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***Kibbutz Yizre'el***

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**SENIORS’ CENTER**

The name chosen for the center is “Or B’Giva”. The opening date for the center will be announced shortly.

THANKS from **Zohar Assaf** to the laundry and clothes store staff for the help during their isolation and in their move to their new apartment. The collection and delivery of laundry was amazing.

**REMINDER TO MEMBERS**

One of the basic principles of the kibbutz is that any active income goes into the account of the kibbutz. A few cases have been brought to our attention whereby this is not so. We ask that members do the right thing and thus avoid any unpleasantness. It may be something minor but can lead to bigger matters.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

An outsider joined our Economic Council meeting on zoom. He was removed. This outsider may be from a financial newspaper. It seems that a member passed the entrance code to him. We find this a serious matter since sensitive data is presented at these meetings. If you have information regarding this incident, let us know.

**MAZKIRUT MEETING 25/1/2022**

The inspection report on security has been ready for a few months and was supposed to be presented to the General Meeting. However, the Security Committee has just started to renew its activities and the new Carona Committee is also beginning to act, so the report will be presented when these committees have settled in and will be able to act on the findings of the report.

1. **Decision about the two apartments to be built in the Parents’** **Neighborhood in order to advance klitah**. After all the aspects of the project had been examined, the following decision was made; The Mazkirut gives the green light to the project to build 2 apartments for klitah in the Parents’ Neighborhood
2. **Summary of the goals that the Mazkirut set for itself.**

It was found that most of the goals that were set were partially completed, waiting for various committees to prepare information and present it to the Mazkirut. It is felt that once the new plan for organization of the community comes into being, we will see more efficiency and results.

**UPDATE ON AGRICULTURE 12.1.2022**

Daniel Rosenfeld, the Head of Agriculture thanked Ariel Brin Dolinko for passing the “baton” of agriculture in such an orderly and efficient manner. He also thanked other members in the directorate that that helped his transfer to this position.

1. In order to decide on the direction agriculture of Yizre’el will take, meetings were held, visits to other kibbutzim were carried out, experts were consulted and the findings will be reported to the Holdings Directorate and the Economic Council.
2. **Water**: We can receive run-off water from Nachal Harod which is free but the cost of maintaining dams and channels and other equipment is high. On the other hand, we can receive water from Mekorot at around the same cost. So it was decided to turn to Mekorot thus receiving an addition of 200 thousand cubic meters of water to our quota which will bring us up to almost 1.7 million cubic meters.

**Drainage**: We are in contact with the Drainage Authority and the Ministry of Agriculture to solve our problems of drainage. We lost 100 dunam of almond trees because of poor drainage.

**LIBRARY NEWS**

Books that have been taken out of the library inventory are being displayed in the reference library room. They will be displayed from last Friday for about a week. You are invited to come to the library, look them over and TAKE any books that you fancy.

**PLANNING COMMITTEE**

1. Requests by the Gardening Committee
2. To create an area where all Tu B’Shvat planting will take place. The area is north of the chicken sheds and the fence should be moved up to the boundary of the kibbutz.
3. Between Bernie’s statue garden and the wooden huts, there is an informal path through Omri’s statues. The Gardening Branch wants to develop the area with trees, introduce lighting and benches.
4. North of the new rugby field there is an area south of area 1004 to where they want to move trees, between the rugby field and the road.
5. Pruning stations: The branch wants to setup six pruning stations in different locations on the kibbutz where the prunings will be shredded.
6. Parking for Golf carts outside the dining room: An initial mock-up of the plan has been made. It was discussed and decided that a more detailed one should be made with other options.
7. **Status of projects**
8. Young people’s neighborhood: Initial plans have been presented.
9. **The Cottage Neighborhood**: A contractor has been chosen and the work has begun
10. Roads: Once the budget has been approved the work on the roads, footpaths and parking areas can begin.
11. The New Neighborhood: As soon as all the plans and permits have been acquired a meeting will be held to work out the finer details.

**FROM THE HUMAN RESOURCES DESK**

**Head of Tzachi Committee** (not including Tzachi Corona)

**Lilach Harpaz** has agreed to take on this position. Dotan Savir and Erez will prepare her for this position.

**Education**

**Yifat Aloni**, Head of the PreSchoolers’ education for the last six years, has asked to leave at the completion of her second term, at the end of the year. The committee is looking for a replacement.

**A Permanent Committee for Finding Officials for the Kibbutz:**

A committee has been selected for this purpose – Irit Shemesh, Hila Alterlevi, Ofra Shelef and Amir Darom. (as well as the secretary of the kibbutz, head of the nominations committee and 1-2 members who are linked to the subject being dealt with).

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| FROM THE CORONA TEAMDue to new regulations responsibility for our health has become the responsibility of the individual.Lets be responsible people and act with the caution that is needed |

**English is Fun - with Rahel**

TOP TEN GRAMMAR PEEVES:

* "Your" and "you're" are not the same word.
* Apostrophes don't form plural nouns.
* "There", "they're" and "their" are completely different words.
* The contraction of "could have" is not spelled "could of".
* "Then" shows sequence of events. "Than" is used to compare nouns.
* "Its" is the possessive form of "it". "It's" is the contraction of "it is".
* "To", "too", and "two are also completely different words
* "Affect" is a verb and "effect" is a noun.
* "Irony" does not mean "anything that is unexpected."
* Your pants are "loose". You "lose" your keys.

WORD ORIGINS:

**Cheat:**

**Meaning:** A dishonest person; the act of deceiving someone for gain.

**Origin:** Comes from **escheat** – a medieval legal term for "the reversion of property to the state in the absence of legal heirs, and of that state's rights to such confiscation." The officer who looked after the king's escheats was known as the cheater….the dishonest connotations of the word evolved among thieves in the 16th century.

**Snob:**

**Meaning:** A snooty person; someone who puts on airs.

**Origin:** It seems that Oxford freshmen were required to register 'according to rank.' Those not of noble birth added after their names the phrase sine nobilitate which was; then abbreviated to 's.nob., thus creating a perfect definition for the commoner who wishes to mingle with the nobles.

**Alcohol:**

**Meaning:** An intoxicating beverage.

**Origin:** The word comes from Arabic al-kuhul, a powder used as a cosmetic. Borrowed into English, alcohol came to mean any distilled substance. Alcohol of wine was this the 'quintessence of wine'…..by the middle of the 18th century alcohol was being used on its own.

**Diaper:**

**Meaning:** A cloth used to capture a baby's waste.

**Origin:** From theGreek diaspros, meaning 'pure white'…. originally, a fabric woven of silk, sewn with gold thread, and used for ecclesiastical robes.

**Ambition:**

**Meaning:** Single-minded drive toward achieving a goal.

**Origin**: Ambitio is the Latin term for 'running around". The term originally referred to the way politicians in ancient Rome ran around "in search of voters to persuade or buy."

**Doodle:**

**Meaning:** Aimless, absent-minded scribbles.

**Origin:** The word doodle comes from the German word dudeln, meaning 'to play the bagpipe.' The notion seems to be that a person who spends his time playing bagpipes would be guilty of other frivolous time-wasting activities.

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