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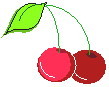
**Kibbutz Yizrael**

Translated and edited by Eddie Solow

**Edi-torial** Purim comes at a bad time this year. Between Arab terrorism and Jewish terrorism, from one unjust law to another. For we ex-South Africans there is a heavy feeling of Deja Vue. Laws that limit the powers of the courts, is not new to us. It doesn’t feel good. But we in Israel have learned to cope. We **WILL** party this Purim too and then keep fighting the good fight until freedom reigns once again!

**Mazal Tov!!** To **Miriam Davidson** and **Rosalyn Kotler** on their 80th birthdays!

Wishing you both the best of everything, many years of good health with lots of love!

**Thank You from Miriam**

Thank you very much to everyone who congratulated me on my 80th birthday

Thank you for all the flowers and the amazing gifts!!!!!

With much love - from the bottom of my heart -

Miriam and Derrick and the whole family♥

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**Thank You - Almond Blossom Festival**

It's great that you came to celebrate in wonderful weather!

We would like to acknowledge:

 Nava Sloman and Irit Shemesh - who always help us

 Navot Assaf - for the tractor trips in the orchard - "You made many children and adults very happy"

 The sweet Naomi Dolinko for the crafts corner

 Amos Shemi - for the transportation

 David Beutler - for preparing the dough and operating the pita oven.

 Our Shinshins- for the crafts corner with pine cones and for the help with the pita oven.

 Itzik Schechter, Adi Laviv and the kitchen team - for all the preparations beforehand.

 The duty workers (toranim) and to everyone who lent a hand

See you next year 🙏

Stella and Akiva Greenberg, Yoni Brauman, Naomi Dolinko,

Eli Friedman, Shira Porat Segal, Eviatar Assaf, Kobi Levy, Doron Kagan, Hanan Shaliv, Tom Adler, Noa Armoza



**Good people along the way...**

Did you know that Shmulik Hollander visits the Emek Harod Elementary School every week? He has long since finished studying. Shmulik comes to give of himself. With a smile and wisdom, he gives our son, Kerem, together with Alon Kagan, a chess lesson every week. A time of contemplation, thinking and laughter.

Two weeks ago, we had a parent teacher meeting. The teacher told us how, with determination, Shmulik really fought so that these hours would not be taken from him. He persuaded the principal that his work is a continuous process, and that he is not finished yet. The children need him.

We would like to thank you, Shmulik, for the giving, for the attention and care, for the contribution, for the great help in renovating the library in memory of dear Sophie, for the quality time with the children. Thank you for helping the children acquire the skills of conversation, thinking, planning, respect and enjoyment of doing things together, and all in a pleasant manner, with a constant smile and rolling laughter.

Thanks!

Ella and Shlomo Cohen Schwartz

**Messsage from Rinat Chicorel**

From 26.02.23 until 29.03.23 I will be on vacation.

**Kobi Levy** will deal with any matter related to health and transportation.

**Inbal Adler** will respond to situations related to the personal sphere.

The phone numbers in case you need them –

Inbal - 058-614-0561

Kobi - 052-375-6266

Thank you 😏 Rinat Chicorel

**Purim Costume Room - Message from Noga Shapira**:

For all those interested.

I will open the costume room by prior arrangement: 052-3756398

Greetings,

Noga Ken-Dror Shapira

**In Preparation for the Eighth Yizrael March**

**On Tuesday, 21/03/23, from 8:00 p.m.**

**Norma Franklin,** the archaeologist who excavated Tel Yizrael and knows more than anyone else about the history of Tel Yizrael,

will lecture on the subject:

**“The Jezebel we didn't know...”**

**The real story”**

It will be fascinating! – Save the Date

Eddie Solow

**Economic Council Report- 27.2.2023**

**(1) Approval of adjustments in the 2023 community budget**

**Erez Peleg:** After the presentation of the community budget at the previous council meeting, and the need to make adjustments because the members’ allowances section were increased, the community management decided to reduce the five largest budgets, by 1.5%. (and leave the rest alone – Ed) At the same time, two additional sections, that were not taken into account for the culture cluster, were updated - archives and documentation. The adjustments were made without deviation from the approved budget framework.

The budgets we have reduced are: food, health, administration and general, building and maintenance, communication.

We are aware of the negative economic trends in Israel, however we have chosen not to make changes in the budget at the moment, but to keep our finger on the pulse, and in about two months we will make further adjustments as necessary...

**The budget was approved Nem Con (Nem Con =** without opposition - Ed**)**

**(2) Presentation of a northern road project, repair of paths and renovation of caravans**

Ongoing projects were presented

A vote was held, and by a majority of 25 without opposition, the budget was approved **for the ongoing projects only….** with the exception of a budget for the development of the cemetery. Regarding the cemetery, a multi-year plan will be presented.

Regarding projects that have not yet started (northern road, restoration of paths in the center of the kibbutz and renovation of 3 caravans) - since it is necessary to rethink the investments and re-examine the feasibility of the sources, the presentation of the projects for approval was postponed.

Summarised by: Erez Peleg and Yifat Assaf

**Report from the Asefa - 27.2.2023 -** Yifat Asaf

Chairman: Shlomo Cohen

Secretary: Yifat Assaf

**(1) Discussion and approval of financial statements 2021** - invited CPA from Brit Pikuah

With a majority of 48 in favour, 5 against and 5 abstentions, it was decided to approve the kibbutz's financial statements for 2021.

**(2) Discussion of the voting method for public representatives in the executive committee:**

**Yifat Asaf:** in the past, the Nominations Committee or the HR Committee collected names of members who in their opinion were suitable for the position, as well as names of members who were interested or members who received a recommendation from other members, thus determining the forum from which we selected the suitable candidates

Regarding the executive board, which is a unique and statutory body that leads our strategy - we must follow an even more democratic and free path, and each member can choose from among all the members, whosoever he wants to represent him on the board. A second round will then be held and those who receive the most votes will be elected.

And according to the kibbutz's lawyer, this is the legal way.

**Uri Gilad** - in his opinion, platitudes should be avoided. The members must approach the vote with some information about the candidates. In the proposed method, the public chooses with a lack of knowledge. If I choose names of people who do not agree, this is not the most democratic system. If this is the way approved by the registrar of associations, is it the only way that is approved? From the little knowledge I have, there are other ways.

**Eddie Solow** - I understood that after the first round someone would go to the selected members and ask them if they agree and we would vote in the second round on those who have agreed. Basically, the proposal tonight is no different from the existing situation. Someone will go and ask those who were chosen in the first round and ask if they agree. This “someone” can be called a ' nominations committee”. In my opinion, it just imposes on the HR to check with everyone. At first, when it was announced that there would be voting in one round, I contacted 16 members. 12 said they were not interested. If I had followed the proposal that is proposed here tonight, I would have wasted my votes. Now I have four that I know I can vote for. Therefore, the old system was excellent. You would check with the member if he is interested. And anyone can nominate any member. I intend to vote against the system proposed here tonight. What has existed up to now has been excellent.

**Tsach Sasi** - by and large, I'm not against it. It is not written in the regulations how it should be. There are many options in many kibbutzim.

**Jeremy Perling** - I made the proposal because you can choose however you want and do what you want… only until someone sues you. And that's what happened to me in "Moshav Habonim". From the kibbutz regulations 1945, chapter 23a: "The general assembly will choose from among the members of the association." That is, the right is to choose any member even if that person is not interested. All members will choose from among all members. Therefore, I say that the first round of collecting the names is like this - that each member has the right to vote for each member. In addition, there is a “fear of failure”. Maybe after they have already been nominated in the first round, they will agree to stand in the second round.

In the current situation "the members must obtain the consent of the candidate before proposing him" and this is a long process that requires many conversations with people.

**Amir Armoza** - what Jeremy presented resembles a legal quibble. This is unnecessary. In my opinion, it is possible to take the risk and vote for the existing system.

**David Mittelberg** - In my opinion, there is no big difference. The advantages of the method proposed tonight are the protection of each member's right to be elected. Because a situation can arise in which the organising committee filters and organises a group that goes up for a vote. The main thing is the second vote. Nothing in the kibbutz will change if we vote in one way or another. The problem is that there is a minority of people who are willing to bear the burden and we, in the executive committee, need good and diverse people and not unanimity. This is how we will ensure strong leadership for the kibbutz. I suggest yes to try. Each member has 4 votes in the first round. In my opinion, the probability is that we will reach 12 candidates is low… Then in the second round, each candidate should write more than a few lines in the Alon explaining why they should be chosen.

**A vote was held** - **by a majority of 40 in favour, 33 against and 2 abstentions it was decided to amend the selection method “according to the regulations of the cooperative societies”.**

**(3) Nominations:** Nir Segel presented the nominees:

**Education Committee:** Momi Cohen - Coordinator (previously elected); Committee members - Peter Pezaro, Shlomo Kamilian, Danit Kirschberg, Revital Zelas, Rotem Agmon, Philippa Segel

The asefa wished everyone success.

Summarised by: Shlomo Cohen

**The Process for the Election of Public Representatives to the Executive Committee**

Further to the decision of the asefa, the following are the schedules for the election of public representatives to the executive board:

**5-6.3.2023 Sunday and Monday** - first round - everyone can choose 4 kibbutz members. A member can also suggest himself.

**7-8-9.3.2023** - Approach to members who received votes to check whether they are interested in standing for election.

**10.3.2023** - Publication of the list of candidates + publication of their "Manifestos " in the Alon

**15-16.3.2023** Wednesday and Thursday - second vote. The four members who receive the most votes will be the elected representatives of the public.

**Invitation to Economic Council**

**on Monday 06/03/2023**

**Time - 20:00**

**In the Moadon**

**Agenda:**

**Approval of the northern road project and the development of infrastructure and landscape garden for the Maytronics campus**

**Asefa Committee and Council**

**Invitation to an Asefa**

**on Monday 06/03/2023**

**Time: 20:30**

**In the Moadon**

**Agenda:**

**(1) Zivit Nanikashvili** - Violation of Kibbutz decisions - Warning re membership termination.

Further to the decisions of the asefa and the Management committee and since Zivit did not correct most of the violations for which decisions were already made regarding her and in particular the accommodation of her husband, Yuval, without payment for his maintenance expenses and the expenses of the maintenance of the children. It is proposed to warn Zivit that if she does not stop the violations, she must expect to have her membership in the kibbutz terminated.

**(2) Enclosing balconies -** Asefa Committee and Council

**A Social project from 'Work Bonus' Funds - for 2023**

**A Call for Suggestions.**

The time has come to fulfill the excellent opportunity to promote a project that will contribute to us, as a community, through the use of the monies from social bonus.

**Background:** the social bonus funds are a source of money, the purpose of which is to finance investments that will contribute to strengthening social cohesion, whether it is joint social activity, or an investment that will be enjoyed for years to come, such as: a children's playground, swimming pool improvements, sports facilities, and more.

**We are calling for suggestions from the public.**

While thinking about the project you want to propose, pay attention to the following guidelines:

(1) Priority will be given to a project that has no other budgetary source except for the bonus.

(2) Preference will be given to infrastructure and social developments, which are sustainable (remain for a long time).

(3) It is also possible to offer a social experience (example: fun day). It must include the participation of approximately 75% of all potential members

(4) The proposal must include:

 The nature of the request and the social need that supports it.

 An initial location proposal, initial approval of a planning committee, or of any other relevant committee shall be specified.

 The proposal will include estimated cost, which is based on 2 different suppliers.

 The name of the project manager + the supervising professional representative on behalf of the relevant committee should be indicated.

 A short presentation should be attached that will contain all the sections

 It will not be possible to offer at the last minute, proposals that have not been reviewed by the team in the early stages

 The duration of the project is 12 months from the date of approval of the application

 If you have submitted a proposal that has been approved in the past and not used, YOU will not be able to submit the same proposal the following year. You will have to wait a year.

 Proposal forms are available in Kehilanet or alternatively - send an email to: Amirar@maytronics.com

(**5) Timetable: the proposals must be submitted by the end of June.**

 At the beginning of July, applicants will be invited to present their application to the committee.

 The team will prepare the list of proposals for the attention of the Community Management.

 By the end of July, the consolidated proposal will be brought to the asefa for discussion.

We encourage you to submit suggestions - this is a great opportunity that you should not miss...

The social project team: Shahar Levy, Shlomo Cohen, Nitzan Rivlin-Feldman and Amir Armoza (Coordinator)

**Election of Directors for the Maytronics Board of Directors**

With the end of the term of the directors on the Maytronics Board of Directors - Shimon Zelas, Jeremy Perling, Moran Kuperman and Ariel Brin Dolinko - we thank them for their service and invite members who consider themselves suitable for this position to contact the members of the search team.

 A board of directors is a legal body with powers and responsibilities. The director must act in the best interest of the company and be loyal to it

 Being a board member means taking personal responsibility for the board's decisions

 A member who takes on the responsibility as a member of the board of directors, should use his time to read and review the background material (before the meeting) and attend the meetings

 Term duration: 4 years

** You can continue for another term**

 A kibbutz member can serve on a maximum of two boards related to the kibbutz at the same time

Desired skills

 Preference for a degree in business administration / economics / finance / law

 Ability to read and analyze financial reports

 Management experience

 Ability to speak in public

 Graduate of the directors' course - an advantage

**The search and selection process**

The search team will meet with the candidates and formulate its recommendation to the Holdings Board.

As part of the process, there will be an interview with the chairman of Maytronics, Yonatan Basi.

According to the organisational structure, the directors of the Holdings subsidiaries are elected by the Holdings Board of Directors.

Anyone interested in nominating himself, or nominating another Yizrael member, (with his approval), is requested to contact one of the members of the search team: Irit Shemesh, Ofra Shelef, Yifat Assaf, Amir Darom, Kinneret Govrin and also, Avner Alterlevi who is joining the team for this search.

Applications must be submitted by: 16.3.2023

Kinneret Govrin, Director of HR

**Updates from the Holdings Manager's Desk – Ron Cohen**

**What's on the list?** the approval of the strategic plan for holdings for the years 2023-2028, construction at the Maytronics campus, farewell to Racheli Arava – the outgoing director of HR, a little about the Israeli economy in these troubled times.

(**1) Approval of the strategic plan for holdings for the years 2023-2028**: After about six months of work, the holdings management presented at the end of December 2022, the results of the strategic work for the years 2023-2028, and the Holdings management also presented the financing plan for this work.

The main points of the work: In this list, I will endeavor to "shed light" on the main points of the programme so that everyone may understand the plans.

We analyzed 3 main elements as the basic points strategic plan:

**Strategic Assets:**

o A profitable company that produces a high and stable dividend

o Land reserves

o Proximity to a future train line and a new highway

o Good relations with kibbutzim (potential for cooperation)

o A flexible (but responsible) and non-conservative worldview

o A large financial investment portfolio

o Yizrael is a brand name in the kibbutz movement

**Core capabilities:** What are our core capabilities?

The engine for developing new business activities, focusing the kibbutz holdings around them, having an advantage over other kibbutzim / players, reducing investments and risks

o Understand business and industry

o Financial understanding

o Employing the right people for the right tasks, even if not from the kibbutz

o Know how to pay for knowledge and management

o Fast response times and decision-making

o Resource distribution methodology

o Know how to work with partners

o The beginning of an understanding of profitable real estate

o Entrepreneurship (if applicable)

**Weaknesses and risks of the kibbutz** - which we wish to improve and must deal with:

o High dependence on Maytronics - based on one business as a main source of income

o Part of the current community budget is based on holdings

o A large part of the members' personal budget is based on bonus from dividend/rent

o An organisation that is mainly reactive when it comes to business development that is not related to Maytronics.

o Not situated in an outstanding tourist area.

o Limited land and water resources and agricultural climate.

o Lack of administrative resources among the members.

**The strategic plan** will allow us to strengthen the economy of the kibbutz even if it will continue to be headed by Maytronics, which will not stand alone in the task. The management of the holdings will continue to build with companies such as Teldor, Kepro, Yizrael Agriculture, Netzer, Ma'agan Eden, Tamuz and the like.

**(2) Construction of the Maytronics campus**: We continue, to build and develop our main asset - Maytronics. It is important for me to explain to all members, the main concept of holdings, regarding the construction of the campus structure - the strengthening of the physical connection between Maytronics and Kibbutz Yizrael for the long term. By building an office complex at the highest level for the most senior management of the company, and engineering and development departments - which are the most important elements for the company - so that even in the future, when Maytronics will continue to grow and become even more global - the "heart and brain" of the company will remain in the Kibbutz!

**Technologies building** - the skeleton is complete; occupancy is scheduled for September 23. The kibbutz will begin to receive rent as of June 23.

**The Headquarters Building** - in accordance with the agreement signed with the company, occupancy of the headquarters structure – which is still in the skeleton stage, is May 2024



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(3) **Farewell to Charms** (My Headline – Ed). We recently said goodbye to Racheli Arava who finished her term. Racheli was a true asset for Yizrael Holdings and agriculture. Daniel Rosenfeld, our director of agriculture who excels in public speaking, spoke these words at the evening of her departure: "It is not easy to be HR in a large kibbutz. Everything gets mixed up!! The emotional and the professional, the gossip and the facts, the community and the business. In the end, everything drains you. It is very easy to take this 'mix of information' most of which comes as negative and pessimistic and sink together with the melancholy tune it brings with it

Thank you for a professional and respectful discourse. Thank you for transparency, encouragement, factual criticism, and especially thank you for the fruitful meetings that continued afterwards, also for the cigarette breaks, at the end of which we engaged "without a filter" in politics, religion, current affairs, etc. Inside the office are candies, and outside there is a cigarette… only health!

It so happens that we celebrate with you on Tu B'Shvat. My grandfather would prepare for this holiday for a whole week, walk around the markets and buy with great pride only the fruits of our country so that he could enjoy on the night of Tu B'Shvat only fruits grown in the Land of Israel. I think, Racheli, you are, a real Sabra (even if you came to Israel at the age of 5), with a comprehensive general knowledge, connected to your family... and recently you also received the title of grandmother, friends, nature, landscape, extreme motoring, photography. You say what you think, without hesitation, and are open to hearing and understanding the opinion of others. There is no doubt that Racheli is the chosen fruit of our country." ( Or is it “salt of the earth” or cre’me de la cre’me? Good Luck - Ed)

**(1) A little bit about the Yizrael economy in these troubled times:**

The government wanted, in what appears to be a wild charge, to enact various laws, the main part of which is a coup in the legal system. Many protest, the security situation in the country is deteriorating - with an emphasis on the areas of friction such as Jerusalem and the territories - Destruction including terrorist attacks and a lot of blood spilled on both sides. The Iranians are on the brink of being able to produce a nuclear bomb, global inflation does not stop. Interest rates all over the world continue to rise and our economic situation responds to all of the above more than the rest of the world - the shekel is very weak and interest rates and inflation continue to weigh heavily on us and on the rest of the world .

In such a world, we have great expectations from the business managers - those who are under the wings of Kibbutz Yizrael Holdings and also those who manage the biggest business of all - the State of Israel. I think that a good manager, especially an old and experienced prime minister, can be expected to manage his business, i.e. our country. He must not ignore the situation and must not rush ahead and underestimate any detail in his business - he has a duty - to simply focus and manage the business quietly and calmly and act for the good of the business only and not for the benefit of any other party.

The Yizrael economy is strong overall - our businesses in Maytronics, Teldor, Netzer and soon in Kapro are absolutely export-oriented companies - the strong dollar is excellent news for exporters and therefore also for us, as the owners of the holdings, our diversification with such companies that actually have no direct connection to the Israeli economy [although the situation is not good for them either and there are problems].

Therefore, in the context of the Israeli economy, our situation is relatively good, even now - but we are considering every step and recently we even made a responsible decision not to proceed to buy into an excellent international company, a decision that was personally very difficult for me, but from experience, understanding the general business situation and collective responsibility we understood that now is the time to be even more cautious and responsible and think twice about every business and administrative investment.

You are welcome to contact me, ask, comment, enlighten or just be interested

Best regards,

Ron Cohen, Director of Kibbutz Yizrael Holdings / 0523756329 / [ceo@yizrael.com](mailto:ceo@yizrael.com)



**Executive Committee Minutes 14/02/2023**

Present: Jeremy Perling, Ron Cohen, Avner Alterlevi, David Mittelberg, Yifat Assaf, Elad Ilan, Nitzan R-Feldman

Absent: Natasha Tchernichovsky

(1) Discussion of financial statements 2021 . Invited: Maor Parsai

The finance committee was authorised by us to examine the financial statements, and they made their recommendation through Maor, the finance manager, to approve the statements. They held the required discussions. Maor presented the reports.

**The Board of Directors recommends that the Asefa approve the financial statements for 2021.**

(2) Discussion of the kibbutz Procedure Committee. Invitees: attorney Omer Cohen, the kibbutz Procedure Team: Eddie Solow, Yitzhak Peleg, Tzach Sassi

The existing regulations from 2001 do not correspond in part to the kibbutz norms nowadays, and it became necessary to update them. A team was established on behalf of the board of directors, which proposes the adjustments.

(3) **Attorney Omer Cohen:** The procedure that exists today is a cross between contemporary procedure and mandatory procedure, and there are clauses that were inserted without context. Much experience has been gained in amending statutes in kibbutzim. The proposed procedure offers a consensual structure of the association, regulations, rights and obligations of the members. The procedure is an internal agreement between the kibbutz and the member, and between member and member. We are allowed to deviate from it if there is full agreement. The procedure is not an external law. When there is a law of cooperative societies on a certain subject, we are not allowed to contradict that. There is a law regarding votes, according to which the calculation of the result should be from the total number of voters, and not from the total number of those with the right to vote, so we must change our practice with certain votes.

(4) The updates proposed by attorney Cohen and the team were presented, and a discussion was held on the various sections that were presented.

**It was decided:** Advocate Omer Cohen will go over the corrections proposed at the meeting and bring an updated version to the next meeting.

Jeremy Perling / Yifat Assaf

**Executive Committee Minutes / 1/3/2023**

Present: Jeremy Perling, Ron Cohen, Avner Alterlevi, David Mittelberg, Yifat Assaf

Absent: Natasha Tchernichovski, Elad Ilan, Nitzan Rivlin-Feldman

• Continued discussion of the kibbutz bylaws / Advocate Omer Cohen, the bylaws team was invited: Eddie Solow joined us. (Late – Ed)

We continued the discussion on updates and changes to the kibbutz's procedure, as proposed by the bylaws team on behalf of the management committee and the kibbutz's lawyer. We have finished going through all the update suggestions.

Next steps –

A) Attorney Omer Cohen will complete the proposed amendments

b) Another meeting of the executive committee with the bylaws team for further review of the proposed draft

c) General meeting

d) After the approval of the asefa - the transfer of the updated procedure for the approval of the registrar of the cooperative societies.

Jeremy Perling / Yifat Assaf

**'Shibolim' During the Mitzvah Year**

The Barmitzvah year of the Shibolim group is progressing well, with half a year behind us and every week there is a different activity - planning and preparing for a task, carrying out a task, or summing up a task.

We recently finished the fundraising task that was characterized as an “task in stages”.

We learned about the power and importance of volunteering and donating. We got to know a variety of associations that do important work in different fields - the children were inspired and learned about the wide impact of good deeds.

We planned and carried out the traditional fundraising event in the dining room and received an extraordinary response from the wonderful community!

The following Saturday night, we hosted families to a movie at the pub with popcorn, drinks and a meal from the food truck.

After all the various fundraising events, we managed to raise a respectable sum which we donated equally to three associations:

\* We donated money and volunteered to help the association called “Start Over”, which takes in and rehabilitates animals that have been abused or neglected. At the end of our work at the farm, a shipment of donkeys arrived for rehabilitation. The 2 donkeys that arrived were given the names - YIZRAEL and SHIBOLET, in honor of our contribution to the association.

\* We donated 5 boxes of food and equipment for babies to the Social Bank for Baby Food Association

\* We donated gift vouchers to girls at Beit Ruth - a village for girls at risk which operates in Afula.

And it is time to say a big thank you:

To everyone who baked and donated cakes, pastries and gifts for the fundraising evening in the dining room (everything was sold!)

To the pub and food truck team that supported the screening of the film.

To the kitchen staff for the logistical and operational support

To all our parents who invested a lot of energy along the way to bring about the success of the mission.

 To all the members of the kibbutz who contributed generously.

 And a huge thank you to Tal Levy (Noam Freiman's husband), the veterinarian who takes care of the animals at the farm of the 'Start Over' association - who met with the group and presented the important activities of the association and explained his part in doing it.



**There is a Pile of Guys on the Grass - Rugby**

Last Saturday, the seniors played their last game in the league before the finals that will decide the fate of the championship for the 2022-23 season.

It was the team's ninth game of the season and also the ninth victory of the season. The game was held in Wingate against the Citrus Rugby Club of Tel-Mond and ended with a score of 64-7.

The match was actually the last preparatory match before the grand final which will be held in two meetings (11.3.23 and 18.3.23) against the pretender to the throne - ASA Tel-Aviv.

From the beginning of the game, the Yizrael players took control and by halftime they were already leading 31-0 with tries by three of our foreign players - McMillan, Tabiso Madlatsha and Devon Muller.

The second half continued in a similar manner with additional tries by Idan Eisenberg, Eitan Mizrahi, Gal Ben-Yehuda and Yuri Olynyk. A dominant victory for the team, and in an excellent preparation game for the finals.

The outstanding player of the game was Devon Mueller, who joined the team last week and gave us control of the lineouts, a strong defense and three excellent tries.

We locals also excelled - Gilad Vardi and Idan Eisenberg. Rookies that deserve a mention - the four 12th grade students who played in the team and lived up to our high expectations - Adam Abramowitz, Eitan Mizrahi, Uri Layton and Yuri Olynyk. Keep up the good work and the sky is the limit!

And now on to the final - on March 11 and 18, 2023, the two finals will be played against Tel Aviv. The first game will be held at Sportek in Tel Aviv and the decisive second game - at the Kibbutz! Get the flags and trumpets ready and come to push our players to a fourth successive championship! DIARIZE! -

Championship game - Saturday 18.3.2023

Kick-off at 1:00 p.m

Everybody is invited!!!

**The rest of the season** - the state cup games will be held at the beginning of April and the national team games at the end of April. Once again, we will host the Israel national team's matches against Slovenia and Malta on April 22 and 29 at the kibbutz field.

Everyone is invited to experience international sports here, at home on our own field. More details will follow.

Good luck to the boys - the Boykies

**A little 'politics now'**

**Zimra**: After the first part of the legal revolution laws have already been passed in the first vote in the Knesset, I am anxious about the future - about life in our little piece of heaven, about the lives of my children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, under a racist government that tramples underfoot, the democratic institutions, in order to guarantee itself unbridled power. But we will work to protect the rights of minorities and our own rights.

**Fom Kehilanet:**

**Ofra Shelef**: Friends, what else has not been said about the importance of the protest... As the number of protestors increases, the impact intensifies. Wednesday is a national protest day - we must go out to demonstrate and protest. Although it is difficult to go to Jerusalem... but it is possible to go close to home - Wednesday at 10:00 in Afula. I have no other country, so I will go out to demonstrate.

**Tamar Sanker and Yoni Brauman**

Wednesday March 1, 2023 - a joint trip is being organized for tomorrow's demonstration in Jerusalem. Departure at 16:00. Anyone interested in joining is welcome to contact us. (9 members travelled to Jerusalem on Wednesday night – Ed)

**There, in Hawara and here, too.**

So much hate was spilled here today

So much rubble was thrown about today

and I cannot free myself from the stench

and this suffocating feeling.

The smoke from Hawara obscures my eyes

and burns my face

and my shame knows not

whither to lead itself.

Our dignity has been violated this day

Our faces were blackened and our image tarnished today

Till my jaws locked and my tongue dried up.

There are people who slept well last night,

Because they released their hatred

and vomited their bitterness

on women and children,

babies and the elderly.

The thieves satisfied their lust

pay back and revenge

on an entire village

**And the guilt is laid**

**at my doorstep**

Nitzan Rivlin Feldman

26.2.23

**Invitation**

**Important and Informative lecture**

**Sunday 5.3.93**

**In the Moadon**

**The regime coup de tat**

**What’s Happening? What’s planned?**

**How will it affect us?**

**What can we do?**

**A lecture by the Movement for Quality Government**

**Purim for adults**

**Friday 10:12:23**

**Costume Theme: Protests**

**Prepare your signs and your flags**

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***Purim for Children***

**Monday 6.3.23**

**WE WILL MEET NEXT TO THE “Tlatonim”**

**For the Ad-lo-yada parade**

**At the end of the parade, we will arrive at the dining room for:** Dr Molecule’s magical science show

**For young and old alike!**

Megilat Esther – On Yizrael

**6.03.2023 Monday**

**19:15**

**In our Shul**

**You are all Invited**

**Wear masks – or don’t**

**Each child will receive a rattle**

Happy Purim

**Google Translate is not that Great**

פרידה **מרחלי ערבה** – מנהלת מש"א

Fareeda Marhali Araba – director of HR

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קל מאוד לקחת את 'בליל המידע' הזה שרובו מגיע כשלילי ופסימי ולשקוע יחד עם הזמר הנוגה שהוא מביא איתו.

. It is very easy to take this ‘night of information’ most of which comes as negative and pessimistic and sink together with the melancholy singer it brings With him.

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**עפרה שלף**

Ofra pulled out.

**English is Fun - with Rahel**

**The World According to Student Bloopers: continued**

Socrates was a famous Greek teacher who went around giving people advice. They killed him. Socrates died from an overdose of wedlock. After his death, his career suffered a dramatic decline.

In the Olympic Games, Greeks ran races, jumped, hurled the biscuits, and threw the java. The reward to the victor was a coral wreath.

The government of Athens was democratic because people took the law into their own hands. There were no wars in Greece, as the mountains were so high that they couldn’t climb over to see what their neighbours were doing. When they fought with the Persians, the Greeks were outnumbered because the Persians had more men.

Eventually, the Romans conquered the Greeks. History calls people Romans because they never stayed in one place for very long.

Julius Caesar extinguished himself on the battlefields of Gaul. The Ides of March murdered him because they thought he was going to be made king. Dying, he gasped out the words, “Tee hee, Brutus.” Nero was a cruel tyranny who would torture his poor subjects by playing the fiddle to them.

Rome came to have too many luxuries and baths. At Roman banquets, the guests wore garlics in their hair. They took two baths in two days, and that is the cause of the fall of Rome. Today Rome is full of fallen arches.

Then came the Middle Ages, when everyone was middle aged. King Alfred conquered the Dames. King Arthur lived in the Age of Shivery with brave knights on prancing horses and beautiful women. King Harold murdered his troops before the Battle of Hasting. Joan of Arc was canonized by Bernard Shaw. And victims of the blue-bonnet plaque grew boobs on their necks. Finally, Magna Carta provided that no free man should be hanged twice for the same offence.

In midevil times most people were alliterate. The greatest writer of the futile ages was Chaucer, who wrote many poems and verses and also wrote literature. During this time, people put on morality plays about ghosts, goblins, virgins and other mythical creatures. Another story was about William Tel, who shot an arrow through an apple while standing on his son’s head.

The Renaissance was an age in which more individuals felt the value of their human being. Martin Luther was nailed to the church door at Wittenberg for selling papal indulgences. He died a horrible death being excommunicated by a bull. It was the painter Donatello’s interest in the female nude that made him the father of the Renaissance.

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