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Kibbutz Yizrael

Edi-torial: As I write these words, we are holding our breath and waiting to see if we there will be a full-scale war with Iran. The world is horrified by the killing of the aid workers. I too am sad for their families. Instead of accusing us of carelessness, we are told it was a deliberate act. My God, the western world is hypocritical!

I found this on Google; I recommend you see it.

<https://www.spectator.co.uk/article/the-truth-about-israels-friendly-fire/?fbclid=IwAR202ZxM7DK0ykDT5V9pfEozkEV6rZ5rqrd8nomSfZnGBJLowzWu5UKrtTc>

Here are some extracts:

Terrible accidents happen in war.

It was the Libya intervention of 2011. In that Nato-led excursion, in which Cameron, then prime minister, was an enthusiastic partner, numerous Libyans died as a result of misaimed bombs. Things got so bad that the West's allies took to painting the roofs of their vehicles bright pink in an effort to avoid Nato's missiles.

In one awful incident, 13 people were slaughtered by our 'friendly fire'. Their number included not only anti-Gaddafi rebels but also ambulance workers.

Vast numbers of civilians have been killed by accident by the US in recent years. At another wedding party in 2004, this time in Iraq, 11 women and 14 children

were killed by American fire. Was there a 'full, transparent explanation' for that calamity?

I believe we will learn from our mistakes. I hope and pray for the immediate release of our people held captive and tortured for six months!



Mazal Tov: Congratulations to Hadar and Tamir Lavi on the birth of their son, to Kobi and Yifat Levi on the birth of their grandson on the birth of his great-grandson.

Congratulations to the Levy and Blass families and to Tamir's family. Wishing you joy, good health and lots and lots of love.

Mazal Tov: To **Esti Mittelberg** on the birth of your daughter

To **Shoshana and David**, and the whole family -

Congratulations on the birth of your granddaughter / niece.

Wishing you good health, joy with lots of laughter and love!

~~No Alon Next Week~~ – There WILL be a Newsletter Next Week.

After we announced last week that there would be no newsletter on 12.4.24, Zimra offered to do the honours. Many thanks!

Anyone who wishes to publish something on 12.4.24, is welcome to send it to Yifat, and she will forward it to Zimra.

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(And we wish Reut a happy holiday!)



To our Regular and Reserve Soldiers - Yifat Assaf

At noon last Friday, the Young Generation Committee invited all our regular and reserve soldiers to a “get together” to show our appreciation. It was pleasant and delicious, topped off by the beautiful view. With great pride, I delivered the following address:

To our regular and reserve soldiers -

It is a great privilege to stand here and thank you, on behalf of the entire kibbutz. The unfathomable reality that fell upon all of us on the seventh of October rocked our world and changed everything. There is not a person in Israel and on our kibbutz who was not affected personally.

On that day we sat in our living rooms and switched news channels, and we cried and hurt. We were scared and horrified. That night we had a hard time falling asleep.

But you - you were called to the field, to the real thing, to defend our country and our honour.

You said goodbye to the warm and cozy home, leaving behind worried families - and went to war. Each one playing his (her) part in the war. Some of you risk your lives, some of you take unimaginable responsibility for the lives of others, some of you fill essential positions on which our success depends.

And it has gone on for a long time, too long! Some of you are still there, in the north and in the south. Some of you have already been called up a second time. You do your best to keep your jobs and help your families, in this reality of uncertainty and war.

So, for all these, and for what we don't even know and maybe we won't really ever know - for everything you do and face - a huge, emotional and sincere **Thank you!**

Thank you for being there for us and defending us.

And to your partners - who carried and carry the onus of maintaining a home and family while worrying endlessly for your safety - you are great, and no less fighters, and real champions. Thank you, too, for allowing, strengthening, staying and keeping us informed.

I hope we will soon return to the days of peace, certainty, and routine.

May everyone come home soon and come home safely.

Yifat Assaf



From Erez's Desk



Paths in the centre of the kibbutz: The paths restoration project was planned to be funded, for the most part, by the regional council. Unfortunately, when we came to plan the budget and start work, at the end of March, it turned out that all the development budgets in the regional council were frozen, until the incumbent head of the council examines and decides which project is worthy and which is not. In the absence of financing, the implementation of the project is also frozen. We hope that the process of approving the projects in the regional council will progress quickly and that the restoration of the paths will be found to be a project worthy of funding by the council.

Removing dishes from the kitchen: On April 1st, a humorous post was published by the food branch levying a fine for removing utensils from the dining room. Although the issue of the fine was an April Fool's joke, the issue of removing the utensils is not a laughing matter at all.

The utensils of the food branch are intended for use in the dining room and not for take-aways. Unfortunately, we are experiencing a very large shortage of dishes because of the use that is not in the dining room. Dishes are taken home and not returned and even thrown in the trash!

The immediate implication of removing dishes from the dining room is a shortage of utensils and the unnecessary cost of thousands of shekels per year in replacements. Kindly bring containers from home!

Guards at the gate: The presence of the guards at the gate seems to many people to be ineffective. We are aware of the limitations of guarding activities at the gate. The limitations stem mainly from the structure of the gate area and the gates themselves which allow free passage once they have been opened. The expectation that the guards will check everyone who enters is not reasonable considering the volume of traffic and with the gates as they function today. However, the guards see who enters. Some of the people are already known to them or have presented an entry permit and they check drivers randomly and report to Yarden if a suspicious vehicle enters. The ineffective guard who was on the noon-evening shift, was replaced by a better guard.

The need to continue guarding the gate, as it is today with all the limitations, will soon be examined by a security committee. If we find that it is unnecessary, it will be ceased.

We are constantly looking at solutions to make security and access control more effective and cost effective.

Operating a charging station for an electric vehicle: Finally, the charging station in the main parking lot for electric vehicles is up and working.

The station is operated by the Nofer Energy company and provides a "normal" charging speed. It is not a fast charger.

The service is intended for those authorized by the kibbutz only.

To get permission to use the station, you must contact Esther Ben Bassat.

The cost will be charged to the personal budget of the user. The cost per kw/h is the cost + 40 agorot plus VAT.

From now on, we will no longer allow the installation of private car charging stations. This is for safety reasons and to regulate electricity consumption on the kibbutz. The stations already installed will be phased out.

The operation of the car charging station in the main parking lot is the pilot in route to extensive deployment of charging stations throughout the kibbutz, in accordance with the developing need. That's it for now.

Erez



Refreshing your Memory re the Guidelines for Using the Kibbutz's Kalnoiyot (Scooters). Talia Arad

I would like to reiterate the instructions regarding driving a Kalnoit (hence forth, scooter). (as defined in the procedure which can be found in Kehilanet – Ed)

As long as the scooter belongs to the kibbutz, it may not be driven by a person who has not received instruction and permission from the garage and signed the agreement.

The scooters are not insured (not required by law) and we cannot cover the costs if there is damage to the scooter itself or other property that is damaged as a result of driving by an unauthorised person. (such as damage to a parked vehicle, a barrier, etc.). In such cases, the member registered as using the scooter will bear the costs of the repair.

The scooter will be used only for the purpose of mobility of the person and his helper (caregiver or accompanying family member in the service of the disabled member).

When the scooter is private, meaning that it was purchased privately, these rules do not apply.

Remember to bring the scooter on time for its regular service at the garage, when invited. This regular maintenance is very important for the safety of the user.

Thank you,

Talia Arad



New Procedures on Kehilanet – Eddie

Since the adoption of the new organisational structure document, there have been many changes in the kibbutz procedures. I entered them all in the "Regulations and Procedures" file in kehilanet. If you can't find something, don't hesitate to contact me. The following procedures have been updated of late by the managements and clusters and especially by the asefa.

Among other things, the following procedures were decided on and published on the kibbutz media: Bereavement (as an appendix to the procedure), Education, Building (apartment maintenance basket), Health and Welfare (health basket + caregiving and the elderly procedure), Younger Generation Procedure, Education, Dogs, H.R. (all sorts), Absorption, Residency, Appeal and more.....

Kudos to those involved in the matter. The members are welcome to review the procedures. Press a few keys and hey presto!!!! I ask the officials to check that the procedures in their areas of responsibility are correct and in the right place.

Best regards,

Eddie Solow.



From the Nominations Committee Desk – Nir Segal

1. Health Cluster - We thank Dana Baum, Einan Grosser and Yifat Mizrahi for their membership in the Health Council. The following are our candidates to replace them:

Yoni Brauman (welfare). New public representatives - Rotem Agmon and Amir Darom.

The composition of the proposed cluster council: Talia Arad (coordinator), Inbal Adler, Liran Penn, Tamar Sanker, Aviva Beutler, Biff Markham-Oren, Yoni Brauman, Rotem Agmon, Amir Darom.

2. Education Committee - We thank Danit Kirschberg who is ending her membership in the Education Committee and propose Natalie Zinenko and Alita Mor as new members of the committee.

The proposed composition of the committee:

Sarit Laviv (coordinator), Kinneret Govrin (H.R.), Peter Pezaro, Philippa Segal, Revital Zelas, Rotem Agmon, Natalie Zinenko, Alita Mor.

3. Security Committee - We thank Alon Reuven for coordinating the security committee and propose Eyal Tirosh as the coordinator of the security committee.

The proposed composition of the committee: Eyal Tirosh (coordinator), Erez Peleg (community manager), Lilach Ron (Tsachi coordinator), Yarden Naor (security officer), Tal Havshush, Ehud Cohen.

4. Residents Committee - We propose the following members for the residents' committee: Sigal Hadar (coordinator), Limor Keret, Uri Gilad, Genadi Axelrod, Shachar Levy.

5. Asefa Chairman - We propose Eddie Solow for another term as chairman of the assembly. (May the Good Lord have mercy on him – Ed)

All candidates will be presented at the upcoming kibbutz meeting.

Here are more updates -

- With the end of the term of the reserve fund management members' committee, we are working on finding two public representatives for the reserve fund management committee. The job requires financial background and experience.
- The committee would like to inform the public that the conclusion of Tal Wolfson Darom's first term as cultural coordinator will be in May.

You can contact any of the members of the staffing committee - Kinneret Govrin - HR, Albert Rosilio, Liran Penn, Anat Friedman, Uri Ayalon, Tsach Sassi and Nir Segal.

Let's Wake Up - Zohar Assaf



Hadas is **Na'ama Levy's** aunt. Na'ama has been kidnapped and held in Gaza for six months!!! Hadas and Yoni, Na'ama's father, grew up with me on Kibbutz Gonen and Hadas is my good friend to this day. That's why I try to go to every rally when I can.

At the rally that took place on Saturday night, 30/4/24, cries of distress were heard on stage from the families of the abductees, and it was decided that it was time to take to the streets. The cries were sharp and painful and caused all present to shed tears.

The families of the abductees have realised that the prime minister himself was thwarting any possible deal for the return of the abductees.

We do not have time!! We must bring them home! And we don't have the privilege of sitting silently at home anymore.

I am suggesting that we all get out of our Yizraeli bubble and join the struggle!!

Zohar Assaf



This picture was presented to the Kibbutz by the families from Brur Chail, who stayed with us. The picture is hanging in the lobby.

A Message from the Higher Education Committee

On Monday of this week (1/4/2024) the registration closed for extended studies for the year 2024.

There were many requests this year, and the budget has been cut.

Now, the committee will begin working hard to handle the applications and make decisions regarding the final list.

Our aim is to finish the whole process by June this year.

Peter Pezaro (on behalf of the Higher Education Committee)



The Music School - An Interview with Avner Alterlevi

A national convention of conservatory orchestras

Dorit: Hi, Avner. I was asked to write a few words about the orchestra convention held last Thursday. I didn't go. You traveled with the symphony orchestra of the Music School. So let me interview you. First - explain to me what this conference is all about?

Avner: This is a once-a-year convention of student symphony orchestras.

Dorit: What is a symphony orchestra?

Avner: an orchestra that has representation of all sectors of musical instruments, for example string instruments, wind instruments, etc.

Dorit: So, what is philharmonic?

Avner: same A philharmonic is a national orchestra and there is one in the country.

Dorit: Under whose auspices did it take place? The Ministry of Education?

Avner: Yes. It should be understood that not every conservatory has a symphony orchestra. We have one, under the management and direction of Stas. And that definitely puts us in the front row of conservatories in Israel.

Dorit: Why? How many orchestras participated?

Avner: About five, if I'm not mistaken. Three of them are from urban centers, and two from the periphery, us and Ma'ale Adumim.

Dorit: Where did it take place this year?

Avner: In Ra'anana. The Ra'anana Conservatory is considered excellent. It is huge! Looks like airport terminal 3...

Dorit: Who else stood out?

Avner: The Jerusalemites. Their conservatory is next to the Academy of Music so the level is high.

Dorit: Where does that put us?

Avner: Look... there is no competition here. Just come and play and enjoy.

Dorit: And yet?

Avner: Judging from the praise we received - definitely in line with "the best". Don't forget that we are from the periphery... everyone commented favourably on our musicality, the programme we chose to play, and the performance and professional behaviour of the orchestra. People said that the way we dressed added to the "European" feeling ...

Dorit: We will talk about the programme. What did you choose to play?

Avner: From classical to Israeli. A diverse programme, as only Stas knows how...

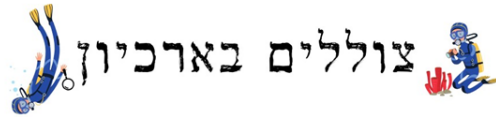
A piece by a composer - Fanny Mendelssohn, a piece by an English composer, a piece by Naomi Shemer, and a string of children's songs. As I said - a variety...

Dorit: I feel that you enjoy working at the Music School. Am I right?

Avner: Every time I participate in an event like this convention - I feel uplifted. Consider that the young people there are the future of Israeli classical music. They will lead music in the next thirty years. And to be a part of this is magic - really expands the heart!

Dorit: Thank you, Avner.





Delving into the Archives.

Third decade: Community

The new "vehicle-grandfather" (Saba Rechev) - only for maintenance, of course, not for ordering cars - he is **Grandpa Fink**.

You can see him every morning **at 6:00A.M.** in the parking lot, checking and polishing.

MEMBER: Remember! You received a clean car, be sure to return it in the same condition!

Wolfie wants you to know that he intends to make sure of it,

And surely, we will all enjoy the results.

May 1974

Wolfie was born in Poland and immigrated to South Africa in his youth.

There he married Anne, and they had 4 sons: Natty, Bernie, Mike and Jacky. Berny has been in Yizrael from 1962 and all his brothers were members here, at one time or another.

In February 1973 Wolfie and Anne immigrated to Israel and came to live on Yizrael as parents.

Anne died in 1995 and Wolfie in 1999.

From: Tsafnat Moore and Jules Feldman





Usually in April we conclude the season. However, this year we are preparing for the opening of a new league!

For the first time in Israel, a professional rugby league with the participation of 4 teams:

1. A professional team from Georgia
2. A team of Fijian UN soldiers from the Golan
3. Central team - Golden Jackals (Tel Aviv, Ra'anana, Hadarim, Jerusalem, Ashkelon)
4. The North Stars - (Yizrael, Galilee, Haifa, Menashe)

The best players from the clubs will participate in the central and northern teams together with

6 professional players in each team, so we are guaranteed competitive rugby and lots of action at a high level in every game.

The league will start on April 13 and will last for 7 weeks.

All regional league games will be held in Israel.

5 professional rugby players will arrive in Israel this week for about 2 months (another player will arrive in about 3 weeks). They will live in the caravan complex next to the western gate together with 2 coaches who already live in the complex.

- Mendisi Matinana ("baker"), Durban, DRAF
- Mark Raymond, Johannesburg, Dr.P
- Namani Boliroharua ("Nam"), Fiji
- Nassaba Sculptures, Fiji

- Tommy Spear, England
- Macmillan Muller ("Mac"), Cape Town, DRAP (arriving at the beginning of May)

Mark important dates in your diaries:

This coming Saturday - April 6, there will be a national graduate tournament (not part of the regional league) - everyone is invited to come and cheer!

April 13 - the big opening game between the North Stars and the Golden Jackals central team (before the game a national tournament will be held for children and youth)

Each game will be managed according to the standard of an international game, with sound, announcer, good food, drinks and a happy atmosphere.

See you on the field!



Meandering about the Hill (Holech B'Tel) – Yaniv Lipshitz

זוחל בתל

“Editor's” note: The whole world is in psychic escalation, and only medical science is marching progressively ever forward, at the speed of sound. Otherwise, how can you explain the fact that in less than a year, a pacemaker was implanted in a person without a heart and then a hernia operation was performed on a person without balls - and this in the same person?! (From the internet). And with us “On the Hill”, life goes on as usual. The really important things happen here irrespective... Heads or Tails? “Hot”, or “Yes”? A fancy-dress party in the best tradition.

In the name of God, quit already Bibi! Enough!

Yaniv. (Editor of the column)

עזרו לנו, חברים יקרים, לפענח את כוונת המשורר ותזכו בישועות

Dear friends, kindly help us to decipher the follow unintelligible message :

מפתיע כלב קר בסידור רכב
מפתח זה נמצא על המדף בסידור רכב.
להודעה מלאה



The above Item cannot be translated adequately. Suffice to say, Yaniv is mocking your Edi-Tor's Hebrew.... (Justifiably and with his permission)

Fight Club - We open with a full disclosure: the writer was absent from the lecture that dealt with the war in Gaza. However, and considering the investigation conducted, the following conclusions can be reached:

* War is bad, very bad!

* Still, this is probably the only issue that can bring the house down (or maybe it's better to say "fill the room" in these troubled times). Even surpassing attendance at discussions on the subject of selling shares and even expelling erring members.

Now that The Guinness Attendance Record has been broken. It seems that in order to once again convene a meeting of at least half the kibbutz, an attraction on a galactic scale is required. **On the agenda: Hot vs. Yes... mud wrestling!**

It's not a "Him", it's a "Her" ...Decisions, decisions... The era of the catastrophe led "the hill dweller" to challenging dilemmas and non-simple decisions. On the agenda: Purim. A routine dance party is out of the question this year, with or without the distribution of dodgy hot dogs at midnight. What's to do? Lower the level of partying and stay with the costumes? Call it DRAG from here on. The responses? Mixed feelings. Some reported that it was a refreshing departure from routine, others did not understand the difference. Everyone, without exception, was puzzled: where the antennae were hidden?



היעד הבא: טייטל של ארוחה עסקית בנעמי'ז

Next Goal – The name of a business menu at Neomis

English is Fun - with Rahel

Subject: C

All the C's in "Pacific Ocean" are pronounced differently.

INTERESTING WORDS

STRENGTHS

has only nine letters, but all except one of them are consonants! This earns the word a Guinness World Record. It is also one of the longest monosyllabic words of the English language.

EUOUAE

Euouae is six letters long, but all the letters are vowels. It holds two Guinness World Records. It is the longest English word, composed exclusively of vowels, and it has the most consecutive vowels of any word. (It is a musical term from medieval times.)

UNIMAGINATIVELY

.... has lots of vowels – eight in total: what is neat about this word is that its vowels and consonants alternate. It is not the longest word with alternating consonants and vowels, though...

.HONORIFICABILITUDINITATIBUS

Another way of saying "with honorableness".

TSKTSK

If you *tskstk* someone, you indicate your disapproval. TSKSTK is the longest word that doesn't contain a vowel.

UNCOPYRIGHTABLE and SUBDERMATOGLYPHIC

Isograms are words that do not repeat letters. An uncopyrightable song, for example, would not be eligible for copyright. This word has fifteen letters, but one other word without repeatable letters is longer – (see above) seventeen letters, but you won't have much opportunity to use it outside the realm of dermatology.

SESQUIPEDALIANISM

It describes the tendency to use long words.

DID YOU KNOW?

THE HISTORY OF THE "MIDDLE FINGER"

Before the Battle of Agincourt in 1415, the French, anticipating victory over the English, proposed to cut off the middle finger of all captured English soldiers. Without the middle finger, it would be impossible to draw the renowned English longbow and therefore they would be incapable of fighting in the future.

This famous English longbow was made of the native English yew tree, and the act of drawing the longbow was known as "plucking the yew" (or 'pluck yew').

Much to the bewilderment of the French, the English won a major upset and began mocking the French by waving their middle fingers at the defeated French, saying, "See, we can still pluck yew!" The difficult consonant cluster at the beginning has gradually changed to a labiodental fricative, and thus the words are often used in conjunction with the one-finger salute!

It is also because of the pheasant feathers on the arrows used with the longbow that the symbolic gesture is known as "giving the bird".

And yew thought yew knew every plucking thing.

.....more next week

Some Clarifications and Emphases Regarding Rostered Shifts

Zohar Asaf

This week I published a schedule of shifts for the months of May-June.

As a result, some problems and questions arose from the members, so I would like to answer:

1. The frequency in the months - April-June are much higher because of the holiday season, because in addition to the regular weekends there are 4 more "Fridays" and 4 "Saturdays" where there are more people on duty than on a normal weekend. Apart from that, the issue of frequency is checked once a month by Kinneret and the situation is completely under control.
2. I made several beginner's mistakes and there are a few individual members who got two shifts close together. This is also due to the holiday placements you chose, and the special kitchen placements that some of you requested. I'm sorry if it came out that way. I believe that in the next placements there will be no such mistakes.
3. There is one holiday eve shift a year. But the festival evenings are conducted like a normal Shabbat.
4. If you plan vacations or absences, you must notify me in advance to avoid a situation where you receive shifts while you are not here.
5. Exchanges are made between members themselves, without my intervention.
6. Several people contacted me about the kitchen - the issue is being handled and will be resolved soon.
7. There are two servers missing for Seder Night. I would appreciate volunteers. Those who agree to volunteer and have already done a holiday eve, it will count as a holiday eve for the next year.

Thank you for your cooperation and thank you for doing your duties.

I fully believe that it is an honour to do duty work.

And... a bit of physical work often solves medical problems and not just causes them...

This statement also dovetails with my position as sports coordinator.

Shabbat Shalom, Zohar Assaf





Yizrael Triathlon 01.06.2024

Write in your diaries and start training!

Registration and all the details this week on the bulletin board and in the next newsletter

There is something to wait for!

Sportstiyulim



The Yizraeli Passover Haggadah

In recent years, the need has arisen to make some changes to the Yizraeli Passover Haggadah.

A team was formed that sat and thought, and produced a Haggadah that includes our local traditions with a few additions and updates.

We believe that the Haggadah that was created is suitable for our community and its character today.

In this coming holiday we will use the Haggadah in the new format.

The Haggadah will be printed this year as a leaflet, in order to allow us to test the changes during the Seder night, and to make the necessary corrections before the final printing.

Next year, the updated Haggadah will be printed by a publisher as is fitting (on glossy paper – Ed)

Happy Holidays

Nitza Halevi, Stas Gavrilov, Zimra Baran, Yifat Assaf, Adi Ilan-Goldstein, Ofra Shelef, Shlomo Cohen, Tal Wolfson-Darom.

Pesach Programme

<u>22.4: Mon</u>	18:45	Pesach Seder
<u>25.4: Thurs</u>	20:30	Lecture -“Natural Medicine”-Amit Davidson
<u>26.4: Fri</u>	18:45	Kabbalat Shabbat in Moadon + Self Service dinner
<u>27.4: Sat</u>	09:00	Restoring the paths on Tel Yizrael-Chanan
<u>28.4: Sun</u>	19:00	Kabbalat Second Chag in Dining Room
<u>29.4: Mon</u>	18:00	Mimouna in Dining Room



Programme for 07/04/24 – 11/04/24.

Daily 08:30 – 12:00 – coffee, cake, chats, board games

Sunday 07/04

Opening the week with Monica.

09:10 Zoom Lecture – Around the World with Ravit Havshush – Sardinia - rituals

10:30 Ceramics room open with instruction from Ziv Ben Bassat

Monday 08/04

A trip with minimal walking to the jungle in Beit Zera - with Zohar Assaf (suitable for slow walkers...)

Tuesday 09/04

10:00 Games and trivia with Galia Shemi

10:30 Ceramics room open with instruction from Ziv Ben Bassat

Wednesday 10/04

09:30 Nature is Blooming with Hammutal

14:00 Ceramics room open with instruction from Ziv Ben Bassat

Thursday 11/04

07:00 Pedicure with Na'ama Baum (by appointment only)

09:30 Movie screening with Galia

17:15 Exercises on chairs with Michal Sha'anani

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