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***Kibbutz Yizre'el***

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**CONGRATULATIONS to Gal Perling** on the completion of her army service. We are proud of you and thank you for your service. We wish you the best of luck in your civilian life.

**COMMEMORATION:** The Havshush family gathered to commemorate six years since Amnon’s passing.

**THE “TUT” BAR MITZVAH GROUP** took part in a Chanukah torch run.

First they met Danny Harpaz at Ma’ayan Yizre’el where he told them the story of how Garin Ramat Yochanan came to Zarin and started the kibbutz. From there they met their friends and families at the barrier near the old chicken sheds where they were given torches and began their run around the kibbutz ending up at the stage. There they lit the Chanukiah , got doughnuts and chocolate coins from Saba and Savta Chanukah. Great fun and a memorable assignment. The group thanked all those who made this assignment possible.

**DOROT BAGILBOA** decided to give 350 shekel refund to last year’s participants since the activities did not take place. Dorot BaGilboa is planning to build a large hall for exercise classes and they ask that the refund be given as a donation to the fund for this building. Those who are prepared to do so should contact Hassia at 046421050.

**Please note: Many people have already indicated that they are willing to forgo this refund for this cause.**

**EDUCATION COUNCIL**

* A report was given on the discussion about the closing hours of the children’s houses. **It was decided not to make any changes but to continue with the present arrangement.**
* Next year the new first grade will be a small class. It was suggested that the social framework be adapted to this situation so that next year we will have 1st, 2nd and 3rd grades together, 4th and 5th grades together and 6th grade on its own. **The council accepted this suggestion.**
* Introducing cameras in the children’s houses. We have a professional staff working in our children’s houses. All have completed courses and are specially chosen to work with our children. Our children’s houses are under constant supervision.

Discussions were held with the staff and parents. It was decided to have a vote whereby (according to the Education Ministry) 70% vote can leave the present situation without change.

**PLANNING COMMITTEE**

1. Building Methods: In connection with the building of the new cottage neighborhood, a tour was organized for the relevant participants to see two new and different building methods. At the end of the tour, the participants discussed the methods seen and decided to check out other methods as well.
2. Urban Building Scheme for the new neighborhood. Revised building plans for the new neighborhood in the south of the kibbutz have been lodged with the Regional Council. Notices will be put up declaring intent to build.
3. Detailed plans for the new neighborhood will posted and an open meeting will be held with the architect and the community.
4. Size of the houses – preparation for a discussion on the principal. When the Mazkirut has time on its agenda the topic will be discussed.

**FROM EREZ’S DESK**

Erez has been working a month and is busy getting to know the kibbutz and matters that need to be dealt with. He is working part time and will begin full time in the middle of January. He doesn’t have reception hours yet but he is available by phone: 050-4900865 and by mail. You can make an appointment with him through Hedva.

Change of Email address: His new email address is: m.kehila@yizrael.com. Mail sent to the old address “mashak” will be forwarded to him.

Advancing towards the Cottage Neighborhood – We have received the greenlight to go ahead with the “rondo” of evacuating offices and rooms to enable construction of the neighborhood.

The Preschool Office will be moving to where the archives are today. The archives and the newsletter office will move to the lower “rakevet”, to the rooms used by the late Amen Bekker.

The hairdressing salon will move to “basin 3”, next to Ruth Mor’s office.

Sima and Yana’s clinics will move to the north end of the upper “rakevet’.

Some of these moves are temporary and will eventually move to permanent places. There are many considerations behind these moves but the main one is to evacuate the cottage area as soon as possible to allow construction to begin.

Seniors’ return to the dining room: From Tuesday, seniors from the age of 70 and over will be able to eat in the dining room. Bon Appetit !!!

Corona: The Corona virus is spreading throughout the country including our valley. We must continue to take precautions in order to prevent contagion. If you have symptoms please be tested. You can make an appointment without a referral - <https://www.oref.org.il/12605-17147-he/Pakar.aspx>

**A NEW VOLUNTARY PROJECT – “PROTECTORS OF THE STREAM”**

This project is sponsored by the Ministry of Environmental Protection and other Water Authorities. The idea being that small groups who live close to streams adopt a section of the stream. They wander around the stream, learn about it, investigate it and in the end rehabilitate it and publicize it.

To whom is this project directed? To Dorot BaGilboa - To young, energetic pensioners who are interested in taking an active part in the preservation of the streams in the Gilboa region.

Seminars will be held, tours of the area, and action will be taken to preserve the environment of the steams. Those interested in joining this project should register with Dorot – 046421050 or [www.dorot-bagilboa.org.il](http://www.dorot-bagilboa.org.il) .

**English is Fun - with Rahel**

More Aprosdokians – figures of speech in which the latter part of the sentence is unexpected.

(Winston Churchill loved them)

Where there's a will, I want to be in it.

If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.

War does not determine who is right – only who is left.

Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.

They begin the evening news with "Good Evening", then proceed to tell you why it isn't.

To steal ideas from someone is plagiarism. To steal from many is called research.

I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.

Women will never be equal to men until they can walk down the street with a bald head and a beer gut, and still think they look sexy.

Behind every successful man is his woman.

Behind the fall of a successful man is usually another woman.

A clear conscience is the sign of a bad memory.

I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not so sure.

Nostalgia isn't what it used to be. Nor is there any future in it.

Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.

I am supposed to respect my elders, but it's getting harder and harder for me to find one now.

I am not arguing with you, I am explaining why you are wrong.

I've had a perfectly wonderful evening, but this wasn't it.

On the other hand, you have different fingers.

"Golf can be described as an endless series of tragedies obscured by the occasional miracle.

The difference between golf and government is that in golf you can't improve your lie.

 ………………more next week