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***Kibbutz Yizre'el***

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***BEST WISHES to Na’ama Assaf on her induction to the army. She will be serving as an instructor to the armored corps. Good luck in this job.***

***CONGRATULATIONS to Maya Axelrod who completed her army service. We thank you and are proud of you. Wishing you all the best in your civilian life.***

***CONGRATULATIONS to Sa’ar Matalon, on completion of his B.Sc. at the Tel Chai College.***

***THANKS to Adi Ilan Goldstein and the team of youth leaders for organizing a learning center during the Corona period for the children in grades 4 & 5.***

***Overnight you changed from youth leaders to teachers, helped solve math problems and defined words. You created a different kind of learning experience and allowed us, their parents, to go about our business with peace of mind. The 4th and 5th grade parents***

***THANKS to Galia for her tireless efforts before the Corona and now to find answers to our, the pensioners, need to socialize. We very much appreciate the thought and effort put into creating a varied program. We cannot take this for granted and we take this opportunity to thank you and show how much we appreciate your activities. Shoshana and Moshe Rosenbloom***

**FROM THE FOOD BRANCH**: Itzik wants to thank all those who participated in the survey about the Food Branch. They have just received the results of the survey and are studying them. Itzik himself, and on behalf of the people working in the Food Branch, wants to say thanks for the many compliments they received and for the support shown for their efforts in these difficult times.

They will continue to give and improve the service and it is good to know that that their efforts are appreciated.

The results of the survey will be analyzed and plans will be made to meet the needs of the community.

**THE BAR MITZVAH GROUP:** It’s 253 days since the last Kabbalat Shabbat in the dining room. The Bar Mitzvah Group decided to prepare a Kabbalat Shabbat adding personal notes and presenting each family with a delicious box of cookies made by the group themselves with a note wishing everyone good health and the hope that we will overcome this difficult year together.

We hope that soon we will all be able to get back together in the dining room for our own Kabalat Shabbat.

**SENIORS’ COMMITTEE MEETING 11/11/2020**

**Program for 2021**

The meeting began with the review of the vision for seniors for 2021.

1. We aspire for Yizre’el, a multi generational community, to respect the seniors, be aware of their needs and to cater for their physical and emotional conditions.
2. The seniors should be active socially and culturally, and a full partner in the life of the kibbutz.
3. A place where seniors feel relevant and contribute to the economy and the community.
4. We aspire to be aware of the physical and emotional changes of the seniors and help them develop strategies to cope.

**Objectives to be preserved:**

1. Celebrating round number birthdays.
2. Organizing 3-4 trips a year.
3. Encourage seniors to participate in the programs of Dorot BaGilboa. At the moment there are a few activities with physical attendance, many low cost programs online or on zoom. This year all payments for Dorot are made directly by the participants and not through the kibbutz.

**Renewed Objectives**

Seniors’ Moadon: We will continue to bring lectures and performances but in a different framework. The seniors’ moadon will be open once a month in the afternoon on a set day and dates that will be announced in advance. There we will celebrate monthly birthdays, bring lectures and performances and workshops. We are trying to find ways to carry out these plans within Corona limitations.

**New Objectives:**

1. Projects by Seniors for the benefit of the community – In order to preserve our active partnership standing, we are looking for 1-2 projects in which interested members can be active. We are checking out the possibility of baking challot on Fridays and distributing them to families. A project that opens up other possibilities. We are open to ideas and suggestions.
2. Finding a building that will be used as the permanent meeting place of the Seniors’ Moadon - there are 130 seniors. The moadon is necessary in order to carry out permanent activities: A day moadon led by Galia, a moadon led by the seniors’ committee. interest groups, group activities, exhibitions etc. We have equipment for a day moadon and activities and we need a place where we can leave everything. We believe that a permanent moadon is necessary in order to create a tradition, and to create a home for all senior activities.

Soon we will publicize the program and get it going. In the meantime we will continue with the interest groups.

1. Day moadon with Galia two mornings a week with a rich program - A movie watching group and a games morning.
2. A knitting group with Ilana Peleg, Galia and Shlomit Fink.
3. An art and drawing group led by Chas Broadhurst, Rahel Piekarski and Philippa Segal.
4. Exercises on chairs with Michal Sha’anan.
5. Creativity with Michal Sadur.
6. We can always start a new group like a reading group , a life story group, musical appreciation, weekly portion of the bible, cooking, blanket making, - depending on the demand and on the person willing to lead the group. You are invited to contact us.
7. The Committee: Shlomit Fink, Danit Kirshberg, Zohar Assaf, Sima Arieli, Oren Broadhurst, Philippa Segal, Inbal Adler.
8. We are interested in adding more members to the committee – Call us.

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| **RESULTS OF THE BALLOT****Congratulations to:** * Noga Harpaz – Head of the Young Generation Committee
* Nahem Levin – Head of the Chevra Committee
* New public representatives to the Mazkirut:

Elad Ilan, David Mittelberg, Yifat Segal, Natasha Tchernichovski, Nitzan Feldman.* New public representatives to the Economic Council:

Eviatar Assaf, David Sharabani, Nir Segal, Adi Laviv, Tzach Sassa226 members participated in the vote which is 77% of 293 with the right to vote. |

**REMINDER TO BNEI MESHEK AND THEIR PARENTS**

Debts of Bnei Meshek in the Young Generation who are not on the kibbutz will pass to the parents’ account as it is every year, on 31/12/20.

**MAZKIRUT MEETING 22/11/2020**

**Presentation and Validation of Yizre’el 2030**

Yifat congratulated the 2030 team on the completion of the long process involving perserverance and many, many, many hours of work. Thanks to Tami Lass for her professional contribtion, to the Chevra Committee on their prolonged work and in particular, to Nahem, whose insistence and unwillingness to give up, even when, for all kinds of reasons, the project seemed to dissipate.

The program was presented and the following decision made: A combined team consisting of three members of the Chevra Committee and three members of the Mazkirut will take out of the booklet prepared by the Chevra Committee, a proposal to the General Meeting and for a ballot vote. The proposal will include the vision of the four domains described in the booklet and the main points that need to be validated in the set goals. The proposal will be returned to the Chevra Committee and the Mazkirut for approval.

**UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF THE COTTAGE NEIGHBORHOOD**

New architects were found, corrections were made, future residents were consulted and houses were allocated.

Because of the Corona and the fact that there were no General Meetings for the approval of the final steps of the planning of the design of the houses, it was decided by the community management to continue the process of getting a building permit from the local council in order to avoid delays.

Since we want to go forward with the building, we do not propose going to the General Meeting and asking approval retroactively but if anything is unclear or there are doubts on the subject you have two weeks in which to make an appeal to Yifat Assaf. After this the subject will be considered closed and we can go onto building the neighborhood.

After we receive a building permit the final plans will be presented to the public.

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| ***CHANUKAH******This year you are invited******to light your Chanukah Menorah******take a picture and******send it to us.******The pictures will be displayed .******The most original Chanukah Menorah******will be presented with a valuable prize.******The Chanukiot can be made from different materials.******Every original idea will be welcome.******Send the pictures by Friday 11.12.2020*** ***To Sarit Laviv 0508377889 or to Yaniv Lipshitz 0523766034*** |

**English is Fun - with Rahel**

**In other words….**

Sox: Thermal bipedal chambers

Spoon: *Concave sustenance dispenser*

Pencil: *Graphite inscription generator*

Cap: *Cranial apex adornment*

Paper clip: *Parchment collation apparatus*

**Phonetically defined….**

Gravy**:** *Resembling a cemetery plot*

Incarnation: *Country whose residents live in their vehicles*

Capsize: *Diameter of a hat*

Baguette: *Tiny luggage*

Disband: *To make fun of a musical group*

 **Taken from "The Superior Person's Book of Words"**

AEAEAE: Magic. As in aeaeae artes, the magic arts. The only all-vowel six letter word known. The derivation is from Aeaeae, which was a surname of the legendary pig-fancier Circe and the name of a small island off the coast of Italy, said to have been her place of abode. Useful for unscrupulous players of word games. If taken to task for using it in such circumstances, you say: "Well, yes, strictly speaking it is foreign, I suppose – at least in origin - but, surely, it's a word everyone KNOWS, isn't it?"

ALOPECIA: Baldness. The Superior Person should always be alert to the potential value of medical terms when properly used in lay conversation. Thus, "My husband's alopecia is very bad this morning, Mr. Purbright; I am afraid I may not be able to get in to the office before about 11 o'clock."

BASTINADO: A punishment of oriental origin, in which the soles of the feet are beaten. The term is useful for waiters who wish to preserve their dignity in dealing with the female American tourist. When she palpates and rejects the third avocado you have offered her and in doing so casts hyperaudible aspersions upon your integrity, you smile and say, "Would Madam perhaps prefer the Bastinado."

BATHYBIUS: A gelatinous deposit, dredged up in mud from the lower depths of the ocean. At first thought to be organic; but now known not to be. If unlucky enough to take your bath *after* your younger brother, you could use this term to describe the ring of waste-matter left on the sides of the bath for you to scrape off.

BATTOLOGY: The continued reiteration of the same words or phrases in speech or writing. A battologer is one who battologizes. One of those words whose lack of wider currency seems undeserved and puzzling in the light of its wide potential for application to television commercials, sales pitches by car and encyclopedia vendors, spouse's homilies, etc.

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