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***Kibbutz Yizre'el***

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**MAZAL TOV** to Karen and Ori Brustein Ilan on the birth of their son, brother to Raphael, grandson to Monica and the late Claudio, nephew to Benny. Mazal Tov to all the families.

**FROM THE BUILDING BRANCH**

Chassan Sabach, the air conditioning technician, is not working for the branch anymore. A new professional technician has been found who will concentrate on air conditioning problems and break downs only. The installation of new air conditioners will be dealt with by a separate company with which the branch has an agreement. Please contact the building branch for all matters concerning air conditioners.

**THE “TUT” BAR MITZVAH GROUP**

The group carried out two projects. The first project involved voluntary work on Moshav Hugla where they pruned ornamental pomegranate trees and picked the fruit off the trees. The moshavnik told them the history of his family, the moshav and the battles fought in the area.

The second project was to raise money for Holocaust survivors. The group prepared Saturday morning breakfasts of “Jachnun” (240 Jachnunim) for those who ordered them.

**FENCING**: A fence is being put up around the new rugby field, area 1004 and the northern neighborhood. The new fence will have 4 gates to allow cars to pass through and crossings for pedestrians who want to run in the fields or go on walks.

**GENERAL MEETING ON ZOOM 25.1.2021**

Agenda: The recommendation by the Nominations Committee for the role of Financial Manager – Amit Peretz.

Racheli Arava explained the role of the financial manager and introduced the committee’s candidate – Amit Peretz. Amit presented himself, explained his experience and answered questions. There was a discussion on the demands of the position and the time needed to fulfill these demands.

A vote was held on Kehilanet. 71 votes for and 35 votes against.

**SPECIAL NOTE**: The following morning after the General Meeting, Amit withdrew his candidacy for the position.

 The different elements of the post of financial manager will be divided up between various people until another financial manager can be found.

**CLARIFICATION OF KLITAH GOALS BY THE MAZKIRIUT**

The Mazkirut feels we should begin the long and complicated process of selecting families for Klitah so that when housing comes available, we will have families already processed to begin Klitah. We need to look ahead and plan for the future.

In the near future, the Mazkirut will discuss housing, growth, and Klitah looking at the broad picture.

**MAZKIRUT MEETING ON ZOOM 24.1.2021**

1. End of the discussion on the size of housing.

The following was decided:

* The Mazkirut recommends to the General Meeting, that the new northern neighborhood should be planned with housing of 120sqm.
* There will be no private building and since the houses belong to the kibbutz, the kibbutz will reimburse the money to members who paid to enlarge their houses from 90sqm.
* In order to close the gap between the size of housing in the other neighborhoods, patios /balconies can be closed in without going over 120 sqm (house + patio). Approval from the planning committee and the General Meeting (this also includes the monetary proposal) must be obtained.
* A separate discussion on families with 4 children will be held.
1. **Shnat Sherut – Komuna D**

Nachem Levin presented a request to recruit Komuna D in the next few weeks.

A lengthy discussion was held and the following decisions made:

Approval of the recruitment in the next few weeks of Komuna D by the Shnat Sherut team. In August 2021, a comprehensive discussion will be held about the continuation of the Shnat Sherut program with an eye to consider alternative programs for Yizre’el.

1. On the announcement of Amit Peretz’s withdrawl of his candidacy as Financial Manager, the Mazkirut decided to add Erez Peleg as an authorized signer.

**FROM THE DENTAL CLINIC**

The dental clinic is working and following instructions from the Health Ministry. You are asked to wash your hands before entering the clinic, wear a mask until you sit in the dental chair and at the end of the treatment put on the mask again.

We thank Dr. Carmi who worked with us for a short but significant time. He will be leaving at the end of the month. We are in the process of finding another dentist so there may be delays in receiving appointments. Please take this into consideration. As always, you are welcome to contact me at any time, with any problem. 0523756021. Shlomit Yanai

**ACTIVITIUES FOR SENIORS**

* Last week we had a cookie baking project and the cookies were given out to the seniors.
* Stas Gavrilov hosted two wonderful meetings in the Music School.
* On Friday, a group of seniors met with Bernnie Fink for coffee and cake and an artistic tour.
* Chas Broadhurst heads a group of art lovers on Mondays at 9:30.
* Michal Shaanon does exercises on chairs.
* Einan Grosser does Thai Chi on Wednesdays at 19:00.
* Of course, Galiya Shemi is continuing without a break, with her meetings in the moadon on Tuesdays and Wednesdays
* A walking group has been added on Wednesdays with Shlomit and Peter (for those that want to start walking).
* On Wednesdays you are invited to Danny Harpaz’s patio for talks on history, bible and and other interesting subjects.
* On Thursdays there will be short walks close by with Zohar Assaf at 9:00.
* Knitting – Anyone who knits is welcome to join a project – knitting gifts that will be sold at cost price by Ofra Shapira in her shop. (organized by Galiya).

***Mondays - Art with Chas at 9:30 in the moadon.***

***Tuesdays - Morning moadon with Galiya 9:00 – 12:00***

***Wednesdays Morning moadon with Galiya 9:00 – 12:00***

***Wednesdays Walking group with Shlomit and Peter at 9:00***

***Wednesdays Discussion group on Danny Harpaz’s patio at 9:30***

***Thursdays Walking group - short walks with Zohar Assaf 9:00***

***Thursdays Music with Stas 11:00 and 12:00 (2 groups)***

 ***at the Music School***

***Thursdays Exercises on chairs with Michal Shaanan in the***

 ***moadon at 17:00. Call Michal 052 2910733***

**Anyone with ideas for an activity or is willing to lead an activity should contact Inbal Adler 058 6140561**

**At the moment you need to register for the activities, wear a mask and keep your distance (even if you have had 2 vaccinations)**

**The Seniors Committee: Rinat Chikorel, Zohar Assaf, Sima arieli, Lotem Cohen, Phillipa Segal, Danit Duvdevani Kirshberg, Oren Broadhurst, Shulamit Fink and Inbal Adler**

**English is Fun - with Rahel**

MAHATMA GANDHI SAID "IF THERE IS AN IDIOT IN POWER, IT MEANS THOSE WHO ELECTED HIM ARE WELL REPRESENTED."

As a wise man once said…. God is always on the side of the winning army.

A politician is a man who promises to build a bridge even when there is no river.

(Or, in short, a politician is a man who promises.)

If you fear loneliness, don't get married.

(A nice saying, but that's not the only reason. Use this one only after you've run out of others.)

In order to save your reputation, give in public and steal in secret.

(This saying originally appeared as the title of a book on the fundamentals of public relations.)

Experience is a school where you learn how stupid you were. Henry Ford

(The problem is, the diploma is received by your heirs.)

Beside every successful man stands a surprised mother-in-law.

(Even such a clever saying should not be taken at face value. We have seen men behind whom their mother-in-law sits, and even some behind whom a mother-in-law lies.)

Money is like muck; not good unless it is spread. Francis Bacon

(On the other hand, it is also said that money has no smell. So let's see you try to run your life according to sayings.)

In mathematics, as in democracy, the one derives its strength from the number of orthless figures behind it.

(Even if 50,000 people say something is stupid, that's no proof that it isn't.)

Liberty means responsibility. That is why most men dread it. George Bernhard Shaw

(And this is another explanation for the fact that such an amazing number of people get married.)

A guest and fish smell after three days. Conrad Hilton

(The similarity between them is that neither is aware of this, and the difference is that fish can be thrown out.

A radical is a man with both feet firmly planted in the air. Franklin Roosevelt

A person will always sell his last robe if it means he can be rich.

(There was a beggar who always said that if he were Rothschild he would be richer than Rothschild. "How is that?" people would wonder. "Because I would continue to beg.")

Stinginess is also a form of income. Oscar Wilde

We are all descendants of the ape, but on some it is more evident.

George Bernhard Shaw

We can tolerate anything but the continuous success of others.

There is no feature used more by a politician than a poor memory.

(His own, and especially that of others.)

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