

## The Yizraelite – No 2204 Date: 18.4.25

### Kibbutz Yizrael

**Reut's Editorial:** In just a few days Passover will come to an end. Holocaust Remembrance Day will arrive. This day falls between the celebration of the Exodus of the Israelites to the Promised Land and Memorial Day for the fallen soldiers, with all the pain it brings. When I searched among Chas Broadhurst's drawings for this week's newsletter, I



found that this sketch, which Chas calls "Seder," is also fitting for the second holiday: the man on the left side of the image looks sad. Are the hands in front of him, holding wine glasses, for people sitting there who he is yet to paint, or is he perhaps thinking of those who are not seated at the holiday table this year, or maybe of those who will never again be there?

I hope that when we conclude the counting of the Omer, which begins on the second day of Passover, it will be possible to celebrate Shavuot in the



knowledge that there is an agreement for the return of the hostages.



## **Congratulations to Stella and Akiva Greenberg**

**on the birth of their great-grandchild,**

**a grandson to Tali and Shin,**

**son of Noam and Saraleh.**

**Congratulations to the entire Greenberg family, the Takaoka family, and Saraleh's family.**

**Wishing you abundance of goodness, joy, light, health, and lots and lots of love!**

### **Invitation**

#### **Joint Meeting of the Community Management + Management Committee**

**Sunday, April 20, 2025, 5:30 PM,**

**In the Moadon**

##### **Agenda:**

- 1. Update on Admission Fees**
- 2. Presentation of the Demographic Plan**

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### **Economic Council**

**Monday, April 21, 2025, 20:00**

##### **Agenda:**

- 1. Election of Directors for Tel Dor and Kapro - Approval of the Holdings Board's Recommendation**
- 2. Maytronics - Summary of 2024 - Invited: Sharon Goldenberg, Dudi Ofer**
- 3. Tel Dor - Summary of 2024 - Invited: Yaron Calder**

## **Thank You!!! – Neomi Amit**

My dear partners at the café went on a long vacation (which is their absolute right, of course).

Even if I really want to and try hard, I can't operate the café without staff.

In my distress, I reached out to Ofri and Naomi Levin and asked if the girls from the senior class could work with me as part of their project. The positive response came quickly, and I was fortunate to have three lovely girls: Alma Brauman, Gali Asaf, and Libi Tirosh, who helped me and worked like pros. Without them, I wouldn't have been able to run the café during these days.

I feel a great privilege to have had the opportunity to meet three charming, smart, beautiful, and hardworking young ladies.

A big thank you for the quick response and the perfect execution. Naomi Amit

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## **Words of Thanks - Passover Seder 5785**

Thank you to everyone who helped us hold this Passover Seder:

First, a big thank you to the food branch team for all their efforts, for taking care of every detail in organizing the comfortable seating in the dining hall, and for the excellent meal. A huge thank you to the cultural team led by Yifat Segal, who knows how to bring forth water from a rock when needed, and to Ruth Mor, who, with her characteristic modesty, took care of the details that are anything but small, greatly enhancing the festive atmosphere.

Regarding the Seder itself: Thank you to the singers, the narrators, and our excellent orchestra, to the young and adult musicians, and a special thank you to the arranger and conductor, Stas Gavrilov, without whom the cultural experience wouldn't have happened.

In conclusion, let us all wish for peaceful days, with the great hope that all the hostages will return home, and that all our soldiers will also return safely! And to you, dear community, may you have a happy holiday!

I invite everyone to sing together the song "Light on the Hill"! Nitza Halevi.



## **The Fifth Cup – Shlomo Cohen**

### **A Cup of Partnership and Hope at Our Passover Seder on Yizrael**

Tonight, we gather together as one big family. We will add a fifth cup – a symbol of a deeper aspiration beyond personal redemption. This cup expresses the vision of shared existence, mutual responsibility and the power of 'togetherness' as it is especially revealed in the spirit of the collective kibbutz.

We raise this cup in honour of partnership – in hardship, joy and sorrow. A cup for the strength of the kibbutz – a place where the individual is a part of something greater than themselves, where work and the fruits of labour are shared.

The elder Hillel said: "If I am not for myself, who will be for me? And when I am for myself, what am I? And if not now, when?" – This statement expresses the delicate balance between personal responsibility and communal belonging, between independence and partnership.

We will drink this cup in hope for lives of sharing, mutual aid and the values of the kibbutz that will continue to be a guiding light for us and strengthen our society. We pray for better days, even on a national level. To life!

Written for the Seder: Shlomo Cohen,  
Message for the Alon: Patchi Shapira

## Summary of the Executive Committee Meeting – 7.4.25

**Participants:** Jeremy Perling, Elad Ilan, Idan Zelas, Sigal Hadar, Tzachi Tzafadia, Doron Kagan, Natali Zinenko, Eviatar Asaf, Uri Gilad, Inbal Pezaro, Limor Griman.

### **Agenda:**

1. Farewell and thanks to outgoing public representatives - Natali Zinenko, Sigal Hadar and Tzachi Tzafadia, and welcome to new public representatives - Eviatar Asaf, Uri Gilad and Inbal Pezaro.
2. Presentation of the role of the Executive Committee within the kibbutz - Jeremy Perling, Chairman of the Executive Committee, introduced the concept of "Corporate Governance" to explain the role and essence of the committee within the organizational structure of the kibbutz. "Corporate Governance" is a relatively new term that originated in the business world and is now relevant across management domains. It encompasses the processes, customs, policies, laws, institutions, and control structures by which the organisation is directed and controlled. Corporate governance is a management tool for maintaining the organization's strength. In this context, the committee's role is to ensure the organisation's (kibbutz's) stability and resilience, to prevent difficult situations, and to prepare for various opportunities and challenges. Outgoing committee members shared feedback on their experiences as public representatives.
3. Work plan of the Executive Committee for 2025 - Jeremy presented the work plan for 2025 to the new public representatives:
  - Strategic demographic plan - A joint meeting for the Executive Committee and community management will soon be held to present the plan, which will then be brought for approval to the kibbutz assembly.
  - Learning process on "Partnership, Economic Independence and What Lies Between" - The ongoing process on this topic was presented.
  - Adjustment of procedures to the new regulations.
4. Approval of Executive Committee minutes from February 19, 2025 and February 24, 2025.
5. Approval of the "Local Committee" composition - It was explained that in Kibbutz Yizrael, the members of the Executive Committee are also members of the Local Committee. A notification will be sent to the head of the regional council.
- 6. Information and Miscellaneous:**
  - a. Claims from the daughter of the late Hannah Lewis have been finalised. This allows for discussions to be reopened on "Life Fund B "



b. Update on the Nanikashvili Law Suite - The proceedings have been postponed for affidavit preparations. The next discussion will take place in July 2025.

**7. "How do you envision Yizrael in five years?"** - An open discussion among incoming and outgoing committee members, where each member highlighted important points. Key points expressed included:

- Creating a robust economic model that integrates the cooperative tradition with changing needs and desires, ensuring community sustainability over time.
- Preserving and strengthening the kibbutz as a community that maintains a cooperative lifestyle, with a maximum aspiration for equality.
- Expanding and rejuvenating the kibbutz, bringing in new forces to drive society based on existing anchors and values.
- Establishing partnerships within the kibbutz through engaging social discourse and striving for friendly relationships among members.
- Increasing member involvement in decision-making and social-cultural activities.
- Increasing the number of kibbutz members who find their livelihoods, purpose, and personal fulfillment within the kibbutz, its branches and businesses.
- Encouraging work and increasing income, including in retirement age, through compensation.
- Enhancing the work of committees by writing a vision, developing an annual work plan, managing a budget framework and working to uniform standards.

7. Presentation of the learning process by a team from the Executive Committee in other kibbutzim - The team, including Elad Ilan, Idan Zelas, Jeremy Perling, and Limor Griman, has visited three kibbutzim so far - Tzova, Shaar Hagolan, and Ein Hashofet, and met with a seasoned organizational consultant experienced in guiding processes in kibbutzim. The team presented to the Executive Committee members the insights gained from the visits. At this stage, there is a need to meet with one or two more kibbutzim to expand understanding. Afterwards, the team will formulate a proposal to present the process and learning content to the kibbutz members. The proposal will be submitted to the Executive Committee.

**Concluded by:** Jeremy Perling and Limor Griman.

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## **From the Desk of the Appointments Committee.**

### **(איוש ועדות)**

#### **1. Housing Committee**

- The committee proposes Nitzan Kamilian as the coordinator for the Housing Committee. Nitzan's name will be presented at the upcoming kibbutz meeting.

#### **2. Chair of the Assembly**

- The committee proposes Shlomo Cohen for another term as Chair of the Assembly. Shlomo's name will be presented at the upcoming kibbutz meeting.

#### **3. Construction Management**

- The committee proposes Rafi Baum for another term as a public representative on the Construction Management. Rafi's name will be presented at the upcoming kibbutz meeting.

#### **4. Social Involvement Committee**

- The committee proposes Adi Ilan as the coordinator, and Oren Broadhurst, Gazit Levy, Yifat Asaf, Nitzan Rivlin Feldman and Tzafnat Mor as members of the Social Involvement Committee. Their names will be presented at the upcoming kibbutz meeting.

You are invited to reach out to any member of the Committee for Appointments - Kinneret Govrin, Albert Rozilio, Liran Pen, Navot Asaf, Dotan Savir, Shelly Edelstein, Hedva Shaharabani.

Submitted by: Hedva Shaharabani

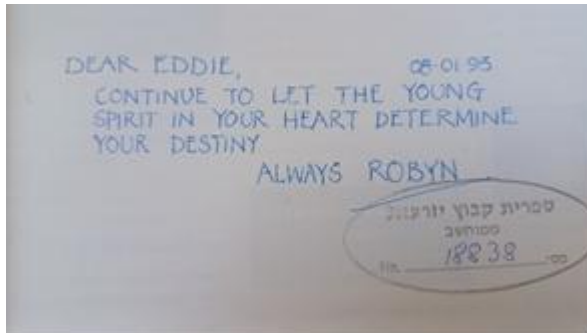
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## **Book Dedications - New Exhibition at the Library**

Once, it was customary to give books with a dedication to every child on their birthdays in kindergartens and elementary schools. Today, this practice has changed. In Alon Kindergarten, Orli, the teacher, prepares a game with the birthday child. In Rimon Kindergarten, they give a whiteboard and marker, and in Duvdevan Kindergarten, three-year-olds, it is customary to prepare a book with pictures of the child. In the past, in Israel and around the world, it was common for family members to give a book as a gift on significant occasions. For example, books were given for the birth of a child, a bar mitzvah, or a wedding. Today, this is less common.

The dedications in the exhibition are presented by themes:

- Dedications written for members from the kibbutz.
- Dedications written for children who grew up in Yizrael.



- Dedications written in books intended for the library.
- Dedications and stamps with historical significance.
- Dedications and stamps in books that arrived at the library from the librarians at "Miklal HaSfarim."

Besides these handwritten dedications, it is very interesting to look at the stamps accompanying some of the dedications. The stamps tell the story of the books' journeys. For example, the "Edat HaArava" stamp indicates a book that came from the Jerusalem group that, along with the Haifa group, formed the "Kinneret" training group (Hachshara) that arrived on Yizrael in 1955. In the book "Shlichut Eretz Yisrael" with the stamp "Library of the Yizrael Garin" (as opposed to a later stamp from "Reading Room of the Yizrael Garin"), there was also a stamp that was not properly executed, thus showing only half of the Palmach emblem and half of the inscription "Battalion 8" above the emblem, with the word "Headquarters" below it. The dedications in the books range from inscriptions that only include the name of the intended recipient and the signatories to several lines detailing the mood of the writer at the time of writing the dedication or the relationship between the dedicator and the recipient.

Exceptions to this are dedications written by authors and printed on the first or second page of the book. In the exhibition, these dedications are located outside the library – at the entrance. In many books, such dedications are very brief, typically mentioning only the name of the person to whom the author wishes to dedicate the book, perhaps with a word or two of thanks and appreciation. In other cases, such as those displayed at the entrance to the exhibition, the dedication introduces readers to the person behind the author (hidden from view in their role as a writer), providing an opportunity for additional interest and enjoyment from that book.

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## Jezebel Here and There

With your permission, I will begin with an apology to my loyal reader “A.S”., known by the underground nickname “Patchi,” for not keeping my promise and not writing for the newsletter for a long time. I really intended to; I wanted to share about the kibbutz tour in the border area, sorting potatoes in the combine in the fields of Nir Oz, about Bob who returned from training, and the two tasks of the bar mitzvah year – Robinson Day and Jerusalem. I highly recommend them. It’s truly an experience!

About the visit to the National Insurance Institute, spoiler alert – they are nicer in Haifa than in Afula... about the cancellation of the exemption from reserve duty that I received (good that they finally remembered), but there’s still no assignment. I’m waiting for the next update on that. I also wanted to write about the protests for the release of the hostages and for our democracy (which is on the brink of a precipice), about wandering around the country in search of the knight on the white horse. Even without a horse it’s good, but he’s apparently stuck in traffic on Highway 6...

About the endless depression and despair, about the war that has returned, the rockets and the sirens (thank goodness I happened to stop at a rest station on Highway 6, just in time for a missile from Yemen). About the one who abandoned the nation to spend time in Hungary and the United States and called all those good people who served and are serving in the reserves a handful of weeds and anarchists for daring to call for the release of the hostages even at the cost of stopping the war, yet not a single word about the mass avoidance of responsibility he is facilitating with his own hands along with the other evildoers in the blood-stained government; about Qatar-gate, where we discovered that Qatar is not really an enemy state, just a “complex state”, just like us, one that funds the national abandoner and his office and, of course, Hamas.

About Liverpool, which insists on kicking the full bucket, exiting cup competitions left, right and centre. Luckily, the chance for the championship is alive and well; optimists say it’s even very good, so if they can wrap up the story by the end of the month, that would be really nice of them.

And here we are at Passover, which is also the holiday of freedom (according to foreign sources); when I was asked to be on duty on Passover night, I gladly agreed because I really didn’t feel like celebrating, since the holiday isn’t really happy and aren’t we all free? I’ll get back to that shortly.

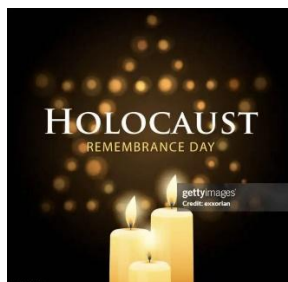
So, I really intended to, and I truly wanted to, but the drafts weren’t finished, and I didn’t manage to meet the regular submission deadline, and even divas break and get

discouraged sometimes. I kept postponing, but thankfully there's a holiday and a long break ahead...

In conclusion, I wish us all a holiday of true freedom, and especially for our 59 hostages who are still in Gaza; we must bring them home **now**.

Tzafnat Mor

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## **The Holocaust Remembrance and Heroism Ceremony**

**Wednesday, April 23, 2025 25th of Nisan, 5785**

**at 19:15 - in the Moadon**



### **Delving in the Archives**

#### **The Day the Haystack on Yizrael caught fire.**

In the late 1970s, a straw haystack in the dairy caught fire. Within minutes, all the members of the kibbutz arrived. On one side of the haystack, we worked to extinguish the flames, while on the other side, we brought three tractors and trailers. In a race against time and the fire, we loaded the bales of straw and moved them away from the flames.



**Above – haystack on fire.**

**In the image below, the late Beni Touys is seen in efforts to extinguish the fire.**



## **Holiday Shifts**

### **A Note Regarding the Duty Roster – Zohar Asaf**

Dear Members. There are more holidays ahead of us, and with them come many shifts and cultural duties. Please make sure to check the "Timetable" app to see where you are assigned, so you don't miss anything or only notice when the reminder comes (At the last minute – Ed).

The shift schedule is available until the end of June, and I recommend you save your shifts in your personal calendars. If anyone needs help with installing or understanding the app, feel free to reach out to me.

Happy holidays to everyone, and a big thank you to all who are contributing.

**Zohar Asaf**

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## Letter to the Edi-tor

Theresa Sabo

Fri 11 Apr,  
23:29 (6 days  
ago)

Greetings to all on Kibbutz Yisrael - Greatly appreciate your Newsletters and want to wish you all Chag Sameach.

May the Freedom that Pesach is all about be true for all the hostages still in Captivity after 7 October.

T H E R E S A   S A B O

Cape Town

South Africa



**English is Fun   -   with Rahel**

### POLITICALLY CORRECT BEDTIME STORIES

(Modern tales for our life and times)

“Once upon a time, in the olden days, heavy-set middle-aged men would congregate in their elitist clubs, sit in over-stuffed leather chairs, smoke air-choking cigars, and pitch story ideas and plots to each other.

Problem was, these stories, many of which found their way into the general social consciousness, reflected the way in which these men lived and saw their world: that is, these stories were sexist, discriminatory, unfair, culturally biased, and in general demeaning to witches, animals, goblins, and fairies everywhere.

Finally, after centuries of these abusive tales, which have been handed down from one male-biased generation to the next, we will enlighten and liberate these

classic bedtime stories and retell them in a way that is much more in keeping with the society in which we live today.

We'd like to think that future generations of fairy-tale fans will see this as a worthy attempt to develop meaningful literature that is totally free from bias and purged from the influences of a flawed cultural past.

## INTRODUCTION

When they were first written the stories on which the following tale is based certainly served their purpose – to entrench the patriarchy, to estrange people from their own natural impulses, to demonize “evil” and to “reward” an objective “good”. However, much as we would like to, we cannot blame the Brothers Grimm, for their insensitivity to womyn’s issues, minority cultures, and the environment. Likewise, in the self-righteous Copenhagen of Hans Christian Anderson, the inalienable rights of mermaids were hardly given a second thought.”

## LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD

There once was a young person named Red Riding Hood who lived with her mother on the edge of a large wood. One day her mother asked her to take a basket of fresh fruit and mineral water to her grandmother’s house – not because this was womyn’s work, mind you, but because the deed was generous and helped engender a feeling of community.

Furthermore, her grandmother was *not* sick, but rather was in full physical and mental health and was fully capable of taking care of herself as a mature adult.

So, Red Riding Hood set off with her basket, through the woods. Many people believed that the forest was a foreboding and dangerous place and never set foot in it. Red Riding Hood, however was confident enough in her own budding sexuality that such obvious Freudian imagery did not intimidate her.

On the way to Grandma’s house, she was accosted by a wolf, who asked her what was in her basket. She replied, “Some healthful snacks for my grandmother, who is certainly capable taking care of herself as a mature adult.” The wolf said, “You know my dear, it isn’t safe for a little girl to walk through these woods alone.”

Red Riding Hood said, “I find your sexist remark offensive in the extreme, but I will ignore it because of your traditional status as an outcast from society, the stress of which has caused you to develop your own, entirely valid, worldview. Now, if you will excuse me, I must be on my way.”

Red Riding Hood walked on along the main path. But, because his status outside society had freed him from slavish adherence to linear, Western-style thought, the wolf knew a quicker route to Grandma's house. He burst into the house and ate Grandma, an entirely valid course of action for a carnivore such as himself. Then, unhampered by rigid traditionalist notions of what was masculine or feminine, he put on Grandma's nightclothes and crawled into bed.

Red Riding Hood entered the cottage and said, "Grandma, I have brought you some fat-free, sodium-free snacks to salute you in your role of a wise and nurturing matriarch." ..... continuing next week



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