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***Kibbutz Yizre'el***

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**HAG SAMEACH** from the management of the kibbutz. With the coming of spring, Yifat compares the kibbutz to a garden with all kinds of flowers, sturdy ones, delicate ones, ones that need special attention and care but all beautiful, colourful with their special fragrance and features. Together they create a magnificent garden.

**SPECIAL THANKS** to the dear Heads of Committees, the heart of the social life of the kibbutz, for their hard work mainly voluntary, their devotion, time spent often at the expense of their families or at personal expense, without whom we could not function. We must not take their contribution for granted. Thank you and we wish you the strength to continue in this blessed work.

 Yifat Assaf

**A FAREWELL TO DINA BOOKMAN FROM OFAKIM SCHOOL**

Many thanks to Dina for the light you brought to so many children in the areas they felt darkness. With your help, they entered a quietness out of the classroom where they were given a chance to blossom and feel a lightness in the air.

You showed us, teachers, different ways to approach our students to help them grow. Dina, you taught us what it is to give, to volunteer with no thought for material gain. We were impressed by your patience and your willingness to give.

We wish you good years ahead in a loving and caring environment with people who are happy to give a hand.

 Hag Sameach from the Ofakim

**SIMA’S CLINIC** has moved to its new premises in the upper “Rakevet” building. Many thanks to all those involved in setting up the new clinic.

 Hag Sameach and good health to all……… Sima Arieli

**THE DONATIONS COMMITTEE** wants the participation of the public in the formation of a list of bodies to which the kibbutz should donate. A list will appear on Kehilanet asking people to mark the bodies / institutions they feel should receive funds. There will also be the ability to add to the list.

The bodies / institutions that will appear as follows;

Adoption of a need community, the struggle against violence in the family, people with disabilities, victims of shell shock, lone soldiers, food for the needy, youth at risk, holocaust survivors, Corona casualties, new immigrants, medical associations.

We hope that people will take the time to fill in the form so we can form a wider picture of what members want.

**MAZKIRIUT MEETING 21/3/2021**

1. A Solution to Recruiting Workers to Maytronics: Racheli, the Head of the Human Resources, presented the problem. There is a shortage of workers on the production line of Maytronics. We have been asked to recruit workers from the kibbutz. Most of the people are working in all kinds of places. How do we provide an incentive to youngsters to move over to Maytronics? The conditions of young people’s grants are the same in all the work places. It is important for the future that kibbutz people work in Maytronics to make it “our” factory not just the factory that supports us. In order to get youngsters to work in Maytronics we need another kind of incentive. Racheli and Noga Harpaz, Head of the Young Generation, suggest that the youngster take on the status of a hired worker whereby they get a pay slip. Then they are covered for night work and overtime, which is not accounted for with Bnei Meshek, a factor that affects motivation to work there.

After a discussion the following decision was made:

**The Mazkirut recommends that Bnei Meshek in the Young Generation framework be allowed to work in Maytronics as hired workers.** This recommendation will be brought to the General Meeting.

1. To Whom is the Finance Manager Accountable?

Originally the position of Community Business Manager related to the community only but now with the change made from Business Manager of the Community to Finance Manager, which now incorporates the kibbutz Holdings as well, the position must be redefined.

After discussion the following decision was made;

**Examination and definition of the position will be made in the short run. By the next meeting, Erez, Maor and Ariel will prepare a page of answers and explanations to the questions that were raised in the discussion. At the following meeting, relating to the information provided, decisions will be made.**

1. Burial – a) The Right to burial at Yizre’el b) Layered burial

There is a government decision that cemeteries in the countryside cannot be expanded so when a cemetery runs out of room, burials will have to take place in regional cemeteries. We have 175 graves in our cemetery and room for another 110. We have 350 members and residents on Yizre’el so that in about 20 years time there will not be enough space, if we don’t make changes now. Till now in principle, it was accepted that kibbutz members and only close relatives who do not live on the kibbutz can be buried here. In reality, there were many exceptions, so we need to decide who can be buried here and the method of burial.

Decision:

**The Mazkirut accepted the recommendation of the Burial Committee to begin preparation for layered burial and also their recommendations as to who has the right to be buried on Yizre’el.**

These two topics will be brought to the General Meeting.

**THE NUTRITION PROCESS IN THE PRESCHOOL AGE GROUP**

In the last few months, the dining room and its partners – Itzik Shechter, Adi Laviv and Na’ama Tal Shachar (clinical nutritionist for babies and children) have been in consultation. The food the children receive and the food that the children eat have been studied in order to improve the quality, the nutritional value, the tastes and the variety. Reports were given daily by the staff of the preschool children’s houses as to what was eaten, the taste, the quantities.

The children are receiving healthier food and liking it. The project is still on going and the results are good.

**BOOKSHELVES NEXT TO THE POST BOXES**. These book shelves, built by Shlomo Cohen, are for books left there by people who have read them and want to make them available for others to read. Take a book, read it, return it if you wish. Let’s renew this sweet corner.

 Sarit Laviv and Dalya Levitan

**FRON EREZ’S DESK**

Pesach is here. Cleanup and renewal time.

The Gardening Branch is busy cleaning up winter weeds and areas, the Regional Council swept the roads and the repainting of road markings will be carried out by the Building Branch.

The Service Committee for Members has started work. They will meet with heads of the service branches, find out what has been done and what needs to be done. They will meet regularly twice a month.

The “Rondo” of public buildings

Yana Reuven and Sima Arieli have moved into their newly renovated clinics in the “Rakavet” building. In another month the new hairdressing salon will be ready in the “Bassin” building. The preschool office will move into the archive building as soon as it is necessary. The archives will move to the bottom Rakevet building. These moves will allow the demolition of the Cottages

so the building of the new Cottage neighborhood can begin.

Management of the Western Road Project.

The planning of the road from the intersection of the Partnership House, through the western gate to area 1004 has been completed in coordination with Benny Segal and the planned road to the new northern neighborhood. In the coming days the path of the new road will be marked and a tour of the area is being organized.

Renovation of the Dining Room and the Kol Bo

Plans for these renovations have been made and a price quote has been requested from the company that will manage the project.

Workshop for Heads of Branches

The heads of the branches are participating in a 5 day workshop designed to improve inter personal communication, to give management tools and the ability to cope with their roles as servicemen.

Community Projects

The need to solve immediate housing problems, the use of public buildings and the development of Maytronics are factors in making changes in the kibbutz over the next 2-3 years.

* The building of the new Cottage neighborhood will begin in the next few months and in about a year the first tenants will enter their new homes. The project should take two years.
* The project of the western road, the infra structure for the northern neighborhood, the area 1004 and the rugby field will be carried out this summer.
* Renovation of the dining room, kitchen and Kol Bo, including the lobby and the moadon should begin at the beginning of 2022.
* Transfer of the Music School to the building that now houses the Building Branch should take place within one and a half to two years.
* In another year and a half (end of 2022) construction of the northern neighborhood should begin.
* The improvement of the road at the entrance to the kibbutz will be done together with the western road.
* The transfer of some of the service branches to area 1004 is planned for another year.
* The first stage of the renovation of the cemetery has begun and will continue for another year.
* The masterplan for the infra structure has begun.
* The renovations for the Rondo and public buildings will take a few years.
* Other projects like – a community building at the rugby field, a sports center are being examined.

Erez reminds us that his door is always open to those who wish to discuss matters.

**UPDATE ON THE RENOVATIONS AT THE CEMETERY**

In the last few days heavy equipment has been used in order to prepare space savers made of concrete beside the current graves. These space savers will be covered over with earth so they will not be seen. This is in order to prepare places for graves so that heavy equipment will not be used again in the cemetery.

The plans for the cemetery have been up for a while in the lobby of the dining room. These plans show the new paths, the enlargement of the mourners awning, watering installations, electricity, bathrooms and garden arrangements.

For queries contact Shlomo Levi or Rafi Baum. To set a date for a memorial contact Sigal Perling.

**LOCKING OF THE GATES**

During this fine weather, people are going on walks through the rugby gate, the cemetery gate and the gate to the almonds. Unfortunately, the gates are sometimes not locked after passing through.

Riders / Drivers of all kinds of vehicles look for a short cut through the kibbutz via these gates and they may hurt pedestrians on their way through.

We don’t want these kinds of situations so please lock the gates after you.

**ENERGY - TRANSITIION SEASON TILL THE SUMMER**

Electricity rates till the summer (July August)

**From Sunday to Thursday:**

High rate 6:00 – 20;00 Medium rate: 20:00 – 22:00 Low rate: the rest of the hours

**Friday 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.

Cost: Transition season; High; 0.37 shekel Medium: 0.37 Low: 0.24

 (winter) High; 0.82 shekel Medium: 0.48 Low: 0.27

 (summer) High 0.89 shekel Medium 0.37 Low: 0.25

Those who have a Shabbat clock that regulates the boiler should change the hours to low rate.

The boilers will work on electricity until the end of April.

**From May the boilers on solar energy will be working on energy from the sun.**

 If those using solar energy have enough hot water, they can turn the boiler off manually. If they don’t have enough hot water they can turn the boiler on manually for half an hour.

**Don’t forget to turn it off !!! You’ll see it in your electricity bill.**

Don’t forget to clean the filters of your air conditioners and to turn the fins of fans downwards. Ceiling fans can save up to 15% of the energy costs for cooling and heating.

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| ***THREE GUIDED TOURS******WEDNESDAY 31/3/2021 AT 16:00*****FIRST STATION: THE UPPER DAM*** Explanation of the water system of the kibbutz
* The solar project
* The petrol station

**SECOND STATION: INDUSTRIAL AREA NEAR THE AWNING OF THE FIELD CROPS*** Explanation of the building project in the industrial park
* Buildings that are being built now.
* Buildings to be built in the future

**THIRD STATION: AREA 1004 (THE AREA AFTER THE RUGBY FIELD TOWARDS AFULA)*** Explanations as to the buildings planned in1004
* The rugby field
* A little on future agriculture

Please sign up on the notice board in the dining room in advance.The groups will move between stations. Explanations will take 30 minutes and the moving from station to station will take 30 minutesGetting to each station will be done independently - on foot, by bicycle, kalnoit or by car. Since it is difficult to get to area 1004 by kalnoit there will be transportation to there from the rugby buildings. |

**English is Fun - with Rahel**

**Malapropism** is the act of using an incorrect word in place of one that is similar in pronunciation. Here are some examples of malapropisms by well-known people:

* "Texas has a lot of electrical votes." *(electoral votes – Yogi Berra)*
* "Be sure and put some of those neutrons on it." *(croutons - Mike Smith*)
* "It's got lots of installation*.*"  *(insulation - Mike Smith)*
* "Create a little dysentery among the ranks." *(dissension - Christopher Moltisanti from 'The Sopranos')*
* "This is unparalyzed in the history of the State." *(unparalled – Gib Lewis, Texas Speaker of the House)*

These are examples of malapropisms spoken by Archie Bunker in "All in the Family".

* A witness shall not bear falsies against his neighbour.
* The hookeries and massageries…the whole world is turning into a regular Sodom and Glocca Morra."
* Last Will and Tentacle…
* Patience is a virgin
* A menstrual show
* Buy one of them battery operated transvestite radios.
* A women doctor is only good for women's problems..like your groinocology.
* I ain't a man of carnival instinctuals like you.
* Irene Lorenzo, Queen of the Women's Lubrication Movement.
* In her elastic stockings, next to her very close veins.
* In closing, I'd like to say Molotov. (mazel tov)

……and by former president George W. Bush

*It will take time to restore chaos and order.*

*The law I sign today directs new funds to the task of collecting vital intelligence on weapons of mass production.*

*They have miscalculated me as a leader.*

*I am mindful not only of preserving executive powers for myself, but for my predecessors as well.*

*We need an energy bill that encourages consumption.*

*We cannot let terrorists and rogue nations hold this nation hostile or hold our allies hostile.*

 *…………….more next week*

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