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Kibbutz Yizrael

Reut's Editorial: "As if it was not enough that since October 7, 2023, we have been in a period that seems to have come straight out of the Bible. In the course of the last week, the unbelievable affairs of the Prime Minister and his entourage, along with the election results in the United States, make it seem like everything is amplified several times over.

Shabbat Shalom!

"Seventh of October" - A Photo Album by Ziv Koren.



The Kibbutz Movement has provided the kibbutzim with the book "Seventh of October," a photographic diary of a painful and tumultuous period. This unprecedented documentary project captures the events of the massacre on October 7 and the war that broke out as a result.

The book includes a multitude of photographs, some of which are not suitable for children.

It will be placed on a high shelf for the members of Yizrael above the section of memorial books.

The book is not available for borrowing; members are invited to view it in the library.

**Three years have passed since the tragic death of Yogev
Memorial Service for Yogev Cohen of blessed memory**

At the Cemetery

Thursday 14.11.2024 - 15:00

The Family and Kibbutz Yizrael

Reminder to Complete the Survey on Safe Rooms (Mamad)

Following the decision of the community management, a survey regarding shelters was sent to members who do not have a secure room (Mamad) in their homes.

In order to gather the relevant information, I ask everyone who received the survey to take a few minutes to complete it.

The survey will be open on Kehilanet until Sunday, November 10, 2024, at 13:00.

Erez Peleg

Management Committee Meeting Report - 4.11.24

Present: Jeremy Perling, Elad Ilan, Idan Zelas, Natalie Zinenko, Doron Kagan, Tzachi Tzfadia, Limor Griman.

Invited: Maor Persai Barniv

1. We welcomed Idan Zilas, who is joining the Management Committee. We expressed our gratitude to Ron Cohen for his contribution to the success of the first Management Committee of Kibbutz Yizrael.

3. Jeremy Perling was elected as the Chairman of the Management Committee, in accordance with the asefa's decision on September 12, 2024.

4. Representation at the meetings of held corporations: Jeremy presented the corporate structure of Kibbutz Yizrael.

The Management Committee discussed representation at the meetings of held corporations according to their regulations and decided on the representation.

Proposal for a Profit Distribution Key

Maor presented the proposal for a profit distribution key,

The management committee approved the profit distribution key proposal, which will be presented to the kibbutz asefa.

Status Check of the 2024 Work Plan

Savings Plan for Every Child - Maor presented the calculations that have been done.

Maor presented the proposal for a profit distribution key, which has been worked on for about six months by the holding's management, community management, and the management committee. The proposal was presented to the public in two open discussions and is being brought back for approval by the management committee, following adjustments made by both the finance committee and community management.

During the process, it was necessary to consider a significant change in the kibbutz's income, due to changes in the global economic situation and their implications for the companies' profits.

The management committee approved the profit distribution key, which will be presented to the kibbutz asefa after being published in kehilanet for members only.

b. Pension Target

It was decided to form a team, based on the reserve fund management, along with representatives from the community and external professionals. Elad Ilan will take responsibility for the project.

c. **Demographic Strategy** - Following the joint meeting of the management committee and community management, a steering committee was established. The committee has begun its work and presented a plan that includes a process to be conducted by community departments in their respective areas. The public will be informed.

d. **Life Fund B** - The issue is still on the management committee's agenda.

7. Updates from Ongoing Legal Processes:

a. We are waiting for a judgment in the lawsuit filed by Assael Mor against kibbutz office holders.

b. The legal discussion regarding the appeal of Zivit and Yuval Nanikashvili regarding the process of their expulsion from membership will begin on November 24, 2024.

Summarised by: Jeremy Perling and Limor Griman.

Community Management Meeting Summary - 3.11.2024

Participants: Ilana Peleg, Erez Peleg, Talia Arad, Yifat Segal, Maor Persai Bar-Niv, Stas Gavrilov, Shlomo Levi, Tamir Blass, Limor Griman.

1. Presentation of the Work Plan for the Electricity Sector for 2025 (Guest: Alon Reuven)

Alon Reuven reviewed the activities of the electricity sector in 2024, conclusions, and lessons learned, and presented the plan for 2025. The plan includes necessary proactive maintenance actions, hence a budget request that is 4% higher than the 2024 plan. A central issue in the electricity sector is addressing the energy control system, which is very old and difficult to operate and repair. A goal was set to evaluate the energy control field during 2025 with an eye to replacing the system in 2026.

2. Presentation of the Work Plan for the Health and Welfare Cluster for 2025

Talia Arad reviewed the key activities in health and third age care in 2024:

- Unification of the health and third age clusters
- Expansion of the Health Council to create a balanced and diverse council, open to varying ideas.
- Development of good working interfaces among all cluster teams.
- Work on maximising rights, both at the member level with the collective health basket, and at the member and kibbutz level with authorities - National Insurance, health funds, health insurance.
- Increasing the health reimbursement basket for members in various areas.

- Budget savings and efficiency through maximising external budgets and funds – reduction of salaried personnel, cooperation among teams in the cluster.



Challenges and plans for 2025 in the health cluster:

- Providing a suitable framework for an aging population
- Adapting the collective health basket to innovations in medicine, relating to members' desires and the changing market rates
- Promoting a healthy lifestyle and preventive medicine

The total budget request for 2025 is about 10% higher than the projected execution for 2024, yet

about 5% lower than the actual expenditure in 2023, despite rising prices and an aging population.

3. Discussion on the Absorption of Evacuees (Guests: Karen Brustein Ayalon and Eviatar Assaf)

About a year ago, the idea of opening a special absorption process for evacuees began to take shape on Yizrael, as a unique response we can offer to those caught in the difficult reality of evacuation. The process matured into a decision by the community management and the asefa in May 2024, with the main challenge being housing. After the decision, the absorption committee was directed to move forward with the project.

During the discussion, questions arose relating to difficulties which could arise due to the fact that among those evacuated from border areas are those who survived the events of October 7th. There may be situations of emotional complexity that could manifest in the near or distant future.

Answers to this dilemma: Every absorption is a gamble; it can succeed, or it can fail. Yizrael is a strong kibbutz and can accommodate such a risk.

- In the reality we have been living in over the past year, such difficulties can also affect all of us. This is the Israeli reality henceforth. We will not be able to avoid the consequences of what has happened to our country.

- The legacy of Yizrael and the kibbutz movement in general is one of mobilisation for national tasks and needs – from the absorption of youth immigration in the 1950s to the absorption of Russian immigration in the 1990s. It is our moral obligation now to absorb precisely those who have experienced difficulty. No one can do this better than us.

Decision: The community management gives the absorption committee backing to promote the absorption processes of evacuees, along with all that it entails.

4. The profit distribution key.

Following the public sharing sessions, several changes were made and were presented and approved by the finance committee.

The community management reviewed the complete proposal and decided on two additional changes:

A. Regarding the idea of pooling resources between community funds dealing with construction (housing, infrastructure, public buildings) – expanding the definition to several options: internal loans, deficit approval, resource pooling, in order to maintain the original purpose of the money. The decision on how to supplement a shortfall in one fund from another will be subject to agreement of two bodies: the community management and then the management committee.

B. Reference to three scenarios for profit distribution – creating percentage tiers that provide a clear basis for distribution.

Decision: The community management approves the proposal with the two changes and forwards it to the management committee for approval.

Summarised by: Limor Griman



Community Management Agenda

Sunday, 10/11, 17:30

1. Information and Miscellaneous
2. Budget Discussions 2025 - Presentation of Work Plans:
 3. Savings Plan for Every Child
 4. Designation of Work Bonus

Summary of Two Economic Council Meetings



The First Half of 2024 in Yizrael Holdings

October 28, 2024, + November 4, 2024

The first meeting was entirely dedicated to summarising Maytronics, presented by the company's CEO, Sharon Goldenberg.

At the beginning of his remarks, Sharon paid tribute to Shmuel Harari, of blessed memory, a Maytronics employee who fell in battle in southern Lebanon a few days ago.

Sharon then moved on to summarise the company's business results. He started by reviewing the characteristics of 2024 as observed so far:

- High interest rates across global markets, making business operations challenging.
- A decline in the consumption of non-essential products for pool operation, occurring in every swimming pool market, reflected in purchase frequency and spending levels.
- A tendency among distributors to reduce the amount of inventory they hold.
- Weather impacts - the swimming pool season in the last two years started later and was shorter.
- Changes in consumption patterns and a shift towards online purchases.
- Increased competition in the market - Chinese companies are strengthening with good products, though not as high-quality as Maytronics, they are sufficiently good to meet customer needs and pose competition.
- Additionally, the war has significantly affected both the number of reservists called up throughout the year and the ability to maintain operations at the Dalton site, which is near the Lebanese border and exposed to threats.

Sharon presented Maytronics' strategy for dealing with these challenges:

- Technology - Development of new products, which has been delayed for several years. Recently, three new models were launched:
 - LIBERTY Robot
 - NIYA Robot - collaboration with a Chinese manufacturer
 - SKIMMI Robot

- Cost - Maytronics worked in 2024 to reduce costs through efficiency processes and painful layoffs. The goal is to see a 10%-15% decrease in costs by 2026.
- Marketing (GTM - Go to Market) - Building a new business model that reduces work with distributors and gets closer to the end customer, establishing subsidiaries in America and Europe that focus on direct marketing.
- Supply and Variety - Expanding the product line to not rely solely on robot sales, but also complementary products. Selling products not manufactured by Maytronics but purchased from other manufacturers and marketed as complementary to the robot or as an alternative.

Members asked questions and an open discussion took place.

The second meeting was dedicated to summarising the half-year results of other companies:

1. Teldor - Yaron Calder, CEO of Teldor, provided an overview of the first half:

2024 was planned with a weak first half and a stronger second half, which is not materialising. They are in a difficult period, resulting from a crisis in telecom sales in the American market. The second product area of Teldor has increased and sold more but does not quite make up the gap.

The difficulties stem from both the war and the stagnation in the American market. In response to the crisis, a special plan was defined for quarters 2-4, aimed at rapidly improving profitability. A small cabinet was established to manage the overall plan, which includes reducing salary increases through cuts in executive pay and a reduction in staff, inventory reduction, and prioritising investments based on the speed of contribution. Additional actions planned for the future include scaling back operations at the telecom factory and changing the sales strategy in the U.S.

Ron Cohen, outgoing CEO of Holdings, reviewed the status of the additional companies under Holdings:

- **Kapro**: A stable and established company but lacking someone to "step on the gas" and drive it forward. Therefore, a significant move for us is the replacement of the CEO with **Ariel Dolinko** to manage the company.

- **Netzer**: The first half was below budget, but the second half is expected to close the gap. Netzer's progress is relatively slow but steady, due to its reliance on the defense market.

- **Ma'agan Eden:** A very successful year following the war, as the place is at full capacity due to the evacuation of Kibbutz Sasa.

- **Tamuz:** A good and profitable company. It previously focused on the private market, with high profitability rates, and has scaled back on the defense market, which has lower profitability rates. They are working to change the revenue mix. They also pay us a nice rent but are expected to move to a new building in the industrial area of Givat Hamoreh within about two years.

- **Agriculture:** The dairy farm has grown after the merger with the Ma'oz Haim dairy, and Horticulture has been strengthened following the union of the two sectors (crops and orchards). Sales in agriculture are stable and consistent.

Niv Hermoni, an accountant, presented a profit and loss report for Holdings as of June 1, 2024. At the end, a request was made to issue a structured report to the public on the lost debt of the almond sector from 2023.

Summarised by: Limor Griman

Call for Members to join the Economic Council

After the composition of the Economic Council was approved in the asefa, we need 3 public representatives to complete the quota of 32 members. The council deals with budget approvals, overseeing economic activity, and strategic economic issues—this is an excellent opportunity to get involved and influence the economic and social activities in the kibbutz.

Requirements:

- * Attendance at **all** Economic Council meetings
- * Reading background material before meetings
- * Economic/management background - an advantage

Candidates will be presented at the asefa and elected by a ballot vote.

Interested parties are requested to contact Nir Segal or Uri Gilad.

Uri Gilad, Chairperson of the Economic Council

Updates from the Absorption Committee

1. Call for Committee Members

The Absorption Committee is in a period of renewal and is preparing for a busy time of candidate selections for absorption, as well as guiding and leading the absorption processes. Therefore, the committee is looking for new members. Membership in the committee requires both attendance and active participation, such as:

- Active participation in committee meetings two to three times a month.
- Involvement in the selection processes of candidates for absorption.
- Acting as a liaison for a family undergoing absorption.

We see this as a significant contribution to the kibbutz and its future, and we are looking for people who want to take part in our work! You are welcome to contact Nir Segal, Coordinator of the Committee for Appointing Committees, or Eviatar Assaf and Karen Ayalon-Brustein, Coordinators of the Absorption Committee.

2. The Absorption Committee welcomes the three families who entered the absorption process at the beginning of November:

Itzik Nisani



Itzik lives in the old parents' housing area and continues his work as a professional teacher at Ort Tiberias High School and Branco Weiss High School in Tiberias, as well as a lecturer and instructor at Ort Pisgat and the Galilee College.

Accompanying family – the Savir and Naor families

Liaison on behalf of the Absorption Committee –
Nofar Brin-Dolinko

The Segal-Porat Family



Niv and Shira live in the young generation neighbourhood. Niv continues his work as a UI designer at Moonactive, a mobile gaming company, while Shira continues her work as a nurse in the oncology department at Rambam Hospital.

Accompanying family – to be announced later

Liaison on behalf of the Absorption Committee – Sigal Hadar

The Meir Family



Shimrit and Dagan, along with their children Omer (15), Shahar (12), and Shir (7), arrived in Yizrael as evacuees from Kibbutz Eilon in October '23. The family lives in the parents' housing area and, once renovations are complete, is set to move to the old Zachat building. Dagan continues his work as an engineering manager at "Doram," and Shimrit continues her work as a kindergarten teacher at Kibbutz Geva. The children continue in the kibbutz education system, where they are already

integrated.

Accompanying family – Yifat and Navot Assaf.

Liaison on behalf of the Absorption Committee – Naomi Shechter

Wishing everyone a successful and meaningful absorption!

The Absorption Committee bids farewell to Uri Gilad: following the completion of two terms as the coordinator of the committee. Here is what we read to Uri during the absorption committee meeting last Friday:

Uri, you are concluding two terms of leading the committee, a role filled with immense responsibility towards members, new arrivals, families, and the entire kibbutz. You are dedicated and considerate of the needs of others. You have an inspiring combination of the ability to coordinate the committee while also allowing space for the members to express themselves.

So many areas are related to absorption in the kibbutz, and you have managed to touch, help, change, and organise them to be more suitable for the new arrivals. You brought with you, order, organisation, a forward-looking perspective, attentiveness, and more. A time will come when you walk the paths and enter the dining hall, when

you will see the fruits of your labour at holiday events or in asafot and council meetings. You will see members you were involved in absorbing. You will be proud, and they will remember fondly your role in their absorption.

Not so fast.... we will still rely on you frequently in the days to come.

Thank you for everything!

The Members of the Absorption Committee



Distribution of Kibbutz Resources - Members' Private Proposal

Assi Mor

Annual Budget in Place of Profit Distribution Key.

We have been working with a profit distribution key since the early 2000s. In recent years, we have experienced rapid changes, booms, and crises—COVID-19, war, and more—and we have realised that our ability to respond is weak and problematic. A group of members met and formulated a course of action that is more suitable for both the volatile reality and future challenges, through a structured approach with goals, objectives, and an annual budget.

Goals of the Members' Proposal

1. Enhance the financial resilience of the kibbutz and its members and continuously improve the standard of living in the kibbutz.
2. Conduct an annual public discussion and decision regarding the distribution of the kibbutz's resources, take public responsibility and make decisions regarding the use of the kibbutz's resources and its corporations.
3. Establish measurable multi-year annual plans and document them.

Advantages of an Annual Budget

- More money for the community, members, and pensions.
- Setting measurable annual and multi-year goals and priorities.
- An open democratic annual budget discussion, both regarding the goals and objectives and the resources needed to achieve them, with approval at the asafa before the budget year.

- Providing systemic flexibility and a real ability to cope with rapid changes and crisis and boom situations.

Comparison between proposals

	Members' Private Proposal	Holdings Proposal
Pension	Accumulates profit and increases by about 7.5 million NIS per year	Continues to be in deficit, decreasing by more than 3 million NIS per year
Community Budgets	More money and control over the budget; community budgets receive an addition of over 4 million NIS	Less money, fewer services, community budget in deficit
Members' Bonus	Significantly increases to about 17 million NIS per year	Significantly decreases drastically
Holdings	Serves the community	The kibbutz serves the debts of the holdings

Course of Action – Members' Proposal for the Asefa

- Decision on the annual budget for the kibbutz at the asefa each year, determining the withdrawal amount from the kibbutz's corporations under our control.
- Building a long-term plan that prioritizes investments in the kibbutz—housing, consumer investments, infrastructure, public buildings, etc.
- Setting the bonus for members at 20% of the annual budget sources.
- Establishing a policy for profit withdrawal from corporations **of at least 70% of the net annual profit** (decision of the kibbutz asefa guiding the shareholders' meetings of the corporations under our control).
- Stopping the flow of money to holdings.
- The pension fund does not serve as a source for the community and increases its assets.
- Continuing allocations to funds: life fund, donations, nursing care, excellence, education, and mutual aid... according to the amounts that have been allocated until now/the required amounts.

- The decision at the asefa is valid for three years; a change before the scheduled time requires a majority of fifty percent of kibbutz members plus one additional member.

Reported by Assael Mor on behalf of the members supporting the proposal:

Nicole Emerik, Ken Phillips, Shay Wittleson, Ehud Cohen, Damian Chicorel, Leora Kamilian, Reut Shalev, Oscar Groisman, Eyal Tirosh, Genady Axelrod.



Friday Dinners - The Combined Model



On Friday, November 8th, we will hold our first Friday dinner using the combined model - a joint Kabbalat Shabbat service followed by a self-service meal.

- The Kabbalat Shabbat ceremony will begin at 19:00.
- Please arrive early and take your seats according to the seating map.
- Those who are late for the ceremony - please wait at the entrance completion of the Kabbalat Shabbat.
- Pay attention to the colour of your table on the seating map - this will help you know which serving station to go to for food (after the Kabbalat Shabbat).
- The volunteers and pilot team will be there to assist you.

We appreciate your patience and cooperation, and together we will succeed!

Friday Eve Meal Team: Adi Laviv, Itzik Shechter, Tal Wolfson-Darom, Yifat Segal, Stas Gavrillov, Erez Peleg, Limor Griman.

Music for Dementia Prevention:

New Research Offers Hope for the Future



A study conducted in Germany and Switzerland shows that music strengthens the white matter in the brain—specifically a brain tissue known as the fornix. This tissue has been identified by researchers as deteriorating when memory and concentration problems begin to appear, particularly with age.

Participants in their 60s were divided into two groups. Over a period of six months, one group received a weekly piano lesson lasting an hour and practiced playing for half

an hour each day. The second group enjoyed lectures on music and were exposed to various music genres, but they were prohibited from creating music in any form (including singing and clapping).

Comparing brain scans taken before and after the six-month experiment, researchers found that the fornix tissue in the music-playing group showed little change, while the listening group exhibited a decrease in tissue density, which raises the risk of developing dementia and memory issues.

The researchers believe that learning to play a musical instrument at an older age can significantly enhance our cognitive abilities. Loss of episodic memory is one of the first signs of Alzheimer's disease, the most common form of dementia. In conjunction with previous studies establishing music's impact on the brain, the results of this new research indicate that "learning to play the piano at an advanced age may be considered part of an effort to delay cognitive impairment and the onset of Alzheimer's disease among older adults."

This research builds on earlier studies that have established the connection between music and memory, as well as the understanding that music has a place in treating dementia patients. A remarkable example of this is highlighted by the Spanish organisation "Música para Despertar", which integrates music into therapy. In a viral video, former dancer Martha González, who suffers from memory loss due to dementia, is seen listening to "Swan Lake." Despite her memory issues, her body recalls the dance steps, which she performs to the best of her ability.

A deeper understanding of what exactly happens in the brain while learning music, listening to music, and playing music will greatly contribute to our ability to both prevent memory problems and diseases like dementia, as well as to treat them. The research will help determine the extent of the impact that such musical activity has on memory, as well as the duration and frequency required to create and sustain change, and even to prevent cognitive issues.

*Published in one of the esteemed journals: *Frontiers in Aging Neuroscience*

Submitted by: Maida Nechushtan



Delving into the Archives



In the picture: Aubrey Levin, of blessed memory, head of the almond branch, after the flood in 1992.

Date: February 18, 1992.

There are years of blessed rains and years of excess "blessing."

In February 1992, there was flood damage. Let us pray for only blessed rains.

Submitted by: Jules Feldman

Jezebel Celebrates a Year of Activity - ChatGPT Summary

In this heartfelt reflection, Isabel (and Tzafnat) celebrate the first anniversary of their journal, which began during a tumultuous time marked by war. The past year has been filled with emotional highs and lows, marked by the challenges of conflict and the resilience of community. Isabel recounts how the journal started as an initiative by Adva, sparked by a need to document their experiences and support each other amidst the chaos.

Throughout the year, they engaged in various activities: volunteering in agriculture, connecting with newcomers, and hosting events that brought the community together. They faced the harsh realities of war, including evacuations and the loss of loved ones, while also celebrating births and moments of joy.

The journal has served both as a record of their experiences and a source of hope, fostering a sense of connection and purpose among its contributors. Despite the ongoing challenges, Isabel expresses a strong desire to continue the journal, not only for its archival value but also for the joy and encouragement it brings. The letter concludes with a hopeful tone, emphasizing the importance of community and shared experiences in difficult times.

New Exhibition Curated by Yaniv Shapira

Umm el-Fahm Museum of Art



The works displayed in Ruth Kastenbaum Ben-Dov's exhibition were created over the past six years, some as studio work and others in outdoor settings, on the land and in open air. They reflect years of living in the Galilee, where the artist has been surrounded by a mountainous landscape throughout the day and night, across the changing seasons. The title of the exhibition, "Land of Painting," emerged from the view of the landscape as a complex collection of brush strokes, but it has taken on additional meanings, as the observation of the rocky nature and the constantly changing light is accompanied by contemplation about life in this place, about physical presence within it, and about relationships with it and with the neighbours who also live there, in the villages surrounding the Jewish settlement of Ashchar, where the artist resides.

Memorial Ceremony to Commemorate Prime Minister

Yitzhak Rabin



On Wednesday, November 20 at 20:00 in the Moadon, there will be a ceremony followed by a lecture by Safi Rachlevsky.

In this complex year, we discussed how to commemorate the anniversary of Yitzhak Rabin's assassination. We decided to hold a brief ceremony followed by a lecture by Safi Rachlevsky, a well-known and respected

researcher, author, and publicist who has long been a sharp critic of anti-democratic trends in Israel. His bestselling book "The Messiah's Donkey," published in 1998, is considered prophetic, anticipating many core issues that Israel faces today.

In his lecture, he will also address topics from his latest book, "Israel or Judah," focusing on messianism in the current government and in the country at large.

Memorial Ceremony Team: Sivan Dashevsky, Inbal Pezaro, Shani Baor.



Programme for 10/11/24 – 14/11/24

Daily 08:30 – 12:00 – coffee, cake, chats, board games

Sunday 10 November

09:10 – 12:10 Zoom with Dorot B'Gilboa – Music

Monday 11 November

10:00 Trivia and Brain Games with Galia

16:00 Or B'Givah is open for coffee and lively conversation

Tuesday 12 November

10:00 Movie screening – with Galia

Wednesday 13 November

Yitzchak Rabin Memorial Day

09:30 Lecture with Rochele Matalon – “Dreams”

09:00 – 12:00 Ceramics room open with instruction from Zemer Peled

Thursday 14 November

09:30 “HaNogariah” with Noga Harpaz

10:00 Visit to Or B’Givah of the children from the Ganon

17:15 Exercises on chairs with Michal Sha’anana

English is Fun - with Rahel

KIDDING AROUND IN CHURCH

A mother took her three-year-old daughter to church, for the first time. The church lights were lowered, and the choir came down the aisle, carrying lighted candles. All was quiet until the little one started to sing in a loud voice “Happy birthday to you....”

At the beginning of the children’s sermon, one girl came up to the altar wearing a beautiful dress. As the children sat down around the pastor, he leaned forward and said to the little girl, “That is a very pretty dress. Is it your Easter dress?” The girl replied almost directly into the pastor’s clip-on microphone. “Yes, and my mum says it’s a bitch to iron.”

When during the service the priest intoned, “The peace of the Lord be with you,” a three-year-old responded, “and pizza with you.”

A ten-year-old, under the tutelage of her grandmother, became quite knowledgeable about the bible. Then one day she floored her grandmother by

asking, "Whose virgin was the mother of Jesus, the Virgin Mary or the King James virgin?"

A Sunday School class was studying the Ten Commandments. On that day, the discussion concerned the Tenth Commandment. The teacher asked if anyone could tell what it was that the Tenth Commandment forbade. Sally raised a hand, stood tall, and quoted, "Thou shalt not cover thy neighbour's wife."

A four-year-old was learning to recite the Lord's Prayer all by herself, without help from her mother. She concluded her recitation with the line, "and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us some e-mail."

Maud, aged six, said to her parents, "I'm going up to bed now. When I say my prayers, do either of you want anything?"

Another Sunday School teacher was instructing her class. Just before she dismissed them to go to church, she asked, "Why is it necessary to be quiet in church"?

Little Gilbert was quick to blurt out what he was certain was the correct answer, "Because people are sleeping."

One Sunday, the teacher asked her class, "Does anyone here know what we mean by sins of omission."

One of the girls replied, "Aren't those the sins that we should have committed, but didn't?"

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL BLOOPERS HALL OF FAME

- Lot's wife was a pillar of salt by day and a ball of fire by night.
- Moses went up on Mount Cyanide to get the Ten Commandments, but he died before he ever reached Canada.
- Solomon had 300 wives and 500 porcupines.
- Jesus was born because Mary had an immaculate contraption.
- An epistle is the wife of an apostle.

.....more next week

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