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**Kibbutz Yizre'el**

**Translated by Fay Drezner**

**Excerpts from “B’Yizre’el” No. 1939 21/2/2020**

**CONGRATUALATIONS**

* To Benny Brustein on completion of part of his preparatory sabotage course in Nachal. Well done! We wish you success in the continuation of your path.
* To Daniel Shapira on completion of part of his preparatory paratroopers’ course. Well done! We wish you success with the continuation.

Young Generation committee

**HEARTFELT THANKS** to the youngsters for the gift of a plant and the greeting for Tu B’Shvat. Miriam and Derek

**MINISTRY OF HEALTH DIRECTIVES REGARDING THE CORONAVIRUS**

According to the Ministry of Health’s directives of 17/2/20 those returning from China, Thailand, Hong Kong, Singapore, and Macau are to be in home quarantine for a period of 14 days after leaving the above countries.

Those returning from these countries are asked to call the kibbutz clinic before their arrival in order to receive instruction about the conditions of quarantine.

Note: This does not apply to those in transit in these countries except for China. The clinic staff

**PARTNERSHIP HOUSE**

Genia Lankevitz, who for the past twenty years has been responsible for the cleaning and organizing the guest house for the convenience of us all is now recovering at home from surgery. We wish him a swift recovery and good health.

Sima Arieli and her crew of wonderful cleaners came to the rescue to take his place. As a result, for the next six weeks the cleaning hours of the rooms will be changed.

Many thanks to Sima for her help. Rahel Piekarski

**ROSTER DUTY:** A new list for roster duty till the end of May 2020, including the spring holy days has been posted. Please note the changes between the old list and the new one.

Reminder: Finding a replacement for roster duty is the responsibility of the chaver. Please inform Ruth Mor about any changes made.

**THE ALMONDS ARE IN BLOOM:** Before going down to the almond orchards please call and find out if this is possible as there is agricultural equipment in the field which is in use.

Thank you. Ilan Sadur

**THE WESTERN GATE from Alon Reuven**

After watching cars, trucks and buses coming through the western gate when it was left open because of whose a problem with the gate, Alon believes that opening the gate to all users is a catastrophe in the making. He believes that driving another 200 meters to the main gate is not such a difficulty if you consider that lives are at stake.

**HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE 16/2/20**

1. **Club cars**: Club cars are allocated to those whose health needs require their use. The decision in these cases is made by the clinic staff. Only members are allowed to drive these vehicles

( not young children or grandchildren) for safety and insurance considerations.

1. **Cleaning:** The committee pays for two and a half hours, once a fortnight. If more hours are wanted then the member will be charged.
2. **Alternative Treatments:** the committee will participate in the cost of the first 15 treatments within the kibbutz or outside it up to the sum of 120 shekel per treatment. If more treatments are recommended by the medical practitioner or the family doctor, the committee will subsidize the cost of 10 more treatments in the same calendar year at a rate of 60% (76 shekel per treatment).
3. **Consultations and surgery:** Three consultations per year through “Kupat Holim mushlam” or” bituach mushlam will be paid for by the committee. Private consultations only with our doctor’s approval. All other private medicine procedures (cataract operations, laser operations etc) will be paid by the chaver.
4. **Assistive devices:** The prices will be updated if needed every two years.
5. **Glasses –** Lenses up to 1,900 shekel, frames once in three years up to 500 shekel, (The prices include VAT).
6. **Hearing aids –** the committee will subsidize each hearing aid up to 6,000 shekel (including VAT).
7. **Insoles –** the committee will subsidize them up to 900 shekel (including VAT) once every two years.
8. **Garden:** Three monthly hours can be given by the committee for those needing help with their gardens. (Apply to Yitzchak).
9. **Travel expenses –** All trips in a radius of 10 km of the kibbutz (Omer, Emek hospital, Kfar Yehezkel, Gan Ner, Ramon etc) will be paid by the members.

**All of these updates are a result of the cuts in the budget of Health and Welfare. Yitzchak Peleg**

**THE STUDIES COMMITTEE**: We are still receiving requests for long term studies. The application forms must be completed and sent in by 10th 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

**INTERNATIONAL DAY OF STUDY AT AN EXHIBITION**

“Naked Soul” – Haim Sutin and Israeli Artists

On 27.2.2020 at the Ein Harod Art Museum

For details and to sign up, contact : <https://museumeinharod.org.il>

Or יום-עיון-ביל-בתערוכה-נפש-עירומה-חיים-ס

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| **AN EVENING OF HEBREW SONG**  **A REGIONAL PERFORMANCE OF MANY PARTICIPANTS**  **PRODUCED BY THE MUSIC SCHOOL**  **29/2/20 at Bet Tsizling** |

***THE KIBBUTZ MOVEMENT HAS STARTED A CAMPAIGNE TO RECRUIT VOLUNTEERS FOR THE LEFT AND CENTRAL PARTIES – AVODA – GESHER – MERETZ***

***KIBBUTZNIKIM DON’T STAND ON THE SIDELINES***

***BE ACTIVE***

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**GOOD DEEDS FAIR**

**IN MEMORY OF**

**THE LATE GEFEN TURGEMAN from MOSHAV MOLEDET**

The proceeds of the fair will be donated to the “Haim” association which supports children cancer patients and their families.

**4/3/2020 15:00 – 17:00 in the grounds of our school Emek Harod.**

We want to create a fair that is diversified, colorful with the participation of the whole community of the Emek.

Volunteers on the part of the parents are urgently needed.

We welcome new and creative ideas.

Contact: Student representative – Eden Armoza 082457444

Parent committee representative – Einat Gutzman 050 621 6188

Social Education coordinator – Ofer Bashan 0586689805

**English is Fun - with Rahel**

I hope you enjoy the "revised" History of the World as much as I do when typing it….

Then came the Middle Ages, when everyone was middle aged. King Alfred conquered the Dames. King Arthur lived in the Age of Shivery with brave knights on prancing horses and beautiful women. Finally the Magna Carta provided that no free man should be hanged twice for the same offence.

In midevil times most people were alliterate. During this time, people put on morality plays about ghosts, goblins, virgins and other mythical creatures. Another story was about William Tell, who shot an arrow through an apple while standing on his son's head.

The government of England was a limited mockery. From the womb of Henry VIII Protestantism was born. He found walking difficult because he had an abbess on his knee.

Queen Elizabeth was the "Virgin Queen". As a queen she was a success. It was an age of great inventions and discoveries. Gutenberg invented the Bible. Another important invention was the circulation of blood. Sir Walter Raleigh is a historical figure because he invented cigarettes and started smoking. And Sir Francis Drake circumcised the world with a 100-foot clipper. (love this one!!!)

The greatest writer of the Renaissance was William Shakespeare, who was born in 1564, supposedly on his birthday. He lived at Windsor with his merry wives, writing tragedies, comedies and errors. In one of his famous plays, Hamlet rations out his situation by relieving himself in a long soliloquy. His mind is filled with the filth of incestuous sheets which he pours over every time he sees his mother. The proof that the witches in Macbeth were supernational is that no one could eat what they cooked. Romeo and Juliette are an example of a heroic couplet.

The next great author was John Milton. Milton wrote Paradise Lost. Then his wife died and he wrote Paradise Regained.

Later the Pilgrims crossed the ocean, and this was called Pilgrim's Progress. One of the causes of the Revolutionary War was the English put tacks in their tea. Finally the colonists won the War and no longer had to pay for taxis.

Benjamin Franklin invented electricity by rubbing two cats backwards and declared, "A horse divided against itself cannot stand." Franklin died in 1790 and is still dead.

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