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**Kibbutz Yizre'el**

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**ANNOUNCEMENT FROM צח"י**

In these challenging times it is very important that everyone be connected to the Kehilanet since new updates and instructions are posted there daily.

**NEW UPDATES:**

1. To the seniors: People over the age of 65 are beseechingly requested to stay at home because this group is the greatest at risk. It is important that you understand our concern for you so that you will cooperate and help us to keep you safe.

You may go on short walks but keep away from other people and from public areas (dining room, kol bo).

There is a messenger and delivery service for all your needs. The teenagers together with Alon Matalon and Yoni Brauman will gladly fulfill every request including; meal orders, delivery of laundry, medications, products from the Kol Bo, items from the post box, work in the garden, cleaning etc.

1. Families with children and the rest of the community: Anyone who needs help at this time – taking children out for a walk, bring food and other deliveries, or any other help that is needed are invited to contact Yifat Assaf/.
2. Taking food from the dining room:

* Please try to send only one person per family.
* Remember to try and come at the time allotted to your neighborhood.
* Wash your hands at the entrance to the dining room because we are all using the same serving utensils.
* Please take food quickly and efficiently to reduce your time in the place.
* The entrance to the dining room from the lobby has been closed in the afternoon so that we can monitor the numbers entering and the dining room.

1. Kol Bo: Instructions for the use of the Kol Bo are on the entrance to the Kol Bo. Please follow their instructions and those working there. No more than 10 people in the Kol Bo including the staff at one time. Please be patient.
2. Clothing Branch: This branch is working with a limited staff so you are asked to limit the amount of laundry you send and not begin seasonal changes.
3. Clinic: Try to avoid going to the clinic. Anyone needing medication should call the clinic and they will organize delivery to you. If feeling unwell, don’t come to the clinic, call the nurses and they will instruct you.
4. Requests for help: We welcome anyone who is available to help in any way. There are many tasks that need people to carry them out.

Contact Yifat Assaf / Dotan Savit / Adi Laviv

We are here for you, for every matter, every query.

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| *FRIDAY NIGHT AND SHABBAT MEALS.*  *In the era of the Carona Virus*  *Good evening and Happy Carona Festival*  *On the Kahilanet there is a special form for ordering meals for Friday night and Shabbat.*  *Please write the number of meals required according to the size of the family.*  *Thank You and Good Health to All*  *The Food branch* |

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Tamar Assaf on the completion of three and a half years of military service. Tamar served as a commander of the psychotechnical unit of the Jerusalem recruiting office.

We wish you a quick acclimatization and lots of success.

THANKS: Because of the situation, the adult Purim party was cancelled. When the time is right we will celebrate with a wonderful “After Carona Party”!

Many thanks and appreciation to the Purim team from the Young Generation To Nadav Nagar, Chen Tchernochovski, Tamar Assaf, Smadar Chikorel, Tal Darom, Noam Ariel, Nevo Levi and Yuval Agmon who invested so much time and energy in preparation.

Keep what you prepared and we will use it later.

; the Yizre’el Community

**SPECIAL THANKS**: To Sigal Hadar and the staff in the KolBo, to Itzik Shechter and the staff of the food branch who are working overtime to supply us with our needs and give us such good service. They are coping with enormous supplies of goods that come in every day so that the shelves in the Kol Bo are not empty. They cope with new updates and demands every day and adapt themselves in order to give us the best of service.

To other service branches who have to get used to situations that are not simple. We appreciate and admire your efforts. Thank you!!!

**THANKS** from Anat Frieman to the צח"י team who give us the feeling that we are safe and protected in these stormy times.

**THANKS** from Na’ama Baum who is in quarantine, to those messengers and delivery people ( the youngsters together with Alon Matalon, Yoni Brauman) who bring her everything that she needs. She does not take this for granted.

**WORK UPDATES AND DUTY ROSTER IN CORONA DAYS 18/3/20**

If there are any changes at work in the community or for those working outside , please report them to the human resources representative and update them on what is happening.

Help is needed in many fields to keep the community and the branches running, if you are available please let the committee know.

**Duty Roster:**

* All people on the duty roster for the dining room, cooking, assistant to the cook, serving, dish washing evening duty, moadon are released from duty until further notice including Pessach. There are no changes for other duties.
* We are doing our best to keep the branches and service branches running. We ask for flexibility and willingness to assist.

Some decisions that are made may not be understandable but they are made after consultations and with the good of the community in mind.

Adi Laviv Human Resources

**ENERGY: TRANSITIONAL SEASON BEFORE SUMMER**

Electricity tariffs until summer tariffs July - August 2020.

**From Sunday: to Thursday:**

**High:** 6:00 – 20:00

**Medium**  20:00 – 22:00

**Low**: All the rest of the hours

**Friday Eve , and Festival Eve:**

**Medium**: 6:00 – 20:00 **Low**: All the other hours

**Saturdays and Festivals**

**Medium** 17:00 - 21;00 **Low**: All the other hours

**Rate per kilowatt hour low voltage without VAT**

**High**: 0.**3276 Medium**: 0.2998 **Low** 0.2415 shekel

**REMINDER:** Those who have a Shabbat clock on their hot water tank have to adjust it to low hours. Check the updated time.

Solar heater water tanks will work together with electric power till the end of April, and gradually use the power of the sun.

**From May 2020 sun heated water tanks will move over to solar energy alone.**

If solar energy gives enough hot water, you can turn off the manual switch.

If there is not enough hot water, you can turn the manual hot waterswitch for half an hour. REMEMBER to switch it off after half an hour otherwise you w2ill find a huge electricity bill at the end of the month.

As part of your Pessach clean up don’t forget to clean the filters of the air conditioners.

Change the direction of the fins of the electric fans so they push the air flow downwards. Adjusting a ceiling fan can save up tp 15% of the cost of cooling / heating.

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| FRIDAY 27TH MARCH 2020 -  GO OVER TO SUMMER DAYLIGHT SAVING |

At 2:00 AM move the clock forward to 3:00 AM one hour’s less sleep.

On 25th October 2020 move the clock back one hour and gain an hour’s sleep.

**MEASUREMENTS FOR MUNICIPAL TAXES**

The regional council has begun a project of measurement for municipal taxes. On Monday 16/3/20 they will begin in the industrial area and then move over to the kibbutz. Householders who have closed in their patios/verandas with different kinds of canvas will be asked to roll them up for the period of measurement. Please enquire about updates in this matter. For queries contact Benny Segal or Robin Ogen

**MANPOWER UPDATE IN THE AGRICULTURAL CORPORATION**

We are pleased to announce that two kibbutz members have joined the agricultural corporation.

**Ehud Ziv** has joined the Horesh – Yizre’el field crops partnership as operational manager. Ehud has long experience in growing field crops, and as a professional manager. He also worked in Maytronics for three years and has now come back to agriculture. We wish Ehud great success in his new position.

**Nicole Americk** has joined our dairy team. In the past she worked in the dairy and since has had managerial and accounting positions.

We wish her every success in her new role.

**MAYTRONICS**

This new reality of coping with the corona virus has forced us to face new challenges. We are taking the necessary steps to safeguard health and to allow the company to continue to produce and function in the best and safest way possible.

Maytronics is economically strong, organized for the coming sales with stocks in all the markets and strong commercial contacts. We are aware of the risks in the present situation and are prepared to face them.

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| CONSUMER INVESTMENTS IN THE DAYS OF THE CORONA  We are announcing the postponement of the current consumer investments at this stage for three months (end of June).  No placing orders with suppliers in accordance with the 2020 budget. This postponement includes consumer investments and funds for infra structure and public buildings.  For special cases make an appointment with Robin and Ran to check out the exception to the instructions. |

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| **CANCELLATION OF ACTIVITIES AT THE SENIORS’ CENTER**  As a result of the instruction that people should remain at home we are unable to continue activities at the center until further notice.  Galia Shemi and the team |

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| **ACCOUNTS DEPARTMENT – WORKING FROM HOME**  The accounts department has begun working from home. You can contact them by email, Kahilanet forms, whatsapp and phone.  Mail should be left at the mazkirut and we will deal with it.  Good Health to all. The accounts dept. |

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| **CANCELLATION OF THE BREAST EXAMINATION at the CLINIC**  The breast examination has been cancelled until further notice.  The clinic staff |

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| **LAYING OF ASPHELT AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE KIBBUTZ**  Asphelt will be laid at the entrance to the gas station and will cause disruption  to the flow of traffic. People are asked to drive with caution. We apologize for any inconvenience.  “Yizre’el-Alon” Jeremy Perling |

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| **SPORTRIP ACTIVITY HAS BEEN POSTONED**  The committee recommends  Go out to nature with your family or in small groups |

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| ***NEOMI’S***  *From tomorrow the coffee shop will open as a TAKE AWAY.*  *The coffee shop will be open from 10:00 – 16:00*  *You can order by phone or send a WhatsApp 0523756124*  *Every day we will post the day’s menu.*  *The main thing is BE HEALTHY Neomi Amit* |

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| **MEETINGS WITH MANNY**  All meetings with Manny have been cancelled until further notice.  For urgent matters you can contact Manny 0506799803  Jeremy |

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| **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](mailto:HR@yizrael.com) .  Committee members: Avishag Sharoni, Tamar Sadur, Shlomo Kamilian, Rotem Hillel, Limor Griman, Peter Pizarro, Adi Laviv |

**English is Fun - with Rahel**

**Proverbs:**

Fools rush in where fools have been before.

It's called "take home" pay because you can't afford to go anywhere else with it.

Success is relative – the greater the success, the more relatives.

Anyone can be a winner, unless of course, there is a second entry.

*The slower you work, the fewer mistakes you make.*

If Murphy's Law can go wrong, it will.

*If at first you succeed, try to hide your astonishment.*

You must have learned from other's mistakes. You haven't had time to think all

those up yourself.

People like criticism, just keep it positive and flattering.

It's OK to let your mind go blank, but please turn off the sound.

Worry kills more people than work, because more people worry than work.

When you're getting kicked from behind, that means you're in front.

Misers aren't much fun to live with – but they make great ancestors.

*Opportunities always look bigger going than coming.*

The real reason you can't take it with you is that it goes before you do.

Hospitality is making your guests feel at home, even if you wish they were.

**Some people are like blisters. They don't show up until the work is done.**

Experience is a wonderful thing. It enables you to recognize a mistake when you

make it again.

Most people deserve each other.

All the good ones, no matter what it is, are taken.

The one who snores will fall asleep first.

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