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***Kibbutz Yizre'el***

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**IN UNIFORM**

The New Generation Committee asked our soldiers to tell us where they are and what they are doing these days.

1. **Yahel Rozilio**: “Outstanding rugby sportsman” is serving at the base at Wingate as gym instructor. He has 10 months to go to complete his military service.
2. **Na’ama Assaf:** Was inducted a little over a month ago as an instructor in the armory devision.
3. **Shai Savir**: Has been in service for 5 months and is at a base at Mishmar Hanegev. She is operating an ERP system (ordering food for the battalion and is in the armory.
4. **Benny Brustein**: Is working as a battle nurse for his troupe in Nachal. Has 7 more months to go.
5. **Daniel Shapira**: is in a commando unit, head of a sabotage team, has 8 months to go.
6. **Shira Levi**: was inducted 5 months ago and is a fitness instructor.
7. **Yarden Zinenko**: Is in charge of the clinic near Ma’ale Efraim. He has another year to go.
8. **Eden Mizrachi (Sergeant major):** is in the Air Force at Tzrifin, 3 years in the permanent army. She is in the engineering branch in the field of logistics, deals with manpower and is the right hand of the head of the branch.
9. **Zohar Baum**: Serving in the Maglan Unit, been in the army a year, completed a course as squad commander and will complete the course for the unit in another 6 months.
10. **Omer Sharoni**: Inducted a month and a half ago into the armory division. Now doing his basic training.
11. **Eden Zinenko** **(First Lieutenant**): In the Release and Rescue Unit. Has been in the permanent army for 5 months, is now commander of the young division of the company.
12. **Yuval Hollander**: Inducted a month and half ago into the armory division, in a fortnight will complete his rifle training and begin a tank course.
13. **Omri Senker**: Joined Nachal a month ago and is in training for a commando unit.
14. **Shani Mishali**: Serving as a driver, has 8 more months to go.
15. **Lior Mizrachi (First Lieutenant**): Serving in the permanent army now for a year and a half, training coach for the Home Front Command.
16. **Tamar Assaf** (**First Lieutenant**): Head of the psychotechnical unit of the Induction department at Tel Hashomer. She is commander of 120 assessors and interviewers and 2 officers. In addition she is in charge of all the psychotechnical stations.

**We are proud of every one of our soldiers - Look after yourselves.**

**We wish you success and satisfaction in your service**.

**GENERAL MEETING ON ZOOM 30/12/2020**

Agenda: The presentation of the Yizre’el 2030 Program.

Fifty people participated on zoom and many more on the home channel. The program was presented and discussed. Many hours and many meetings over a large period of time went into the formation of this program. It was emphasized that we need a program in order to set goals for the future and thus form a plan to reach these goals.

Approval for the program is by ballot through the Kehilanet.

**RESULTS OF THE BALLOT FOR YIZRE’EL 2030.**

The ballot was cancelled because there was a shortage of 20 votes in order to validate the minimum number of votes for a ballot. This came as a great disappointment to those who worked so hard to form this program. There are a large number of factors as to why chaverim did not vote.

On 17/1/2021 there will be a Mazkirut meeting together with the Chevra Committee to discuss the continuation of the Yizre’el 2030 Program.

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| **WE NEED YOUR HELP**The students of one of the 7th grades at Emek Harod school invite you to open your heart and help them help children and adults with autism. Their aim is to reach as many people as possible in Israel so that together we can assist the thousands of children and adults with autism.Here is the link to contribute to our school:https://www.igive.com/new/he/ils/donation-targets/48022 |

**MAZKITUT MEETING ON ZOOM 3/1/2021**

1. Information
* Rehabilitation of “Gan HaTil”: Neta Blass, Chairwoman of the Educational Council, presented the plan to reconstruct the playground known as Gan HaTil. The plan is to open a petting zoo in this area for Yizre’el’s children – to visit and to work there.

The Mazkirut approved of the initiative and noted that someone must be found to be responsible for the project.

* A Lone Soldier on Yizre’el. Approval was requested to accept Gal Kenan, Rosa Lev Or’s granddaughter, who is a lone soldier in Israel, for a designated period of time till her parents come to Israel in the summer. We have had requests to take lone soldiers but we have refused since we do not have the accommodation. At present, we have the opportunity of providing a room for Gal for this limited period of time so the request was approved.
* Presentation of the process in the use of money received from the sale of shares: Yitzchak Peleg has been chosen to lead this social project. His job is to collect all the data from the public and the committees, to advertise it and to make sure all the stages of the process leading up to the presentation to the Mazkirut and the General Meeting are followed.

There was a suggestion that maybe the presentation to the General Meeting should be delayed until we can have a face to face meeting to discuss and vote on the project.

* Suggested Living Budget for 2021: Erez Peleg, Head of the Community, stated that the budget for each year should be prepared and presented in advance of the coming year. This means that we should start preparing the budget for 2022 in August so that it is completed before the year ends.

The budget for 2021 is being presented now. Because of the Corona year there was a proposal that the living budget be raised – the idea being to raise it the 3% that was decreased last year and then add an additional 2% or 5%. If the personal budgets are raised 5% or 8%, this means that there will be less money for the community.

Neta Blass stated that cutting half a million off the requested budget for Education would mean reducing the programs, the needs of the children, the staff and the equipment drastically.;

The Education budget was meant to cover a number of needs and goals.

+ Investment in man power – raise in salaries, study days, participation in the cost of meals

+ Augmenting the staff at a time of distant learning

+Augmenting the staff due to emotional difficulties, the need to support the children

+Continued investment in equipment and in the buildings

+Expected rise in expenditure for tutored lessons

+Expected rise in the cost of activities in the summer holidays.

The significance of these cuts would be as follows:

+ Close the educational facilities on Fridays - 150,000 shekel

+Extension of the week of preparation for the staff 30,000 shekel

+ Cut of 50-75 shekel a month for children’s chugim – 32,000 shekel

+ Cuts in activities in the holidays – 85,000 shekel

+Not raising salaries for staff with seniority and nonparticipation in costs of meals - this may lead to reduced motivation or loss of good leaders – 150,000 shekel

+ 50,000 shekel will come off different items – equipment, maintenance, study days for the staff.

After a broad discussion the following decision was made:

**The Mazkirut recommends to the General Meeting a raise of 5% in the personal budgets ( 3% which was cut last year +2%). The sum which is released as a result of raising the budget 5% instead of 8% is 360,000 shekel which will be allocated as follows – 200,000 to Social Education, 120,000 to the food branch, 40,000 to studies.**

The whole budget will be brought up to the Economic Council on 11/1/2021.

The Mazkirut thanked Va’adat Kiyum for their participation in long meetings and hours of work.

**THE AUDITING COMMITTEE**

**Talia Arad** has completed her term as head of the committee. Anyone who wishes to raise a matter with the committee may contact Dima Tchernichovsky, Milton Kaplan or Reut Shaliv to discuss the matter. According to rules for this committee, all requests are to be made in writing and signed by the applicant. (please see the regulations for this committee in the Kehilanet).

**QUALITY OF THE ENVIRONMENT - GAS POWER STATION**

**The planned progam of a gas power plant at at Mevuot HaGilboa has been frozen!** (let’s hope it’s a **deep freeze**)

Many contributed to this long-awaited decision which shows that together, we can move mountains. We will wait to celebrate till we receive the full report. We also hope for success in the struggle against the establishment of wind turbines.

Those who want to be informed should join the site:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/GreenGilboa>

**BUILDING AND PLANNING PROJECTS:**

**What to expect in 2021**

* Nof Neighborhood Stage 3: Should be completed by July – August; at the same time the final plan of the neighborhood should begin. With the return of the residents to their homes the temporary housing will be made available to new residents.
* The rugby field: Maintenance of the grass field and fencing of the area.
* Evacuation of the cottages: The Rakevet buildings will be renovated for the clinics for Yana Reuven and Sima Arieli. The Bassin 3 will be prepared for the hairdressing salon.
* The Cemetery; End of the first stage - Demarcation of the southern part, creation of a ring road and a central path and the preparation for a number of graves according to the new plan.
* Transfer of the archives to its new place.
* Demolition of the last cottage building.
* Beginning work on the infrastructure of the southern neighborhood.
* A Secure room for the “Petal” nursery school – waiting for a budget for this.
* Fixing up the entrance to the kibbutz: Approval for plans has been given, now awaiting a price quote.

 **MANAGER FOR THE “TA’ASUKON” OF MAYTRONICS**

Out of the ten applicants for the position., Ehud Cohen was chosen as the most suitable candidate. Ehud will begin his contacts with Maytronics immediately, and will prepare a work program for this department.

**BMUSIC**: **WHAT’S ON IN JANUARY?**

* Concertina No.4 Monday 25/1/2021 at 19:30
* Final Recital on piano Thursday 28/1/2021 at 20:00

**WHAT’S ON IN FEBRUARY?**

* Premier Concerts during the month
* Concertina No. 5 Sunday 21/2/201 at 19:30

A GRAND PIANO FOR BMUSIC

The Music School has finally managed to acquire a grand piano. Having a grand piano will raise the standard of music studies and will allow the invitation of concerts and musical performances which we have not been able to do till now.

The grand piano comes from a company that is closing down. We managed to get a 180,000 shekel piano for the price of 120,000.

The funds for this grand piano have come from a few sources but we still need 40,000 shekel so we are looking for donors. If you know of anyone who would be willing to contribute to our cause please let us know. All contributions are welcome – every shekel counts.

**English is Fun - with Rahel**

**Punctuation (or lack of it**):

The first writing systems were continuous streams of type. Punctuation did not appear until the third century BC, when Greek librarian, Aristophones, introduced the period to signal pauses while reading aloud. In the eighth century, English scholar Alcuin of York, introduced the question mark to signal uncertainty. In the 14th century, Florentine

leader Coluccio Salutai introduced the exclamation mark to signal intensity. Since then, punctuation has played a larger role than we ever could have thought - we have chosen one of these three marks to end every sentence since.

**The Apostrophe**: (such a long word for such a little ')

It's tough being a stickler for punctuation these days. True, one occasionally hears a marvellous punctuation-fan joke about “a panda who eats, shoots and leaves" but in general the stickler's exquisite sensibilities are assaulted from all sides, causing feelings of panic and isolation.

To be fair, many people who couldn't punctuate their way out of a paper bag are still interested in the way punctuation can alter the sense of a string of words.

The consequence of mispunctuation (and re-punctuation) have appealed to both great and little minds, and in the age of the fancy-that email a popular example is the comparison of two sentences:

A woman, without her man, is nothing.

A woman: without her, man is nothing.

Here is a popular "Dear Jack" letter that works in much the same fundamentally pointless way.

Dear Jack,

 I want a man who knows what love is all about.

 You are generous, kind, thoughtful. People who

 are not like you admit to being useless and inferior.

 You have ruined me for other men. I yearn for you.

 I have no feelings whatsoever when we're apart. I

 can be forever happy – will you let me be yours.

 ` Jill

 Dear Jack,

 I want a man who knows what love is. All about you are

 generous, kind, thoughtful people, who are not like you.

Admit to being useless and inferior. You have ruined me.

For other men I yearn. For you I have no feelings whatsoever.

When we're apart I can be forever happy. Will you let me be?

Yours,

 Jill

But just to show there is nothing very original about all this, five hundred years before email a similarly tiresome puzzle was going around.

*Every Lady in this Land*

*Hath 20 nails on each Hand*

*Five & twenty on Hands and Feet*

 *And this is true, without deceit.*

(Every lady in this land has twenty nails. On each hand, five; and twenty on hands and feet.)

So all this is quite amusing, but it is noticeable that no one emails the far more interesting example of the fateful mis-punctuated telegram that precipitated the Jameson Raid on the Transvaal in 1896. Do you know of the Jameson Raid, described as a "fiasco"? Marvellous punctuation story. The Transvaal was a Boer republic at the time, and it was believed that the British and other settlers around Johannesburg (who were denied civil rights) would rise up if Jameson invaded. But unfortunately, when the settlers sent their telegraphic invitation to Jameson, it included a tragic ambiguity:

*It is under these circumstances that we feel constrained to call upon you to come to our aid should a disturbance arise here the circumstances are so extreme that we cannot but believe that you and the men under you will not fail to come to the rescue of people who are so situated.*

If you place a full stop after the word "aid" in this passage, the message is unequivocal. It says, "Come at once!" If you put it after "here", however, it says something more like, "We might need you at some later date depending on what happens here, but in the meantime – don't call us, Jameson, old boy, we'll call you."

Of course, the message turned up at The Times with a full stop after "aid" (no one knows who put it there) and poor old Jameson just sprang to the saddle, without anybody wanting or expecting him to.

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