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**Kibbutz Yizre'el**

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| **COMMEMORATION**  **40 YEARS to the passing of**  **OFRA RONEN**  In memory of her passing, the family - Zamir, Aviram and Osnat have generously made an exhibition of her art work possible in the kibbutz archive with Yaniv Shapira as the curator.  The archive is open from 7:00 – 14:00  All are invited to visit the exhibition.  Please contact the the staff of the archive for other hours. |

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| **GENERAL MEETING 24/8/2020 AT 20:30 ON ZOOM**  Agenda:   1. Nominations committee recommends Shaul Gur for an additional term as chairman of Yizre’el holdings. 2. Communal project 3. The use of the Corona grant from the State. |

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| **TO THE GRANDPARENTS WITH LOVE**  In the light of the many moving requests by grandparents, we have decided to allow sons, daughters and grandchildren to come to the pool during the next fortnight, at a different time schedule than the rest of the community.  In the coming week the pool will be open to them as follows:  Sunday - 12:00 – 14:00 Monday to Friday - 10:00 – 14:00  Saurday – 12:00 – 14:00.  The following week the children’s houses have days of organization so the times the grandchildren can come are to be announced.  Thanks to Gil Hillel and the lifeguards who volunteered to help open the pool for the grandchildren. To the grandparent – Enjoy!!!  The Corona team |

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| **EVENING MEALS**  From the coming Sunday 16.8.2020, the dining room will be open for the evening meal three times a week. Sunday / Tuesday / Wednesday  Please follow all Corona instructions  As a result of the reopening, there have been changes made with the duty roster. The full, new roster list can be found in the letter boxes. If there is a need to find a replacement, the list also appears on the Kahilanet. |

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| EGGPLANTS  The eggplants in the community garden are ripe and ready to be picked.  You are invited to come and do so! |

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| **MANY THANKS**  TO YIZRE’EL’S 72ND ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE  AND TO ALL THOSE WHO TOOK PART AND HELPED  TOO MANY TO MENTION  IT WAS ENJOYABLE AND AMAZING  DESPITE THE RESTRICTIONS |

**MAZKIRUT MEETING 9.8.2020**

1. Information

* Kibbutz birthday celebration: The mazkirut thanks the organizing committee for a job well done despite the restrictions.
* Kibbutz birthday celebration and the Corona: Together with the compliments on the celebration, one of the members of the mazkirut expressed difficulty with the decision not to allow sons and daughters not living on the kibbutz to participate in any of the events. This decision prevented many parents from participating in a celebration which is for the community and left a hurtful feeling.

The member also added that there as a general feeling of an absence of clarity in our reactions to the Corona situation. There is strictness in some areas and none in others.

* Yifat explained that in the first wave of the Corona, things were easier because we stopped everything and dealt only with the Corona. In this second wave we are trying to lead a fuller social and communal life as well as living with the virus. The Corona committee is active nonstop trying to find solutions but in every solution there may be those who are hurt in some way. Special considerations are now being made in order to face the High Holydays that are coming up.
* Administration of the Food Branch: In 2013 it was decided to establish an administrative committee for the food branch. For all kinds of reasons this committee stopped functioning. Today, it is felt that there is a need for this committee. The previous committee included head of kibbutz services, head of the food branch and 3 public representatives. It is felt that a committee this size is too small since there are more functions that this committee needs to deal with in order to keep up with the times.

The suggested committee should include: chairperson of the administration, “mashak”, head of the food branch, past head of the food branch, someone with professional qualifications in the matter of food, a financial representative, head of the Kol Bo, a representative of the seniors, and 2 public representatives.

The matter will be brought before the nominations committee and then to the mazkirut for approval and confirmation.

* The mazkirut began discussing guidelines for the use of gains from assests if the need arises in the future. This subject will be conducted by the mazkirut with transparency, a known time schedule and notification in advance.

1. “Preferred Work”

The Young Generation committee submitted a proposal of “preferred work” for youngsters who have completed their army service, by the kibbutz.

The State gives a grant of 9,800 shekel to those who work for six months in agriculture, industry or the tourist trade. The kibbutz decided to expand this to work in any branch of the kibbutz as “preferred work” for which the kibbutz would pay. Then, the kibbutz limited this to work to education as well as what the State demands. Today we ask to widen the field again to include other branches in particular, the Kol Bo, the food branch and Noemi’s.

The reasons for the proposal: Keep the connection with the youngsters by having them work on the kibbutz for a continuous year, as a help to the branches, some branches have physical demands which can be hard, to enable the youngsters to make money without leaving the kibbutz.

The commitment will be for full time for a year not as a replacement for a hired worker but to be employed, instead of hiring a worker from outside.

The plan being that on completing national/military service the youngster meets with the Young Generation committee, hears his options and makes his request whether to take the option offered by the State or the kibbutz. He will give his preference for work and after contact with the branch,t an agreement will be made and signed.

You can have only one grant for “preferred work” or from the State or from the kibbutz within two years.

The proposal was discussed by the mazkirut at great length. The proposal is not as simple as it looks and many problems were raised.

It was decided to return the proposal to the Young Generation committee with the help of Racheli, to be rediscussed in the light of the difficulties and complications raised.

**NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE**

1. The committee that deals with mourning and loss has asked for an extra member – one with patience and understanding.
2. Head of the Studies committee; Peter Pizarro took over as temporary head when Adi Laviv left. Peter is now the permanent head of the committee until the end of its term. The head of human resources will now be a member of the committee and not its head as in previous years.
3. Cultural Committee: Mistake and apology. The committee should have been accepted at the general meeting but only Eran Skolnik got official recognition. The committee has been working for quite a while but now it will finally come up for official recognition. They are; Tali Brauman, Adi Goldstein-Ilan, Sarit Laviv, Reut Shaliv, Ilana Shani, Yifat Segal. They will continue until May 2021.
4. Auditing Committee: Thanks to Talia Arad, Shoshana Mittelberg, and Reuven Yankilovitch who have completed their term. Those interested in nominating themselves or other candidates with their permission should contact the nominations committee.

Please note that members of this committee can not sit on other committees.

1. Members’ Committee: We thank Stas, Daliya Levitan and Tamar Sadur who have completed their term. Shlomo Levi will continue with the committee and a ballot will be held in two stages to decide on the rest of the committee. Three are to be chosen out of the following candidates: Nir Segal, Patricia Grossman, Talia Arad, Irit Shemesh, Irit Cohen, Stas Gavrilov, Tamir Blass, Nitzan Feldman and Shoshana Mittelberg.

**CHAIRMAN OF THE MUSIC SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**

The nominations committee recommends Ya’ir Yilovski for the position of Chairman of the Music School Association.

Ya’ir (Shimon and Jenny’s son-in-law) impressed the committee with his willingness to volunteer for the position in order to further the association and its aims. Ya’ir is a resident of Moshav Ram On, works for the Jordan Valley regional council as head of the education department and in the past worked in education, management and has experience with associations.

**UPDATE ON THE GAS POWER STATION**

At a meeting at the Gilboa Regional Council it was announced that the establishment of the gas power station that was planned has been frozen for at least six months. This may be partly due to the danger the smoke from the chimneys may cause to air traffic from the airport. Also, it was noted that there seems to be a change in perception as far as energy goes and the accent seems to be placed more on solar energy.

This is very good news and shows that even the little man can influence policy decisions. The fight for the environment has been going on for years but we must not sit back, but keep an eye on what is happening.

Many thanks to our fighters for the environment: Elite Haviv Gilad, Ella Cohen Shwartz and the environment committee for their part in this achievement.

**UPDATE FROM BITUACH LEUMI**

Some members have received SMS from Bituach Leumi in order to update details in connection to the Corona grant given by the government. Those who received an SMS should contact Esther Ben Bassat to attend to these details.

A reminder: payments from Bituach Leumi including Corona grants enter the kibbutz bank account and are to be used, according to decisions made, by the mazkirut. Ran Lilach Financial Manager

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| **BMusic**  Registration for the coming year has started.  We hope to see you in the coming school year 2.9.2020 |

**RULES FOR KEEPING A DOG AUGUST 2020**

1. List of dogs on the kibbutz: Every dog owner must register his dog in the kibbutz list. The dog will have a file where the vet will show that the dog has a chip under his skin, shots for rabies, deworming treatment every 6 months and that the owner is a registered owner.

Every dog over the age of 3 months must be licensed with a chip under the skin.

1. Keeping a dog:

* The owner must be over the age of 18.
* The owner must keep his dog in his yard / house.
* When the dog is in a public area, he must be on a leash, held by someone who can control the dog.

If a dog is recorded on the loose without its owner, the following steps will be taken:

1. The owner will be notified.
2. A warning will be given that the owner will be fined .
3. A fine of 100 shekel
4. A fine of 200 shekel for every future incident.

+The money from the fines will be used for the benefit of the dogs – stands for plastic bags, water fountains, garden for the dogs.

+It is recommended that the sign “Beware of the Dog” be placed in the yard.

1. Raising a “dangerous dog”.

Raising a dangerous dog / a crossbreed of a dangerous dog is prohibited.

1. a) A dog that attacks / bites a person or animal will be sent to the pound. (The expense of taking him to the pound, feeding, treating and keeping him there is on the owner). On the dog’s return to the kibbutz he must wear a muzzle.

b) A dog that attacks / bites a second time will be considered a ”dangerous dog” and will be sent to the pound with all expenses on the owner but the dog may not return to the kibbutz.

5. Collecting dog turds. These must be collected in the public area.

A fine of 100 shekel will be given for those who do not comply.

Dog turds which are not collected can cause intestinal diseases in

people and infections from parasites.

The committee has the right use their judgement in specific cases.

Work Plan

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| Stands with plastic bags | Rotem Kamillian |
| Places to tie up dogs | Ma’ayan Epstein |
| Dog Training | Nofar Alul |
| Registering dogs | Irit Cohen |
| Establishing a dog garden | Yarden Savir |
| Vaccinations | Yarden Savir |
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**English is Fun - with Rahel**

**A - Z OF FEAR**:

Acrophobia - Fear of heights

Aerophobia - Fear of flying

Agoraphobia - Fear of public space

Ailurophobia - Fear of cats

Amathophobia - Fear of dust

Arachnophobia - Fear of spiders

Astraphobia - Fear of lightening

Claustrophobia - Fear of closed-in spaces

Emetophobia - Fear of vomiting

Ereutophobia - Fear of blushing

Genophobia - Fear of sex

Haematophobia - Fear of blood

Keraunophobia - Fear of thunder

Microphobia - Fear of germs/small things

Mysophobia - Fear of dirt

Nyctophobia - Fear of the dark

Ochlophobia - Fear of crowds

Pathophobia - Fear of disease

Pnigophobia - Fear of choking

Pteronophobia - Fear of feathers

Pyrophobia - Fear of fire

Triskaedekapghobia - Fear of the number thirteen

Xenophobia - Fear of strangers

Zoophobia - Fear of animals

Why isn't the number 1 pronounced onety-one?

If people from Poland are called Poles, then why aren't people from Holland called Holes?

If a pig losers its voice, is it disgruntled?

If it is true that we are here to help others, then what exactly are the others here for?

If lawyers are disbarred and clergymen defrocked, then doesn't it follow that electricians can be delighted, musicians denoted, cowboys deranged, models deposed, tree surgeons debarked, and dry cleaners depressed.

If Fed Ex and UPS were to merge, would they all it FED UP?

Do Lipton Tea employees take coffee breaks?

Is it true that you never really learn to swear until you learn to drive?

…………….more next week