

The Yizraelite – No 2214 Date: 4.7.25

Kibbutz Yizrael



**A heavy sadness has fallen upon our home
with the passing of our dear member**

Dina Bookman

The funeral will take place today, Friday 4.7.25, at 11:00 AM

The family and Beit Yizrael

Reut's Editorial: On Wednesday morning, it was announced that Dina Bookman had passed away. Dina, the mother of Uri and Shachar, was an active woman—teacher, kibbutz general secretary, overseas envoy (Habonim Shaliach), and editor of books. Dina passed away after several years of illness. In recent months she was no longer seen in public. We will remember her from the many years of activity, work, and sharp humour.
Shabbat Shalom.
Reut Shaliv

Congratulations to Michal and Yishai Levi

on the birth of their son, Guy,

A brother to Hillie and Matan.

Congratulations to grandparents, Margalit and Dani Levi.

to the Levi, Tzafadia, and Gever (גבר) families.

Wishing you abundant good fortune, happiness, light, health,

and lots and lots of love.



Yizrael – A Pride of Lions A Kibbutz of Super Heroes

Three weeks ago, at 3:00 AM, we all woke up in panic to a new reality — a war between Israel and Iran.

In an instant, we transitioned from normal routine —to a state of full emergency. (Not exactly “routine” or “Normal”. We are all living the nightmare of the Gaza war and dozens of hostages languishing in tunnels) — Everything shut down immediately, except for essential services, and we encountered shelters and fortified rooms several times each day.

Now, that we are in the midst of the ceasefire, (that we all hope will last and lead to a long-term agreement), it is time to thank everyone who helped us get through this difficult period:

- The service branches in the community, which never stopped working to provide us with the critical services.
- The education, health, and cultural clusters, which continued their noble work, adapting to the new conditions.

- Workers in the production branches and outside workers, who continued to work throughout the period, some without proper protection and some traveling extensively across the country.
- The many volunteers — adults, young people, and teenagers — who helped families, distributed mattresses, volunteered in the laundry, and responded to every request and call.
- The emergency team (Tzachi), which gathered for the first time at 4:00 am (On the first day of the war), and from then, for 12 days, took full control.
- The one and only — **Lilach Ron**, who, alongside her full-time job, manages the emergency team with strength, calm, and confidence. We all feel more at ease and more secure thanks to you.

And to all of you — the entire Yizrael community — we appreciate the calm and responsible civil behaviour and the adherence to guidelines that allowed us to pass this period safely.

May we know quiet days and hear good news, and may all the hostages return home quickly.

Erez Peleg and Limor Griman



**Invitation:
General Assembly – Assefa
7.7.25 - 20:30**

Agenda

- 1. Vehicle Procedure**
- 2. Changes to the Pension Procedure**
- 3. Changes to the Life Fund Procedure**

For the English translation of the vehicle procedure, see “The Yizraelite” No. 2212. 20.6.25. If you do not have it, let me know and I will send it to you - Ed.

Updates from the Absorption Committee

1. Absorption of Evacuee Families

In accordance with the Assembly's decision to absorb up to 4 evacuated families, we are pleased to update:

- **In mid-July 2025, the Sherer family from Kibbutz Mefalsim will arrive:**
Yaniv, originally from Kibbutz Ga'ash, works in the "Five Fingers" movement as a customer service manager and is expected to become a trainer in the Emek Yizrael area.
Diana, who immigrated to Israel through the NA'ALE program from Uruguay to Kibbutz Mefalsim. Diana is a **"forest nursery school teacher"** in the Ministry of Education's kindergartens and is currently seeking work in the Yizrael area. *(There are plenty of forests in the area – Ed) * (See explanation at the end of this update - Ed)*

The Sherer children:

Alma, finishing 4th grade and will join the "Tiltan" group.

Yam, finishing 2nd grade and will join the Mango group.

Amit, completing kindergarten and will move up to first grade.

The family has already visited the school and the kibbutz with the children in May, and also attended the Shavuot ceremony in Yizrael. They will reside in Lower Tzameret housing, above the Darom family.

The accompanying family: Sanker family.

Liaison on behalf of the Absorption Committee: Keren Kagan.

- **During the summer, another evacuee family from the Gaza envelope was supposed to arrive for absorption.**
This family has already successfully completed all assessment stages. However, at the last minute, they decided to seize an opportunity and move abroad for a relocation. The family wishes to thank the Yizrael community for their willingness to have them and for opening their hearts and homes.
- **End of the absorption process for evacuee families:**
In fact, this summer we are completing the absorption process for evacuee families. (Meir from the North and Sherer from the South).

2. Pre-Absorption

In accordance with the Assembly's decision regarding the demographic plan, the Absorption Committee is advancing its implementation.

- **Preparations for Summer 2026 absorption:**
We are currently nearing the completion of screening and assessments for families arriving in summer 2026, aiming to accept about six suitable families. The screening includes personality assessments, financial evaluations,

personal interviews by a kibbutz team, medical information sharing, home visits and more.

- **Preparations for Summer 2027 absorption:**

We are now in the initial stages of screening families for arrival in summer 2027. For about half a year, we have been conducting Zoom meetings with interested parties. During these sessions, we detail kibbutz life and its implications, and answer many questions.

Once the initial registration phase is complete, we will host the shortlisted candidates in the kibbutz for in-person meetings ahead of the next steps. The hosting event will take place on Friday morning, 11.7.25.

We want to emphasize that the Absorption Committee is doing its best to ensure the arrival of the most suitable candidates, reflecting the available options and preparing them thoroughly for their arrival.

- **Absorption of kibbutz children:**

The committee is continuously in contact with kibbutz children regarding absorption in cooperation with the Young Generation Committee.

Currently, ten families and individuals are in the absorption process on the kibbutz. Some are already in their final year, while others are just beginning to get to know the kibbutz.

In total, there are 32 people: 18 adults and 14 children.

The new families are starting to integrate into kibbutz life. They are joining holiday teams and various committees as observers. This helps them get to know our way of life more closely.

Each absorbed individual or family receives a host family from the kibbutz. The host family helps them settle in, explains our traditions, and is simply there when needed.

We would like to thank everyone who is assisting in the absorption process, especially the committee members who work with the new families and ensure everything proceeds smoothly.

It is heart-warming to see the kibbutz growing and renewing itself! 😊

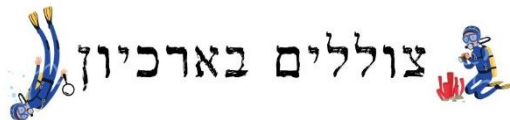
Absorption Committee

Reported by: Karen Borstein Eilon

- **A forest nursery school** is a type of early childhood education program that emphasizes outdoor learning and play in natural environments. Instead of traditional classroom settings, children spend most of their time outdoors, exploring forests, parks, or other natural areas. These schools aim to promote physical activity,

creativity, independence, and a connection to nature through hands-on activities, exploration and environmental stewardship. The approach is often based on the philosophy that children learn best when they are engaged with the natural world around them.

In England it's
called a lift, but in
America it's called
an elevator. I guess
people are Just
raised differently.



Delving into the Archives

The Sheep Branch

Fifty years ago, we closed the sheep Branch. The branch was established when the kibbutz was still in the village (Zarin). Throughout most of its existence, Eilon HaLevi managed the sheep, and many members worked there for varying periods—Myself among them (*Eddie Solow took over from Eilon and closed the branch with my brother, Barry – Jules*). And we must not forget Salah Hai, who worked there from the beginning until its closure. (Salach lived in the “Ma’abera” (Absorbition centre) and then moved to Afula. He worked on Yizrael until he retired - Ed)



Two problems persisted throughout the years: frequent thefts and dogs. When a dog entered and barked, the sheep would panic, run, and crowd in a corner, where they would suffocate to death. In the morning, we would find a heap of carcasses. We informed the public: "This is our livelihood, and any dog that approaches will be eliminated."

Indeed, there was an incident where a dog entered and was shot. This did not go unnoticed. The owner went to the secretary to complain. The secretary, Amen Becker, said he would handle it. He called the person who shot the dog in "for a discussion", and asked him, "Did you shoot the dog on the side of the pen close to the kibbutz or on the far side?" Upon hearing the answer: "On the close side," Amen responded, "Then next time, shoot on the far side!" (*There is a "Solomon the Wise" in each generation – Ed*)



Written by: Jules Feldman

Rabbi Jonathan Sacks Z'L

Anti-Zionism IS anti-Semitism



I have to tell you that what the saying we grew up with “**never again**” is beginning to sound like “**ever again**”. And at the heart of it, is hostility to Israel. In the Middle Ages, Jews were hated because of their religion. In the nineteenth century and the twentieth, they were hated because of their race. Today, when it's no longer done to hate people for their religion or their race, today they are hated because of their state.

The reason changes, but the hate stays the same. **Anti-Zionism is the new anti-semitism**. Make no mistake, this will be the defining battle of the twenty first century. Which will prevail? The will for power, with its violence, terror, missiles, and bombs or the will for life, with its hospitals, schools, freedoms, and rights?

Every time I visit Israel, I find among Israelis, secular or religious, an absolute unswerving dedication to Moshe Rabbeinu's great command, u bacharta b'chaim, “**choose life**”. Because we have to stand up and fight, and we have to stand up and win. Judaism is the defeat of probability by the power of possibility, and nowhere will you see the power of possibility more than in the state of Israel today. Israel has taken a barren land and made it bloom again. Israel has taken an ancient language, the language of the Bible, and make it speak again. Israel has taken the West's oldest faith and made it young again. Israel has taken a shattered nation and made it live again.

Friends, let us not rest until Israel's light shines throughout the world, the world's great symbol of life and hope. Amen

Thank you to Steve Blass for sending me the video. Thank you, too, to Daniel Heims for converting it to text (There is nothing that Daniel and AI cannot do). Ed

Jonathan Henry Sacks, Baron Sacks (8 March 1948 – 7 November 2020) was an English [Orthodox rabbi](#), philosopher, theologian, and author. Sacks served as the [Chief Rabbi of the United Hebrew Congregations of the Commonwealth](#) from 1991 to 2013. As the spiritual head of the [United Synagogue](#), the largest synagogue body in the United Kingdom, he was the [Chief Rabbi](#) of those [Orthodox](#) synagogues but was not recognized as the religious authority for the [Haredi Union of Orthodox Hebrew Congregations](#) or for the progressive movements such as [Conservative](#), [Reform](#), and [Liberal Judaism](#).^{[2][3]} As Chief Rabbi, he formally carried the title of [Av Beit Din](#) (head) of the [London Beth Din](#). At the time of his death, he was the Chief Rabbi Emeritus.^[4]

Zimra's Column

The Book in my post box – (An Anonymous Love Letter?)

Every month, as if by magic, without any warning
a new book appears in my post box.
I didn't order it, I didn't ask for it. I didn't pay for it –
The book is simply lands unannounced,
The sender is faceless, nameless, not even a note,
Maybe it's a message from the stars, instead of a letter
sharing with me a secret and autumn leaves?
I thought, perhaps it's a friend from days gone by,
who wished to spice up my boring routine,
by reading a book... instead of mundane conversation...
So, if you're reading this, book angel,
know that you make my days happy...
So thank you, anonymous generous soul,
And if only once you could add your name,
I would know who to thank (and perhaps bake them a cake)



Did You Know – Yitzchak Peleg

- Men sweat 40% more than women.
- Fingernails grow four times faster than toenails.
- No two spider webs in the world are identical.

(No two spiders are identical either – Ed)

- Queen bees use their sting only against other queens.

Message: Yitzchak Peleg





Please Bring Utensils Back to the Dining room!!!!



2nd Hand Womens' clothing, Benefit Sale



**All proceeds will be donated to the families of the hostages' organisation
Shabbat 12/7/25**

In the Moadon 10:00 – 12:00

**You are invited to place used clothing in good condition
under the stairs of the old Mazkirut.**

Final Date to donate clothing Wed. 9/7





The Annual Yizrael Maize Festival

Sunday 6.7.26

17:00

At the Field Crops Compound

- *Corn on the Cob
- *Hotdogs
- *Cold Beer
- *Music and Good Cheer
- *Surprises for all the Family

It will be A-maizing



Beacon on the Hill

Activity Schedule from July 6 to July 10, 2025

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

Day and Date | Activity

Sunday 6.7.25

9:30 AM – Documentaries about world mysteries

Monday 7.7.25

9:00 AM – Sweet and cold with Monika and Noa

8:00 AM – Pedicure with Limor Muallem (appointment required)

10:00 AM – Bingo with Beutler, including cool prizes

10:30 AM – Water exercise with Eyal Tirosh

Tuesday 8.7.25

9:00 AM – Holistic treatment with Shulamit Fink – please coordinate arrival with Shulamit

9:30 AM – Trip to the Efraim complex – registration needed with Noa or Monika

10:00 AM – Brain teasers and trivia with Galia Shemi

Wednesday 9.7.25

9:30 AM – Creativity, games, and conversations

10:30 AM – Water exercise with Eyal Tirosh, followed by a sweet break at 11:15

Thursday 10.7.25

10:00 AM – Movie with Galia Shemi

10:00 AM – Open ceramics room guided by Ziv Ben Basat

5:15 PM – Chair exercises with Michal Shaanan

ENGLISH IS FUN with Rahel**LIMERICKS (continued)**

I eat my peas with honey,
I've done it all my life.
It makes them taste quite funny,
But it keeps them on the knife.

There was a young fellow named Sydney,
Who drank till he ruined his kidney,
It shriveled and shrank,
As he sat there and drank,
But he had lots of fun doin' it, didney!

**There was an old fellow named Green,
Who grew so abnormally lean,
And flat, and compressed,
That his back squeezed his chest,
And sideways he couldn't be seen.**

*While sailing his ark, Captain Noah
Had an angry exchange with a boa
For excessive constricting
Noah threatened evicting.
But the boa pledged Noah "no mo'a!"*

A famous bullfighter named Zeke
Pleased the crowds with his casual technique.
Each time he was gored,
He just acted bored,
Pausing only to plug up the leak.

There once was a spaceman named Wright,
Whose speed was much faster than light.
He set out one day,
In a relative way,
And returned on the previous night.

A fly and a flea in a flue
Were imprisoned, so what could they do?
Said the fly "Let us flee!"
"Let us fly!" said the flea,
So they flew through a flaw in the flue.

There was a young fellow named Weir,
Who hadn't an atom of fear;
He indulged a desire
To touch a live wire
- Now any last line will do here.

**There was a young fellow named Fisher,
Who was fishing for fish in a fissure,
When a cod with a grin
Pulled the fisherman in...
Now they're fishing the fissure for Fisher.**

There was a young lady named Munn,
Who clobbered her boyfriend in fun,
Saying, "Don't worry kid,
That's for nothing you did,
Just for something I dreamt that you done."

There once was a pious young priest,
Who lived almost wholly on yeast,
"For," he said, "it is plain
We must all rise again,
And I want to get started at least."

A young fellow named Brian,
Was bitten one day by a lion,
He went on the prowl,
And started to growl,
But other than that, he's just fion.

.....more next week

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