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| ***KIBBUTZ YIZRE’EL***  ***DEEPLY MOURNS THE PASSING OF OUR DEAR MEMBER***  ***ARNIE FRIEDMAN***  ***4.2.1934 - 20.2.2022***  ***CONDOLENCES TO FAMILY AND FRIENDS*** |

Jenny’s Speech at Arnie’s Funeral

I know that I speak on behalf of all who left their homes and came on aliya. Many of us from Habonim as well as those who chose to join us from the ulpanim.

My first memory of Arnie was as a shaliach - the first of many who made such a strong impression and surely influenced us to decide to come to Israel.

I would like to quote from the message that Gillion posted on the Habonim site:

“During the ulpan years, when the participants consisted mostly of Habonim graduates from South Africa, Zimbabwe, New Zealand and Australia, it was Arnie who received us with open arms and endeavoured to make us feel completely at home. He took care of every detail and I am sure we shall all remember him fondly.”

After Dudi and Neil were killed in the Yom Kippur War, Arnie was responsible for the yearly Hazkarot which he organized for many years.

Myrna Frank from Washington USA joins us all in sending condolences to the family and community.

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| CONDOLENCES TO SHAUL GUR, HEAD OF OUR HOLDINGS,  AND HIS FAMILY ON THE PASSING OF HIS MOTHER  **HAYA GUREVITCH**  Kibbutz Yizre’el |

**CONGRATULATIONS**

* To Kobi Levi on his election to head the Health and Welfare “Eshkol”. Good luck!!!
* To Nitzan Abir Shtiefman, manager of the KolBo, on the birth of her son. Neta Cohen and Yarden Naor will manage the KolBo until her return from maternity leave.

**MAZKIRUT MEETING 22.2.2022**

**Information**

* The full draft of the brochure of the organizational structure of the kibbutz has been given to heads of the branches, heads of committees and members of the Mazkirut for the meeting to be held on the coming Friday.
* Einat Ne’eman Spigler, has completed her term as Head of Business Human Resources and for now Racheli Arava will be head of the Community and Business Human Resources Committee as it was in the past. Thanks to Einat and good luck to Racheli.
* Yifat wants the head of the Donations Committee to be given over to a public representative, or to someone on the committee, or to someone else. The committee will be responsible to the secretary and will continue to report its activities and decisions to him/her. The nominations committee will handle the matter.
* Yifat reported on a page of signatures that she found in her drawer dealing with the allocation of profit bonuses. It is not clear who stands behind this page, who is submitting it, what the request is about, why the signatures were collected without any discussion. When we know who is behind the page we can deal with this matter.

Process of approval of the budget of 2022: There is a dispute of who should prepare the budget (people with a financial background or people with needs of the community in mind, people with a wider and more responsible outlook). Should we determine goals or let the finance determine the possibilities? With the new technological systems in place, we have a more accurate picture of the current situation so the methods used in the past to form a budget do not apply today.

After a long discussion it was decided to return the budget to the committee and to update two significant items in the budget – the food branch and education. On the basis of analyzing the results of January in both branches, a yearly plan will be prepared, conclusions and proposals will be presented to the Mazkirut once more and then to the Economic Council.

**FROM THE HUMAN RESOURCES DESK 17.2.2022**

The Human Resources Committee has been working on the production of a file of regulations for all branches and sectors (holdings/community/ secretary).

The Permanent Nominations Committee:

* It was decided that the secretary should be present at meetings of the committee in order to give her input on subjects but would not have the right to vote.
* The committee is looking to nominate a person as head of the Preschool Education.
* The committee is also seeking a second term for Head of the Social Education (Adi Ilan Goldstein).

**Review of the Regulations for Housing**: A broad team has been put together including representatives of all relevant sectors relating to housing.

Members of the Team : Aviva Beutler, Yishai Levi, Noga Harpaz, Elad Ilan, Ofri Ziv, Keren Kagan, Nitzan Kamillian, Sarit Laviv, Shimon Zelas, Tamir Blass, Tzach Sassi, Idit Halevi, Dotan Savir.

They will prepare a list of recommendations to the Mazkirut and the General Meeting of those eligible for housing which will be published in January 2023.

There is place for an additional public representative on the committee. Anyone interested in joining the team should contact Yishai Levi..

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| **ALL THAT YOU NEED TO KNOW**  **ABOUT LAWS FOR THE THIRD AGE**  For: dear friends, seniors, their families and children on the kibbutz and outside.  A LECTURE by Shlomit Barness,  lawyer and expert in the field. |

**FROM THE HOLDINGS DESK February 2022**

1. SOLAR FIELD PROJECT: The project is going ahead in leaps and bounds, thanks to Jeremy’s great effort, and should be completed by the end of May. The kibbutz will receive

580, 000 shekel a year from the Electricity Company.

1. THE DEAL WITH TELDOR: This week the Economic council approved the deal (80% for) presented by the directorate of Yizre’el Holdings to purchase 47% of the plant at Ein Dor.

This is a significant acquisition of a company with a wide range of products in the field of communications. We will not be dependent on Maytronics alone, the plan being to continue to expand our portfolio in other spheres. The acquisition of Teldor is the fruition of the work begun by Ariel Dolinko together with Shaul Gur.

**THE BAR MITZVAH GROUP “ELA” IN THE BIG CITY**

The group reached Tel Aviv by taking a train to Haifa, a train to Tel Aviv, a bus to the starting point of their game in Tel Aviv. The group split into two teams and were given their assignments in navigation using maps only, catching buses, buying items, finding information and getting around to certain points in Tel Aviv. They had an amazing experience.

**THE BAR MITZVAH GROUP “ELA” CARING FOR THE ENVIRONMENT:** The group went up to the Gilboa to the site of wind turbines and received a lecture by Elite Haviv on the dangers of the wind turbines to the environment and about the struggle to prevent the wind turbine project in our valley. After that they did a clean-up of the one of the walking paths near the stream of Nachal Harod and then went on to a big clean-up of Ma’ayan Yizre’el. Don’t worry! Itzik Shechter and the food branch provided them with picnic breakfast and lunch. They didn’t go hungry.

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| ***PURIM***  ***COME JOIN THE ORGANIZING TEAM***  ***TO MAKE A GREAT AND HAPPY PURIM***  ***FOR THE CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN***  ***CONTACT TAL WOLFSON-DAROM 05237564326*** |

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| **SENIORS’ TRIP**  **Thursday 10.3.2022**  **Through the eastern area of Nachal Harod to the antiquities of Bet Shean.**  **Guide: Amit Aharoni**  **Leaving at 8:30 after breakfast, sandwich bar at the dining room.**  **Back at about 14:00 for lunch in the dining room.**  **Anyone interested in joining the trip is welcome.**  **To safeguard others, please do a home Corona test before the trip.** |

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| **TRIP FOR THE IN-BETWEEN AGE GROUP (20-65)**  **SAVE THE DATE: FRIDAY 11/3/2022**  **Leaving 7:45 Back by 15:00**  **The trip includes a short walking track at Ein Pik, visits to a number of wineries for wine tasting, a picnic, coffee and cake.**  **Cost of the trip: 80 shekel per participant.** |

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| **TRIP IN 4 X 4 VEHICLES**  **TO THE SOUTHERN NEGEV AND NACHAL TSIN**  **Friday – Saturday 11-12 March 2022**  **Those interested should contact Hanan Shaliv** |

**PARTNERSHIP HOUSE  
BOOKINGS FOR PESACH 2022**  
•   All rooms can be booked a year in advance.  
•   For the three main festivals:  Rosh Hashana, Pesach and Shavuot, bookings will close one month before the festival.  
•   On the closing date bookings will be finalized, giving preference to those chaverim who have not received a room for the previous three years.  
•   After "new" bookings, rooms will be allocated according to the booking date.  
•   Bookings for Pesach, 2022, will close on the 15th March.  
**Rahel Piekarski**

**English is Fun - with Rahel**

ODD SPOT

In one of the more bizarre COVID forced postponements, the Norfolk versus Suffolk dwile flonking tournament in the UK had to be put on hold. The event has been held over the years in Geldeston and it involves teams dancing around each other while attempting to avoid a beer-soaked dwile, or cloth, on a stick. The village is no stranger to troubled flonking-related events.

Referee Yann Mac said: "Local folklore refers to the hop failure of 1636 in the school playground ditty, "a girl a snurd, a ring of flonkers, too sober e'er to fall down." (None like the Brits!)

AUSTRALIAN QUOTES

He looks like he was weaned on a pickle.

(Bill Hayden commenting on Malcolm Frazer)

Australia is a lucky country run mainly by second-rate people who share its luck.

(Donald Horne)

Every now and then a shark eats an Australian or two. But every day Australians eat enormous numbers of sharks. The trade balance is very much in our favour.

(Cyril Pearl)

I can't really say I am batting badly. I'm not batting long enough to be batting badly.

(Greg Chappell)

It's like swimming in sewage.

(Charles, Prince of Wales on swimming at St. Kilda beach, Melbourne 1970)

Seriously friends, Melbourne is unique. It's the only place on earth where the visitor can close his eyes and wonder if there really is life before death.

(Barry Humphries)

Keep your brain right and the rest of you will sort of drag along behind you.

(Paul Keating)

I believe I have the greatest amount of talent at the present time. This is unquestionably the opinion of my colleagues, and this is not an issue on which I feel disposed to differ from them.

(Gough Whitlam)

When I am in office I always keep members of Parliament talking. If they stopped they might start thinking.

(Robert Menzies)

…………………more next week