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**Kibbutz Yizre'el**

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**ANNOUNCEMENT FROM צח"י**

The public is asked to follow the instructions as seen on the kehilanet and the noticeboards. The team is in contact with the Ministry of Health and adapts their announcements to suit our community. Please make sure you read the announcements and follow instructions. In this way we will protect the health of the community and in particular that of the community at risk.

**PRINCIPALS of ECONOMIC PROCEDURES FOR YIZRE’EL 2020**

Because of the new situation in Israel and the world it is important to take financial and procedural measures in the regard to kibbutz branches and corporations.

We believe that this situation is not a passing one so we must proceed with caution and responsibility.

The kibbutz is strong and organized both financially and socially.

The community budgets are built on a steady basis and they should not be affected. Together with this there is an expectation of a reduction in sources of the kibbutz and so steps have to be taken to examine spending and expenditure in this coming year.

**Important to note: There is no need to panic or come to extreme conclusions! We are not at this stage.**

The idea is not to be complacent but be aware of what is happening and act responsibly so that we can preserve the standard of living we are used to.

**What is to be done?** A committee has been formed Yifat Asaf – secretary, Robin Ogen – מש"ק Ran Lilach – financial officer, Ariel Brin-Dolinko – CEO of the holdings, Shaul Gur – chairman of the holdings, to oversee proceedings. Expenditures and spending in the branches and holdings will be examined and where necessary programs will be cut down, delayed or cut out.

All decisions will go through recognized channels, with transparency in all matters.

For all kinds of queries, we are here for you.

**TO THE YIZRE’EL PUBLIC:**

* Lunch:It is recommended that everyone who can, should take food home or eat at work. If the elderly need assistance with taking food home they should contact Segal Perling / Rinat or Yitachak.
* It is recommended that the elderly and people at risk should avoid public areas.
* No bringing guests to the dining room (this includes children and grandchildren who do not live on the kibbutz).

Cooperation is important to enable us to keep the community healthy.

צח"י : Dotan Savir, Yitzchak Peleg, Reuven Yankelovitch, Kobi Levi, Yifat Assaf, Hedva Shaharabani.

**TO OUTSIDE WORKERS**

As a result of the Corona virus there have been reductions, forced holidays, lay offs without pay and even firings. In some work places workers have been asked to work from home and not come into the workplace.

If there are changes or expected changes in your work place please update me.

If people have been put into 14 days quarantine please inform me and the kibbutz authorities according to the instructions given in the Hebrew newsletter.

Together we will get through this challenging period. You are invited to call on me at any time for advice.

 Adi Laviv – head of human resources

**FROM THE FOOD BRANCH: Updates and Changes**

* Instead of tea spoons that keep disappearing we now have wooden stirring sticks.
* The bread room will not be used as a bread room but a room for serving equipment.
* The bread now comes sliced so we can now say goodbye to the faithful bread slicing machine that served us well for so many years. The bread will now be in the cupboard that was used for towels and aprons.
* The towel cupboard can be found on the staircase leading to the roof and soon the high chairs will join it.
* In the meantime, because of the increase in the number of children and adults who have been diagnosed as celiacs, a new corner in part of the storeroom of the kitchen has been organized for them which includes: a work table for the preparation of gluten free food, a freezer for gluten free products and a refrigerator with milk cartons and other suitable products - all clearly marked. Please do not come to this area if you are not part of this group.
* Thank you for your patience and adaptation to the changes. Please feel free to come to me with additional suggestions.

 Itzik Shechter

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Dor and Shani on the birth of their daughter, Ella - also to the grandparents: Roch’ele and Arnon Matalon. Oz and Ofira Eizner and of course to the great grandparents : Shimona, Shoshana, Moshe and Hasida.

**THANKS: GOOD DEEDS FAIR**

Thanks to all the people who contributed, volunteered and participated in the very successful Fair. About 25,000 shekel was raised but more important was its educational significance and the feeling of belonging to the school and the community.

**CHILDREN’S PURIM**: Many thanks to a long list of people who helped make this Purim a great success for all the children.

**HEARTFELT THANKS** to the organizers of the special Vashti Evening. It was an original, tasty and pleasurable evening for all the participants.

 Miriam Davidson

**INSURANCE:**

 **Contents of the house –** includes damage caused by fire, break in, water, electricity and damage from natural causes. For every member’s home (including candidates, parents of members, permanent residents) there is a limit of up to 320,000 shekel (except for break ins).

Experience shows that this sum does not reflect the value of the contents of a house (for example in a fire). If any one feels this does not cover their needs they are welcome consult

me.

**Insurance for a robbery**: Is limited to 40,000 shekel. (some items are insured for less) If you have valuable items and you are not sure that they are covered, consult me. You can take out your own insurance for those items not covered enough. (cameras, jewellery, musical instruments, laptops, hearing aids, collections etc).

Note: Cellular phones, tablets are not covered.

Personal participation on each claim is 600shekel.

The insurance policies are wide and generous but each one has its limitations and exceptions.

Contact me if you have specific questions, if you need to make a claim, if you have damage at home and you don’t know if you’re covered.

This does not apply to branches or businesses.

**Overseas insurance**: Everyone travelling overseas must take

 out health insurance. If a member does not do so and

 unfortunately needs medical care the member will be liable

 for payment.

 **Insurance for luggage, tickets, hotels, hire cars etc**. are a private matter but it is recommended that you do so. Everyone has different needs and we work with 4 different insurance companies each one with its advantages and disadvantages so suit your policy to the type of holiday you are taking. ( challenging sports, ski).

**Corona:** Till now, no insurance company is prepared to pay out for cancellations because of the corona virus.

Standard travel insurance can be taken out but limited to certain destinations which change all the time. Check before you buy your tickets. If you took out insurance and did not travel the fees will be refunded.

**Car Insurance**: This year Bituach Haklai is continuing to lower prices and is giving a discount to all holders of meshekcard. If interested you can receive a no obligation quote through them.

Private car and club car insurance is done directly through the insurance company, as are claims.

**ACCIDENTS WITH KIBBUTZ VEHICLES**: Accidents happen. It is very important to report accidents whether you caused it or not. The kibbutz doesn’t fine or charge you for the costs and there is no need to feel embarrassed. In order to repair a vehicle we need an accident report or the insurance won’t pay. If there is no accident report the car remains damaged and unpleasant to drive.

The right thing to do is check the outside of the car for damage before you get into it so that you know if anything happened while parked.

If an accident occurs and our car or the other car is damaged take a photo of the damage and a photo of the other driver’s papers: phone number, car registration, driving license, insurance policy, number of the car and details of the driver.

I am now working part time but can be reached any time. 0523756011.

 Tali Arad

**NEOMI’S:** Neomi had a dream and a vision of opening a coffee shop on the kibbutz and almost three years ago it came to pass.

A quiet, friendly place of beauty, intimate with good coffee and a menu of quality.

In the first business projection it was expected that the coffee shop would make about 12,000 shekel a month with a clientele of about 20 a day. Today they serve 50 customers a day and make about 40,000 shekel a month.

The success of the coffee shop is largely due to a long list of people who have given their time, hard work and support to its success. Neomi takes this opportunity to thank them in the hope that her dream and vision will continue to give people a small, quiet place with a smile of pleasure.

**BMUSIC**

* In February our student musicians took part in state musical conventions authorized by the ministry of Education. The drummers with their teacher Dotan Rutz performed in Natanya, the Jazz players with their teacher Yossi Shor performed in Ashdod. Both performances were successful.
* Eight groups performed in the moadon in Yizre’el – Rock groups, Jazz groups, “Camerton” “Yizra- band” and five saxophone players.
* The klaizmer-band performed very successfully in a special concert in Hadera.
* February ended in the outstanding performance of students and teachers in בוא שיר עברי songs by Yoram Taharlev. Echoes of the success of this event continue to resound from all over the valley.

**THE STUDIES COMMITTEE**: The last days for requests for long term studies. The application forms must be completed and sent in by 31st March 2020. The forms can be downloaded from the Khilanet and sent to HR@yizrael.com .

Committee members: Avishag Sharoni, Tamar Sadur, Shlomo Kamilian, Rotem Hillel, Limor Griman, Peter Pizarro, Adi Laviv

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| **ANNUAL BREAST EXAMINATION**Wednesday 24/3/2020From 16:00 onwards in the clinicPlease bring the reports of previous examinations(mammographs, ultra sounds,)Cost of the examination for nonmembers – 40 shekel |

 **English is Fun - with Rahel**

*If you want to know something important, ask a kid….*

WHAT IS FALLING IN LOVE LIKE?

John, aged 9: "Like an avalanche where you have to run for your life."

Glenn, aged 7: "If falling in love is anything like learning how to spell, I don't want to do it.

It takes too long."

HOW IMPORTANT IS BEAUTY IN LOVE?

Anita, aged 8: "If you want to be loved by somebody who isn't already in your family, it doesn't hurt to be beautiful."

Brian, aged 7: "It isn't always just how you look. Look at me, I'm handsome

like anything and I haven't got anybody to marry me yet."

Christine, aged 9: "Beauty is skin deep but how rich you are can last a long time."

WHY DO LOVERS HOLD HANDS?

Gavin, aged 8: "They want to make sure their rings don't fall off because they paid good money for them."

John, aged 9: "They are just practicing for when they might have to walk down the aisle some day and do the matchimony thing."

WHAT'S YOUR PERSONAL OPINION ABOUT LOVE?

Jill, aged 6: "I'm in favour of love as long as it doesn't happen when *Dinosaurs* are on t.v."

Floyd, aged 9: "Love is foolish, but I still might try it sometime."

Dave, aged 8: "Love will find you, even if you are trying to hide from it. I have been trying

to hide from it since I was five, but the girls keep finding me."

Regina, aged 10: "I'm not rushing into being in love. I'm finding the fourth grade hard enough."

WHAT'S SUREFIRE WAY TO MAKE A PERSON FALL IN LOVE WITH YOU?

Del, aged 6: "Tell them that you own a whole bunch of candy shops."

Camille, aged 9: ""Shake your hips and hope for the best."

Carey, aged 7: "Yesterday I kissed a girl in a private place – we were behind a tree."

REFLECTIONS ON THE NATURE OF LOVE

Greg, aged 8.: "Love is the most important thing in the world, but baseball is pretty good too.

***"To love a thing means wanting it to live." Confucius***

 ***…………….more next week***