and learn from leading experts in music education from Greece, Cyprus, and Israel.

Why is inclusive music education important?

Equality and inclusion in music education are vital components in creating an accessible educational environment for everyone, including students with special needs and students from marginalized communities. Promoting inclusive music education is crucial for fostering social change and social responsibility among educators.

The project includes:

- International peer learning on practices for cognitive, motor, cultural and pedagogical accessibility in music education and music therapy.

Project goals:

1. To improve and implement knowledge and skills in inclusive music education among academic staff from participating institutions—Nicosia University, Athens University, and the Lewinsky-Wingate Academic Centre.
2. To provide professional development workshops for music teachers, emphasizing adaptive teaching methods and best strategies for musical accessibility.
3. To collaborate with NGOs to create resources and initiatives that promote inclusive musical activities.

The first meeting took place earlier this month at a university in Cyprus, where all leading lecturers and researchers involved in the project gathered.

Israeli contributions included innovative approaches to accessible music education:

- *The Multicultural Piano*, invented by Dr. Ronen Shapira—a tactile acoustic piano that can be transformed, using special tools, into a multicultural instrument playing quarter tones, percussion, and various effects, enabling anyone—even without piano experience—to play.
- *Arkana* (ARCANA)—a unique musical instrument designed for people with physical disabilities, allowing them to play and accompany songs. This is an Israeli start-up presented by a representative the company by the name of "Tav Mashveh".

As a representative of Israel in the global organization Delcroze (focused on music education), I also conducted a workshop on improvisation in movement for the expert team. The workshop was successful, and the collaboration will continue at our college and later at the University of Athens.

I am proud to represent us and happy to be part of such a regional collaboration, making music accessible to diverse populations.

Gal Peleg-Witelson

Yizrael Library

New English Books in the Library

A History of the World in 6 Glasses / Tom Standage

The Dressmaker's Secret / Lorna Cook

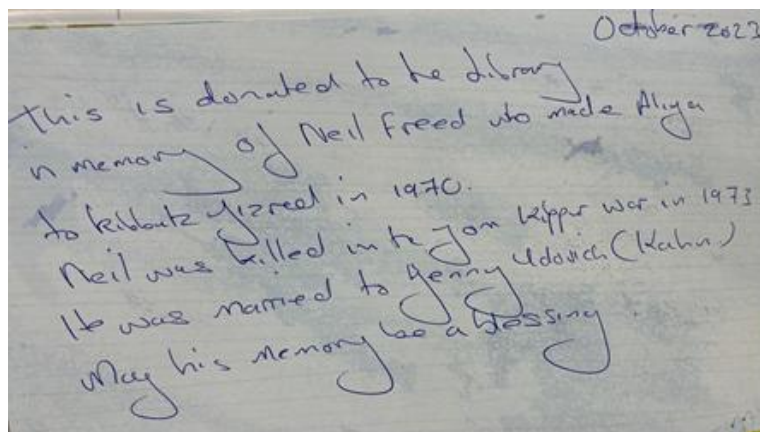
Parnassus on Wheels / Christopher Morley

The Haunted Bookshop / Christopher Morley

The Seven Skins of Esther Wilding / Holly Ringland

Let Us Descend / Jesmyn Ward

Come and visit the “Book Dedications” Exhibition!!!!



Jezebel at Passover



Passover has come and gone, and yet the good news has not arrived.

In recent years, I've had a conflict with the holiday. As a child, I really loved it: the Seder night in the dining room, the long Passover vacation, the cooking in the Gilboa with Michal Sadur z"l, the oven and the Matzot we used to bake, and in general, who cares if we celebrate the holiday because they tried to kill us? They didn't succeed, so we'll eat, or because we're telling a story that perhaps was true or perhaps wasn't; and if it was true, it wasn't exactly as it's told.... But I don't intend to argue about biblical

matters—that was long before I arrived on the hill and got involved in grapevine theft as a hobby...

It was really fun then; but as an adult, it's not so much fun anymore. To the children among us—don't rush to grow up. It's a gross lie that it's fun to be grown up. This year, I didn't plan to celebrate, so the duty on Seder night solved that problem for me. It was pleasant, and the team was great.

I didn't spend the intermediate days traveling around the country with all of Israel, but I did attend a performance by "The Idan Raichel Project," an emotional, sad show that touched on every possible nerve.

I spent the last night of the holiday in the Hostage Square at a Seder led by the Kibbutz Movement, with ex hostages, survivors of the 7th of October from the western Negev kibbutzim, families of hostages. I had the chance to get to know people from kibbutzim across the country and other participants. (I was sorry to discover that in neighbouring councils and kibbutzim, they arranged buses, while in our regional council—nothing.)



As if the duty on Seder night wasn't enough, I volunteered again. I was especially moved when I met released hostages and family members of hostages still in Gaza; such a strange situation. They are famous and not by choice. It's hard to find words. So, I just asked to hug them and told them they're not alone, and that we're waiting for everyone at home.

The main event was led by members of the Shitim Institute, members of Nahal Oz, Kfar Azza, and Beeri. Speakers: Dani Miron (father of Omri Miron, kidnapped in Gaza), Dvora Idan (mother of Tzachi Idan z"l), Omri Lifshitz (son of Oded Lifshitz z"l), and Dorit and Yuval Or (parents of Dror Or z"l, kidnapped-martyred). In between, there was communal singing, a moving performance by Daphna Armoni, and finally, a song by Shlomit Aharon.

At the end of the evening, members of the Gevatron took to the stage for communal singing, but I was already on my way home in the company of people from Meirav, Ein Hashofet, and Nahal Oz. I didn't attend the traditional Mimouna that closes the holiday. I preferred to watch Liverpool take another step toward the championship, but I heard that the event was especially tasty and successful!

I still await true freedom to come swiftly in our time for our 59 hostages in Gaza. That is the most important thing! Everything else, for now, is unimportant.

See you on the paths,

Jezebel

Tzofnat Mor



Delving in the Archives - Jules Feldman

On Sunday, Yishai Levi presented a demographic growth plan to the community management and the management committee. The document is a 33-page booklet. Kudos to Yishai and his team for their thorough and comprehensive work.

I found in the archives the following records:

- On 01.01.1982:
 - 222 members
 - 62 candidates
 - 29 parents
 - 5 residents
 - 262 children up to 12th grade, including 6 children of residents and 4 children from outside the community (Yaldei Chutz).
 - 19 children in first grade.
 - There were no members over the age of 55.

Between 1969 and 1982, 37 families joined the community. In 1982, 23 of these families were still living on the kibbutz.

Later, during the crisis of the 1980s, the number of members decreased to 180. However, we had the resilience and determination to emerge from the crisis.

Today, we have 295 members, with 35% of them of retirement age, and 185 children.

Trip to the Hostages Square Protest Saturday, 10/5, Departure at 16:45

Out of sense of community and support for the fight to free the hostages and identify with the families, we will organize a bus trip, and together as a community, we will express our support.

Before the protest, we will set up the Kibbutz Movement tent in the square.

Cost per participant: 50 ₪

Registration is on the notice board until 4/5/25

*Children and youth up to age 18 must be accompanied by an adult

For more details, please contact Danit Kirshberg at 050-7674474,

On behalf of the Yizraeli Protest Headquarters

(We are all hostages – until everyone returns)

Gravel-Gilboa Bicycle Race Arrives on Yizrael



This coming Saturday, we are happy to host a national cycling race with approximately 500 riders from all over the country (including our very own Dotan Savir!). We are grateful for the large number of volunteers who have stepped up to help organise the event. Here are some important points for the public to know:

- On Friday, the event production team from the Cycling Association will arrive to set up the competition area at the rugby field, mark the cycling route in the kibbutz, and distribute barriers for traffic control on Saturday morning.
- Most of the production team will sleep on the kibbutz, at the Partnership House and the rugby complex.
- On Saturday, starting at 5:00 AM, participants will begin arriving on the kibbutz. They will park their cars on the Maytronics parking lots up to the western gate and proceed to register at the rugby area.
- Between 7:00 and 7:30 AM, riders will start on the course in five separate heats (one every 5-6 minutes).
- The riders will follow the route behind an escort vehicle, at a controlled pace: from the rugby field toward the western gate, to the parking lot, then toward Neomis and the junction of roads 1, 2, and 3. From there, they will descend along Road 3 past Nof and Sadot neighbourhoods and exit through the cemetery gate.
- We look forward to seeing the Yizrael community early in the morning, cheering on the riders along the route!
- The riders will descend into the valley and travel eastward along the 55 km and 75 km routes.
- The return entrance to Yizrael is via the Agriculture Gate in Area 1004, leading straight to the finish line on the rugby field.
- The first riders are expected to return around 9:30 AM, and the last around 12:00 PM.
- At 11:30 AM, there will be a medal award ceremony for the winners in each category.
- The rugby complex will host the festive event with seating areas, music, stalls, and a great atmosphere.
- The public is very welcome to cheer on the riders at the finishing line and join in the

celebration.

- The rugby cafe will be open with grilled burgers, soft drinks, ice creams, and more. Let's meet on Saturday morning in a sporty and community spirit! Instead of oval shaped balls and tackling, we'll welcome bicycles, helmets, and (sexy) tight-fitting clothes — but with the same competitive spirit and maximum effort!
- Written by: Idan Zelas.



Remembering in the Living Room

A one-time testimony by Helena Birenbaum, 95 years old.

A Holocaust survivor from the Warsaw Ghetto and the Auschwitz-Birkenau extermination and concentration camp.

Helena is also an author, translator, and poet, engaged in documenting her memories and telling her story in an inspiring way that offers hope.

She is the mother of Yaakov Galed, whose well-known song "Ashes and Dust" (sung by Yehuda Polika) describes his visits to Poland after the war.



“They said that we went like sheep to the slaughter. That was not true every hour we lived was an act of heroism”

**Helena Birenbaum will come to share her story with us on
Sunday, April 27, 2025, at 5:00 PM at the Moadon.
*Maytronics employees are invited.***

Sheli Moshe-Edelstein and Shani Baor

Holiday Program



Yom HaZikaron - Memorial Day Program

Tue 29.4.2025

This year we will dedicate the ceremony to the subject “Reserve Duty Service: Giving that knows no bounds”.

19:45 – We will gather on the stage lawn behind the Founders’ Hut.

20:00 - Siren and minute’s silence. Memorial Ceremony

Wed 30.4.25

10:45 – We will meet at the cemetery

11:00 - Memorial Ceremony

Organising committee for the Memorial Day for IDF Fallen and Victims of Terrorism:
Shimrit Meir, Nir Baor, Saar Matalon, Lior Keret, Anat Freiman, Adva Lifshitz, Tamar Sankar.

Yom HaAtzmaut – Day of Independence Program

18:00 – 20:00 Self-service meal in the dining room

19:45 On the Stage - closing ceremony for Memorial Day
Followed by a grand opening ceremony for Independence Day!

Luna Park and Coffee Bar

20:30 Community Singing in Moadon – Staring the best of our local talent!

Thurs 1.5.25

09:00 – 12;00 Unbeatable Yizraeli Brunch

12:00 – 15:00 Opening of the Swimming pool

Boitler’s famous water slide

Pita oven by the pool

Public Safety Notice – Yom HaAtzmaut

On Independence Day evening, an Omega will be constructed, It will descend from the entrance level of the dining room to the lobby level. To facilitate this, a tower will be constructed near the upper entrance of the dining room. The entrance will be behind the tower, adjacent to the wall (next to the window of the washroom). We recommended entering the dining room through the lobby unless you have a problem climbing stairs.

Thank you for your cooperation.

And come and enjoy the Omega ride. It is suitable for adults as well!

Independence Day Team:

Itamar Tzfadia, Alma Brauman, Ariel Sadur, Leah Axelrod, Omer Griman, Ido Sharoni, Reut Mor, Niv Segal, Niv Adelstein, Noam Grinshpan, Gai Dashevski, Liron Griman, Irit Mor, Shlomo Cohen Schwartz, and Keren Stamper Kagan

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