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Kibbutz Yizrael

Reut's Editorial: Autumn is already making an appearance. The sea squills (Hatzavim), sensing that the days are shortening, have risen in white columns of bloom. The sun blazes a little less harshly, and its light seems somewhat softened.



We are now nearly two years into the war, and it seems no coincidence that Si Hayman sings:

“Wars no longer happen in winter, even for us it’s a little too cold to hate /
Wars no longer happen in winter, even for us it’s a little too cold to conquer /
Wars no longer happen in summer, even for us it’s a little too hot to hate...”
For somehow, autumn’s weather feels, perhaps, strangely more suited to the beginning of wars.

On yesterday’s date, nearly a generation ago, four airliners were hijacked by Al-Qaeda. “Nine Eleven” became a historic date - for Americans, certainly, and for tens of thousands of others across the world. Germany’s invasion of Poland began on the first of September 1939.

Last Saturday night, I travelled to Jerusalem. I marched with crowds from the Bridge to Paris Square, calling for an agreement to release the hostages and to end the war in Gaza. It feels as if that Saturday night was far longer than a mere week ago. Since then, a policeman was killed, a terror attack struck Jerusalem, soldiers were killed in Gaza, the suicides of reservists continue, and a military operation was carried out in Qatar—whose purpose, even as I write these lines, remains unclear. On the Russian and American fronts, too, events have unfolded that may affect us: Putin, according to reports, attacked airports in Poland, Charlie Kirk, a pro-Israel American right-wing activist, was murdered at an event at the University of Utah—and who knows what China and Iran are planning.

It seems that somehow, precisely in autumn—after the blaze and fires of summer, when nature begins preparing for the rains, and we breathe deeply in the pleasant afternoon hours—the hope for an agreement on the hostages' release and the end of war has taken a sharp punch to the jaw. Let us hope that the lunar eclipse will bring with it the signing of agreements and a departure from the path of war—so that this punch to the jaw does not prove to be a knockout. Reut Shaliv



Beginnings, Endings and Good Wishes for the Rosh Hashanah Newsletter

For the upcoming newsletter, which will open the year 5786, please write and tell us about a new beginning you had this year, or an ending. For example: a child starting first grade, or a child finishing the early childhood system, the discovery of a new and interesting hobby, or the completion of studies you have been working on for a long time. The newsletter will be published on the eve of Rosh Hashanah. Material for publication, as well as New Year's greetings for Yizrael, may be sent until Friday, 19.9.25 at 10:00. Reut



(Readers, If you like, send me your material in English. Just don't leave it to the last minute please. My friend, ChatGPT, and I will translate it to Hebrew and send to Teut, with the greatest of pleasure – Edi-tor)



The editorial team of
THE YIZRAELITE
wish all our readers
SHANA TOVA



May our hostages be returned
without further delay.

LET IT BE.

Readers are welcome to send New Year Greetings to the Yizraelite, too. Chat and I will decorate them if you like. Ed



COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT

Sunday, 14.9.25, 17:30
in Meeting Room

AGENDA:

1. Update on the economic situation
2. Reallocating 110 temporary apartments in parent housing to permanent
3. Establishing a candidate support team in preparation for a membership vote
4. Raising a toast for Rosh Hashanah and farewell to departing Community Management members



Upcoming Economic Council Monday, 15.9.25, 20:00.

Summary of the First Half of 2025:

1. **Maytronics** (Guests: Dubi Ofer – Chairman, Sharon Goldenberg – CEO)
2. **Agenda: Held Corporations** – Teldor, Kapro, Netzer Sensors, Ma'agan Eden.
3. **Yizrael Holdings**

Correction to the Previous Economic Council Summary

In the summary of the Economic Council published in the last bulletin, we mistakenly wrote that the voting results on the approval of the Agro-Solar project were: 22 in favour and none opposed.

The actual voting results were: 24 in favour, 1 opposed, and 1 abstention.

We apologise for the mistake and thank the members who brought it to our attention.

Sincerely,

Limor Griman & Uri Gilad

(Now one council member will be able to say “I told you so” in 20 years. I hope he expressed his opposition in the meeting – Ed)

Thanks, from the “Sportiyulim” Committee

Last Friday we went to Dor Beach – 90 people of all ages.

We swam in the sea, built castles in the sand, strolled along the beach, shared dinner, watched the sunset, and returned home.



We would like to thank those who helped make this seaside trip so enjoyable:

- For all the logistical support.
- The Food Branch team and the Kolbo team – for their help with the food.
- All who assisted with the logistics before and after the trip:



And what's next from Sportyulim?



06–08.11.2025 – the **18+ Kibbutz Trip** to the South.

Further details to follow. (No doubt you have already saved the date! – Ed)

Sportiyulim Committee:

Saar Matalon, Yifat Segal, Zohar Assaf, Doron Kagan, Ela Cohen-Schwartz, Niv Edelstein, Gazit Levy, Tzafnat Mor, and Yaniv Shorer.





Management Committee Report - 1.9.2025

Participants: Jeremy Perling, Eviatar Assaf, Uri Gilad, Limor Griman, Idan Zelas, Inbal Pezaro, Doron Kagan.

1. Summary of the learning process in other kibbutzim and recommendation for continuing the process, involving the public.

The learning-process team reported on an additional visit, held in July at Kibbutz Hatzerim, and described their insights and conclusions from that visit.

The team presented its overall conclusions from all visits conducted:

- The challenge of the process is to give members certainty, to clearly state what we want to address and what not, and to draw a roadmap for where we want to be in five years.
- To define together what is essential to us as a cooperative kibbutz.
- Absorption processes and demographic growth are prerequisites for the continuation of kibbutz life and must be insisted upon, along with everything required to sustain them.
- Demographic growth also has implications for the heterogeneity of the community and its social cohesion. **Decision:** The Management Committee will hold an open discussion for members, in which the learning process and the insights from it will be presented. Afterwards,

members will respond and express their views in a brainstorming format, with the goal of the Management Committee members being to hear as many opinions and desires as possible.

Following this, another Management Committee meeting will be held to prepare the discussion ahead of a general assembly on the subject.

2. Discussion on processes to preserve the cooperative character of the kibbutz.

Following a query raised by several members of the Management Committee, a discussion was held on issues concerning a cooperative society. Members expressed their opinions, and no decisions were made.

3. Discussion on the economic situation, community preparedness, and Holdings going forward.

Idan Zelas, Holdings Manager, reported on the financial situation of Holdings and the inability of Holdings to meet a profit distribution of 26.7 million NIS for 2025.

According to the recommendation of Holdings management, the profit distribution will amount to approximately 21 million NIS. A full and detailed explanation will be presented by Idan at the Economic Council on 15.9.25.

According to the profit allocation, distribution to the various segments will be as follows:

FOR DISTRIBUTION (in thousand NIS) Amount

Community (operating budget + funds) 14,209

Reserve Fund 3,142

Business Fund 699

Members' Bonus 2,951

≈ 9,500 NIS per member

This recommendation of the Holdings management will be brought for approval at the Economic Council on 15.9.25.

The Community Management is requested to prepare budgetary adjustments in light of the reduction, and to prepare revised plans, clarifying that budget overruns will not be permitted.

4. Appointment of authorised signatories of the Local Committee.

The Committee members approved the new authorised signatories: Jeremy Perling, Limor Griman, Idan Zelas.

The signatures of any two authorised signatories, together with the Local Committee's stamp, will bind the Local Committee in all matters.

From the Energy Branch

Ground Solar Panel System - Tracker Malfunction

Shalom Chaverim,

In recent months there has been a malfunction in the solar field – the trackers are not functioning. Many members have asked me about this. Attached is the response from EDF, our partners in the system and responsible for its maintenance.

Jeremy Perling



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Shalom Jeremy,



First, nice to meet you. My name is Daniela and I am the investment manager of Yizrael, replacing Nissim. Following your conversation with Gilad, I am updating you on the status of the tracker system at the site:

This site was activated in mid-2022 together with the tracker system of Schletter (a German manufacturer of the panel-tracking system that follows the sun to maximise production).

Starting in mid-2024, problems in the operation of the trackers began to appear at an accelerated pace.

The malfunction of the tracker system leads to sub-optimal operation of the power generation facility and loss of income alongside it. Therefore, we are making every effort to restore the equipment at the site and to define the malfunction as meeting the threshold for a claim against the manufacturer.

Additional complexity arose when, during the period in which the malfunctions occurred, we replaced the maintenance contractor ("Inbar"), which closed its activity, and for several months was unavailable to conduct fault investigation and corrective action.

For a malfunction in the equipment to be recognised by the manufacturer as a serial fault, we must show recurrence of the malfunction in a specific component, above a certain scope of the total components installed at the site. In this case, the faults do not appear in the same component and the breakage occurs in various components.

In order to link all these cases together and avoid a cumbersome process with the manufacturer, we recently engaged an external consultant to give his opinion and determine that all these faults stem from the same root cause. We will update you on the status of the process with the manufacturer as it progresses.

Regarding the replacement contractor, “Elmora”, who entered this year as the maintenance contractor: the contractor takes full responsibility for carrying out the repairs and is working continuously to solve the problem.

As you certainly see, the contractor’s teams are at the site every week to solve issues.

At our request, and to minimise production loss, the contractor is also re-commissioning systems by moving faulty components between trackers to maximise production (since the number of faults is high and a significant portion of the spare-parts stock has been used up).

Within a few weeks a shipment of additional spare parts will arrive in Israel, enabling replacement of all faulty parts, even if the rate of malfunctions continues to accelerate.

We are confident that all these actions will restore the site to proper activity, and we are working diligently to return the site to full function soon. We will continue to update you on developments, and I am at your service for any questions or matters.

Sincerely,
Daniela
Property Manager



From the Early Childhood Yard Manpower: Challenge and Opportunity

The issue of manpower has been a significant concern for us in recent times. There is a major staff shortage. Recruiting and retaining workers is difficult in almost every field, and in the Early Childhood system it is felt even more

strongly – here there are no compromises, because we are dealing with our youngest children.

Various reasons lead our educators to leave their work: sometimes personal or health reasons, and sometimes career choices – such as someone choosing to move into management, or beginning their studies.

At the end of the year, we said goodbye to Rikki, Michal, and Maytar, and this week also to Avital.

Alongside these farewells, there are also exciting new beginnings:

- Moran Habshush, a kibbutz member and mother of two sweet girls, joined us part-time.
- The pupils: Shaked, Shachaf, and Aya are with us from August until October.
- Diana Shorer joined Alon kindergarten in a full-time position.
- Tal Shelef, from Gan Ner, also joined Alon kindergarten.
- Yael Vilder, from Gan Ner, who is awaiting army service, is currently getting experience and will work until her draft in November.
- Eden Dahud, who completed her first degree in psychology, comes to us from Dabburiya and has joined our staff for one year in a full-time position before beginning her master's degree.

We wish them all a warm welcome, smooth integration and a successful year, and we continue at all times to search and recruit quality educators for the long term.

Fridays are especially challenging days in terms of manpower, and our wonderful youth come to our aid. Some of them have already been working with us for the past two years! Also, at times, parents or community members volunteer to help. Thank you to our youth and to the volunteers!

We hope to find solutions.

May this be a year of successful recruitment and integration! **Yael Oster**





ROSH HASHANAH 5786

Monday, 22.9 – Eve of the First Holiday
 18:45 – Holiday gathering in Dining Hall
 After dinner – Year summary and Kahoot quiz in the Club.

Tuesday, 23.9 – Eve of Second Holiday
 21:00 – Tribute performance for Corinne Allal in the Club, with our local singers and musicians
 (Invited: from 7th grade and up.)

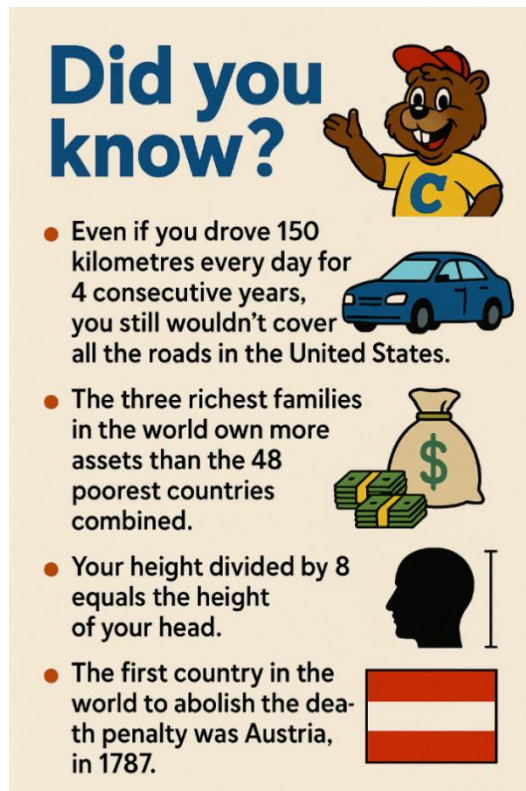
Wednesday, 24.9
 10:00 – Mission game around the kibutz, starting from the lobby.

*May the old year end with its curses,
 and may the new year begin with its blessings.*




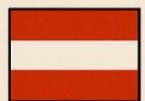
SHANA TOVA TO ALL OF BEIT YIZRAEL!

Holiday Team: Adva Lifshitz, Alma Brauman,
 Dekel Serno, Tali Brauman, Idit la-vei,
 Reut Mor, Shimrit Meir

Yitzchak Peleg's "Did You Know:



Did you know?

- Even if you drove 150 kilometres every day for 4 consecutive years, you still wouldn't cover all the roads in the United States. 
- The three richest families in the world own more assets than the 48 poorest countries combined. 
- Your height divided by 8 equals the height of your head. 
- The first country in the world to abolish the death penalty was Austria, in 1787. 



Beacon on the Hill – Or B’Givah

Every day, 08:30–12:00

Coffee, cake, conversation and board games

Weekly Activities

Sunday, 14.9.25

Upside-Down Day – Second Pilot!!!

09:00–11:30 – Coffee time

16:30 – Rosh Hashanah toast at *Or BaGiv’ah*

Monday, 15.9.25

08:00 – Pedicure with Limor Moalem (appointment required)

09:00 – Sweet & Cold with Monica

10:00 – Art of Painting with Chas Broadhurst

Tuesday, 16.9.25

09:00 – Gathering with coffee, cake, conversation and board games

09:30 – Holiday shopping trip to the mall

10:00 – Mind Games & Trivia with Galia Shemi

Wednesday, 17.9.25

09:00 – Gathering with coffee, cake, conversation and board games

09:30 – *Blooming Nature* with Hamutal Assaf

Thursday, 18.9.25

09:00 – Gathering with coffee, cake, conversation and board games

10:00 – Film with Galia Shemi

10:00 – Open ceramics workshop with Ziv Ben Basat

17:15 – Chair exercises with Michal Shaanan

ENGLISH IS FUN with Rahel

The English language has some wonderfully anthropomorphic **collective nouns** for the various groups of animals.

We all know a FLOCK of birds, a HERD of sheep, a SCHOOL of porpoises, a GAGGLE of geese....but

a small number of birds is a COVEY

a number of peacocks - a MUSTER

a CLOWDER of cats

a number of mules - BAREN

a collection of pearls is a ROPE

a collection of rays is a PENCIL

a MURDER of crows

an EXALTATION of doves

a group of owls is a CONGRESS

a lot of bananas – is a HAND

a number of wild geese, swans - SKEIN

Now, consider a group of baboons. They are the loudest, most dangerous, the most obnoxious, most viciously aggressive and least intelligent of all primates.

And what is the proper collective noun for a group of baboons...believe it or not, a PARLIAMENT!

(That pretty much explains the things that come out from the Parliament.)

PALINDROMES: (words that read the same backward)

Single-Word Palindromes:

racecar

madam

radar

level

civic

rotator kayak refer deified tenet
repaper solos redder stats

Fun and quirky palindromes:

my gym Was it Eliot's toilet I saw? No devil lived on

Rats live on no evil star We panic in a pew

Murder for a jar of red rum

Creative Palindromic Sentence;

Was it a car or a cat I saw? Dennis and Edna sinned.

Yo, Banana Boy! Sir, I demand, I am a maid named Iris.

Do nine men interpret? Nine men, I nod.

Too hot to hoot. Step on no pets. No lemon, no melon

Doc, note I dissent. A fast never prevents a fatness, diet on cod.

.....more next week



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