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Kibbutz Yizrael

Reut's Editorial

"When there will be tens of thousands of religious Jews who want to go up and pray on the Temple Mount, neither they nor their rabbi will be considered crazy. We will be, as they say, 'the norm,'" says Rabbi Meltzer in the film "Hesder" to his yeshiva students. Later in the film, when the students go to commit a crime, inspired by his words, and he is questioned by an investigator from the Shin Bet, he tells the investigator that "The Temple Mount is not a building, it's an idea."

Next year will mark a generation since the release of Yosef Sider's film. It seems that this week, Israeli society reached the same point in the film, where the Shin Bet investigator answers Rabbi Meltzer: "For an idea you don't need explosives."

Normally, the first week of school, even when accompanied by strikes, is a week of optimism, of a new beginning. But not this year. This week began with great sadness, with the news on Saturday night about finding six more bodies in a tunnel in Gaza. The first thought that came to mind upon hearing the news was, "I hope these were the bodies of abductees that we already know to be dead," and right after that a thought arose, "What has become of us, when that is the first thought that comes to our mind?"

When the truth became known that these were abductees who were still alive only hours before, including some who were on the short list for the second part of the first and only exchange, the shock was even more intense

In the article by Zeli Gurevich and Gidon Aren, "About the Place" (Makom) (1991), they analyse the concept of "place" (Makom), in Hebrew it is both a geographical area, a location, and also one of God's names (as in the phrase "between a person and The Place" referring to sins against God as opposed to sins against one fellow man). They characterise "place" as the "big place" - holiness, faith, and the "small place" - everyday life in space.

"Israeli existence is a new and experimental existence. Israeliness comes from Zionism, whose foundation contains the idea of the return of the Jewish people to their place. Israel is a Jewish place. The expression "Jewish" as a characterisation of the place evokes uneasiness and horrifies Israeliness, which was supposed to take the place of Judaism from which it originates. From the beginning, the affinity for Israel is often interpreted as locality - as the success of creating a place whose inhabitants are natives, freed from the collective alternative of exile. However, locality is more the object of the aspiration and the problematic focus of Israeliness, the place is not yet occupied. The word "still" can imply that it is a matter of time. It is possible, however, that the issue between us and our place will not necessarily resolve after a few generations in Israel..."

In recent times, many Jews not only "went up" to pray on the Temple Mount, but also bowed down there. The "Rosh Yehudi" organisation sued the Tel Aviv municipality for not holding separate prayers in the urban area.

In the days that were, as it turned out, the last days of their lives in the dank, dark Hamas tunnels for Uri Danino, Alex Lubanov, Almog Sarusi, Hersh Goldberg Polin, Carmel Gat and Eden Yerushalmi. The Prime Minister wanted to hold a meeting with ministers in the Philadelphi corridor. The media said that due to the security arrangements required for holding such a meeting, the plan was scrapped. The day is not far off when someone will decide that it is not only worth coming, but also worthwhile bowing down and praying in the Philadelphi corridor.

It seems that the routine of our lives in the State of Israel, which until now has moved on the axis between the "big place" and the "small place", may decay, if the explosive situations that are used under the auspices of the current Israeli government are not neutralised. If the State of Israel continues to follow in the footsteps of the temples of the land under the sanctification of human life in our space, then the question "what has become of us" will change to: "where will we go from here?"

Shabbat Shalom. Reut Shaliv.

****Asefa - General Assembly****

On Monday, 09/09/2024 - at 20:30

****Agenda****

- 1) Voting for Membership– Niv and Sheli Edelstein**
- 2) Presentation of Jeremy Perling as Chair of the Management Committee (2nd Term – Ed)**
- 3) Presentation of candidates for positions of public representative on the Management Committee**
- 4) Presentation of Vicky Hollander for the position of Small Business Committee Coordinator**
- 5) Presentation of Naomi Amit for the Recruitment Team**
- 6) Proposals:**
 - Karen Brustein Ayalon and Eviatar Assaf for the Absorption Committee (Joint committee coordinators, a new concept – Ed)**
 - Mor Broadhurst for the Audit Committee**
 - Anat Friedman for the Vehicle Committee**

Assembly Committee

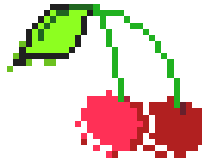
****Notice from the Asefa Committee****

The Recruitment Team has completed its work and recommends **Ron Cohen** for another term as CEO of Holdings.

Idan Zelas announced his intention to run for the position as an independent candidate. To avoid coming to the asefa with an independent candidate whose suitability for the role has not been evaluated, the Recruitment Team will conduct a review and assessment process for Idan as well.

The asefa on this matter will take place after the work of the Recruitment Team has been completed.

Shlomo Cohen, on behalf of the Asefa Committee



Thank You Marnina!

Dear Marnina,

On behalf of the Clothing Division and all of Kibbutz Yizrael, I want to say a big thank you for many years of professional and generous service with a willingness to help everyone. We feel your absence sorely and hope you recover quickly and find joy. In the meantime, we, the team of the Clothing Branch and the entire kibbutz, wish you enjoyment with your family and the lovely grandchildren and great grandchildren who joined us recently.

We love you, wish you all the best, and thank you,

Leora on behalf of The Clothing Branch Team



Limor Griman adds her good wishes



Response to "I Care" by Zohar Assaf

Regarding "Greed in the Dining Room"

We agree with every word you said. It's disgusting. Not only from the perspective of saving money, but also socially and educationally. Of course, there is an easy solution. Just privatise the food branch, and then everyone can take as much as they want.

Jenny and Shimon Zelas

(Touché – Ed)

****Update from the Absorption Committee****

Congratulations to the Havshush Grinshpon family on completing their acclimatization period and entering absorption in the kibbutz, starting from September 1, 2024.

Ya'ara has recently begun working at "Aero Magnesium" in Ein Harod Ichud, in the role of purchasing manager.

Noam continues his work at the "Clalit" health fund headquarters in Tel Aviv, as the Manager of the Ambulatory Quality Control Department.

Amit, aged 3, has begun the year at the Rimon kindergarten, and Yahli, aged 8 months, continues in the baby house.

Accompanying family – the Tzfadia family.

Contact person from the Absorption Committee – Aviva Beutler.

The Absorption Committee wishes the family a pleasant, successful, and meaningful absorption.

Submitted by: Naomi Shechter

What Has Changed in the Younger Generation???

The month of August was full of changes for us in the younger generation:

Completion of Service Year: - **Neri Blass, Einav Baum, Daria Brin Dolinko, Naveh Segal, Eilam Mor, Ya'akov Emerik, and Alon Sanker.**

Starting the Service Year: - **Ma'ayan Cohen Tirosh** – Community Centre, Na'aman branch in Kfar Masarik. **Guy Perling** – Ofek Housing Programme in Bustan HaGalil. **Meron Levin** – Youth Village Yoana Jabotinsky in Be'er Yaakov. **Ben Savir** – Jewish Agency, in the USA.

Studies: - **Itai Ron** has begun a preparatory programme: technological studies at the Kinneret Academic College.

Release: On 3.9.24, **Naomi Levin** was released from the IDF.

We wish you a smooth adjustment to civilian life.

We are here to support you in your new beginning and wherever you go.

Recruitment to the army:

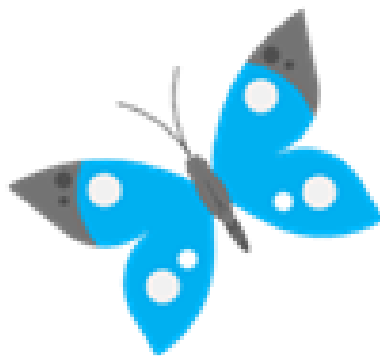
- **Alon Sanker** - enlisted in the Nachal Unit.

- **Yoav Reuven** – enlisted in Search and Rescue in the Home Front Command.

We are proud of you and wish you a meaningful and manageable service.

We are here to assist and support you with great love.

Young Generation Committee. Submitted by: **Ranit Levi**





DELVING IN THE ARCHIVES

During Operation “Tsuk Eitan” in 2014, members of Nir Oz sought refuge in Yizrael as an escape from the war. About two weeks ago, while searching for protocols and other items in old pamphlets, this thank-you note from the members of Nir Oz caught my eye. The letter of thanks was written after it was decided that Yizrael would no longer serve as a host kibbutz for them in times of emergency, but would instead host Ein HaShlosha.

The thank-you letter is signed by the then-secretaries of Nir Oz, Nir Metzger – the son of Tami Metzger, who was released from captivity in November, and his father, Yoram Metzger, who was murdered in captivity and whose body was returned.

I found the thank-you letter on the day Yoram Metzger's body was returned for burial in Israel. Alita told me that during the stay of the members of Nir Oz in Yizrael, she served as a duty manager in the dining room one Shabbat, alongside the late Ronen Engel. Ronen was kidnapped along with his wife, Karina, and their two daughters, Mika and Yuval, from their kibbutz Nir Oz on that black Sabbath. Karina, Mika, and Yuval were released from captivity on 27/11/2023, in the fourth wave, after 52 days in captivity. Four days later, on 1/12/2023, Kibbutz Nir Oz announced that Ronen had been murdered and his body was kidnapped in Gaza.

Another painful reminder of the ongoing and unbearable abandonment of our captives. They have no time.

In the hope that everyone will return home soon. 🧡

Written by: Tzafnat Mor

From - "B'Yizrael" No. 1698, 2nd of Tammuz 5775, June 19, 2015

To: Yair Arad

16.6.15

Secretariat of Kibbutz Yizrael

Subject: Hosting Members of Nir Oz in Times of Emergency

Shalom,

We would like to thank you once again for the warm welcome and goodwill you showed us regarding hosting during emergencies.

Unfortunately, recently it has been decided that Kibbutz Yizrael will serve as a host for another kibbutz, and not for Nir Oz. Despite our protests, we were unable to turn back the decision.

We hope that the invitation to host will remain just for peaceful times. We invite you, at any time, to visit our area and stay in Nir Oz.

Best regards,

Idit Interator, Nir Metzger

Secretaries of Nir Oz

The (Almost) Back Gate

In the wake of the brutal murder of six young people who were kidnapped to Gaza after surviving the hell for over 300 days, many (over half a million – Ed) took to the streets to protest in pain and outcry over their unforgivable deaths. It is clearer than ever that everything must be done to bring everyone back **now**! A bus full of protesters from Yizrael, travelled on Sunday evening to the demonstration

in Tel Aviv. The regular position at the gas station and bus stop outside the kibbutz was manned by many on Sunday and Monday. We won't rest until everyone returns!





Programme for 08/09/24 – 12/09/24

Daily 08:30 – 12:00 – coffee, cake, chats, board games

Sunday 08 September

Opening the week with Monica.

09:10 Zoom – Music with Dr Motti Adler

10:30 Ceramics room open with instruction from Ziv Ben Bassat

Monday 09 September

08:00 Pedicure with Limor Mualem (by appointment only)

10:00 Trivia and thinking games with Galia

16:00 Or B'Givah is open for coffee and lively conversation

Tuesday 10 September

10:00 Movie screening – Galia

10:30 Ceramics room open with instruction from Ziv Ben Bassat

Wednesday 11 September

09:30 Nature is Blooming – Hammatal Assaf

14:00 Ceramics room open with instruction from Ziv Ben Bassat

Thursday 12 September

07:00 Pedicure with Na'ama Baum (by appointment only)

09:30 "HaNogariah" with Noga Harpaz

17:15 Exercises on chairs with Michal Sha'anani

Swimming Pool Opening Times

This Saturday the pool will be open between the following hours

10:00- 17:00

We will let you know if there are changes for future Saturdays



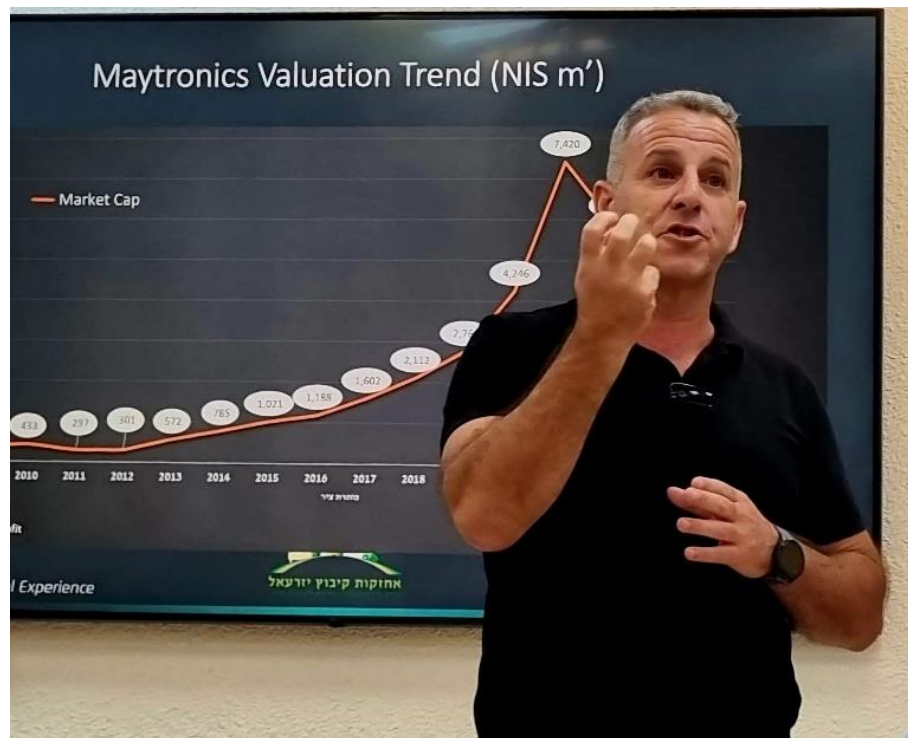
The Yizraelite Photo-Op

Maytronics Update

Photos in the “Soft Copy” section are bigger than in the printed “Hard Copy” and in full colour.

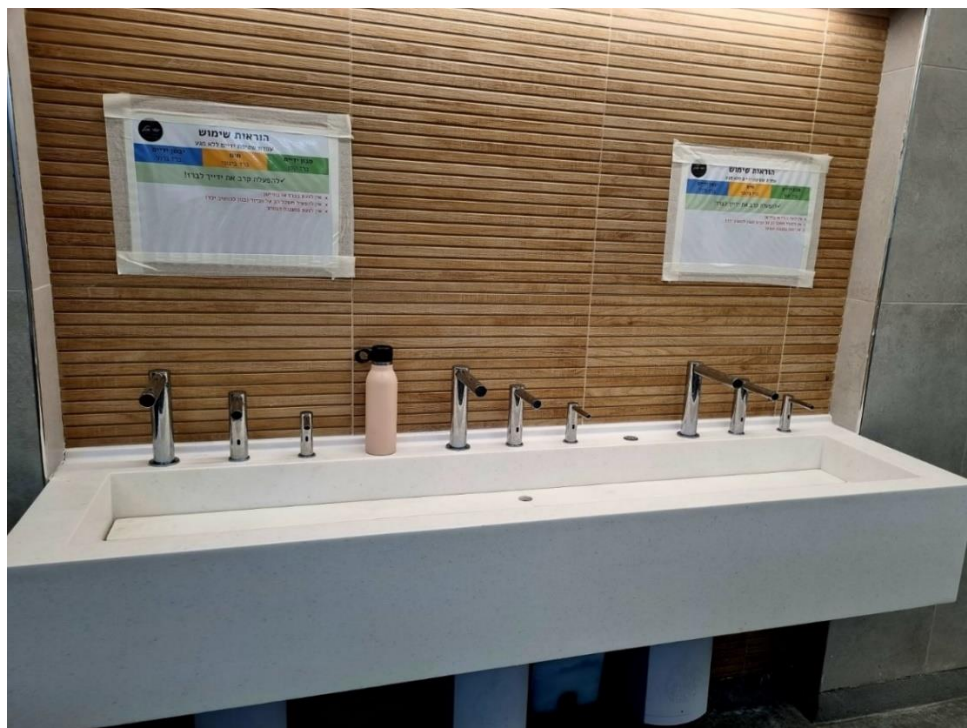
Photo Op 1: On Thursday 4.9.24 **Ron Cohen** and **Arik Shor** met some 120 Kibbutz members for an open and frank discussion on the recent events in Maytronics. It was a very important and overdue meeting. They are to be commended. I have the feeling this will not be the last meeting of its kind.





**Photo Op 2: A Dishwasher... At Last!!!! –
MAZEL TOV to us All**





All Automatic - Hope my hands are clean when there in a “Power outage”

From R to L: Soap, Water, Hot air.... X 3

Photo Op 3: Shalom Kita Aleph! (A photo of a photo – Ed)



Left to right: Mila Broadhurst; Ofri Orozco; Ziv Boitler; Peleg Elul; Rafael Ayalon Brustein

English is Fun - with Rahel

Blunders, bloopers, boo-boos, bungles and boners (continued)

- In England they have the custom of having tea and strumpets.
- During the 1920's, several films were released in two virgins; one silent and the other with sounds.
- A scout obeys all to whom obedience is due and respects all duly constipated authorities.
- The word *trousers* is an uncommon noun because it is singular at the top and plural at the bottom.

- A census taker is a man who goes from house to house increasing the population.
- An actuary is a home for birds.
- In the United States, criminals are put to death by elocution.
- The police called 911 to get an ambulance to take him to the mortgage.
- Married life and single life have many similarities and many indifferences.
- Refrain means don't do it. A refrain in music is the part you had better not try to sing.
- A trumpet is an instrument when it is not an elephant sound.
- The flute is a skinny-high shape-sounded instrument.
- Tubas are a bit too much.
- Romeo's last wish was to be laid by Juliet.
- Johann Sebastian Bach wrote a great many musical compositions and had a large number of children. In between he practiced on an old spinster which he kept up in the attic.
- In the Middle Ages, people put on plays about ghosts, goblins, virgins and other mystical creatures.
- When a boy and girl are deeply in love, there is no quilt felt between them.

Some Interesting Facts:

The Elvis Presley hit "HOUND DOG" was written in about ten minutes.

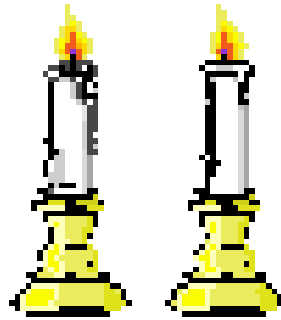
The single most common object involved in choking - is toothpicks.

Eagles can't hunt when it is raining.

Rule of thumb: the right rear tire on your car will wear out before the others do.

A horse spends more energy lying down than it does standing up.

Female spiders spin better webs than males do.....more next week



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