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**Kibbutz Yizrael**

**Translated and edited by Eddie Solow**

**Edi-torial.** It never rains, but it pours. See the rain figures**.** (Page 2)Contrary to what you may think, your editor did not ask his She'ilta to pad the pages of The Yizraelite… but out of concern for the democratic process on our Kibbutz.(Report from the Asefa – Page 3) Corona is back so look after yourselves and others.(Page 2) Try to wade through Ron Cohen's report.(Page 9) Lots of mind-boggling optimistic money matters, especially for one who remembers having to share his Jerusalem Post with his neighbour and drinking coffee served only at breakfast, to save the kibbitz money. Strange world!

**A Donation, a Call for Volunteers and Beit Hamusica.**

Finally, Yizrael has turned from a receiver to a giver.

The donation committee, decided to fund musical studies for three children who live in the "Children's Home" in Kfar Yehezkel. The Beit Hamusica happily agreed to it and three of its best teachers are teaching the children.

One problem remains… transportation. The three must be driven on Tuesdays - from the “home” at 3:00 p.m. to their lessons and back to Kfar Yehezkel at 4:00 p.m.

We have already have two volunteer drivers: Paul Zelas and Izzy Levitan, who graciously agreed to these afternoon drives. (Nissim Avrahami also helps us as a volunteer driver in the evenings).

We appeal to more members - we would be happy to add new volunteer drivers to our list, to "spread" the load.

You can call Dorit (5301), or directly to the music school.

Many thanks in anticipation. The Music School Team

**From the Clinic**

The **Corona** is here again - there is an increase in the number of corona cases on the kibbutz.

Please act responsibly. Those of you who are not feeling well, should be tested for Corona, and until the results arrive, please do not be around the elderly, those who have weakened immune systems and others who may be at risk.

The same is true for the other winter diseases - let's maintain a healthy community

Thank you and the best of health to everyone

**Rainfall Table - Wednesday, 7.12.2022**

**From the beginning of the month of November 2022 - 15 mm**

**From the beginning of the 2022-2023 season - 85 mm**

**Annual average, to date: 90 mm**

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| Month | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | March | Apr | May |
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**From Daniel Rosenfeld, Director of Agriculture**

**Invitation to an Asefa – General Meeting**

**Monday, 12/12/22**

**at 20:30**

On the agenda:

(1) The nominations committee presents:

 Dog Owning Committee: Tal Habshush, coordinator (elected). Committee members: Tom Adler (continuing member),

Sharon Langsberg, Sigal Perling, Jonathan Orozco, Monica Brustein, Zahava Rozilio

 Audit committee: coordinator Reut Shaliv - continuing, Milton Kaplan - continuing member, Nicole Emerick - new member

 Public representatives for the Education Council: Einav Mokaria- Nagar, Noam Freiman-Levy, Lior Keret, Uri Brustein Eylon, Nir Baor, Nofar Brin-Dolinko, Sarit Laviv (election by ballot)

 Responsible for driving licenses: Omri Zelas (accompanied by Shlomi Harer, the vehicle officer)

 Additional member of the security committee: Tal Habshush

(2) The majority needed to decide on the options for the dining room

(3) Discussion: Selection of one alternative from the team's proposals, which will be examined in depth and submitted for final approval (there will be no vote on this section at this meeting, but only after at least one more discussion)

Asefa Committee and Council

**Report from the Asefa - 5/12/2022**

Agenda

1. Progression to the candidacy stage - Tal (Freiman) Levy

2. Presentation prior to the vote for membership - Inbal Pezaro

 The meeting opened with Yifat Assaf's response to Eddie Solow's question (She'ilta) from the previous asefa:

A question to Jeremy, Yifat, Erez, and Racheli: Despite my repeated requests, the disbanding of the manpower administration, which is an elected body of the asefa and an essential tool in the kibbutz's Human Resources branch, has not been brought to the public's attention. I see this as dishonouring the asefa and harming the kibbutz:

1. From what date did the committee cease to function?

2. Why was the dissolution of the Human Resources Committee hidden from the members?

3. What is being done about it?

Eddie Solow

** Yifat answered:**

"In the course of the "Yizrael 2030" discussions, we decided on the establishment the "Human Resources Executive" (Minhelet) instead of the traditional "committee", in order to make it a broad-based body, including officials who deal with Human Resource matters. The members came from the following committees: education, outside workers, entrepreneurship, and public representatives.

The administration was indeed established, met several times, made progress on a number of issues, but there was a feeling that it was not the exact and complete answer to the needs of Human Resources. Although the members of the administration made an effort, attended meetings and held serious discussions, it is difficult for a person who is not in the field to contribute.

The role of the manpower administration is mainly to help the manager. The administration was disbanded, because as a body, it did not help the director of Human Resources. There was no problem with the forum, but there was a fundamental problem with the framework and it was appropriate to disband and inform the public about it.

Human Resources managers must always be subordinate to both the official and the public system. Racheli was and still is, in practice, subordinate to both the community managers and the public system, but the manpower administration did not fulfill the second factor and therefore made no functional contribution to Racheli's work.

Indeed, in the month of May 2022, the administration met for the last time in this format, and at the meeting it was agreed that that it was right to dissolve the forum.

We regret that the cessation of activity lasted for six months, and the meetings ceased without reporting to the public, but at no point was it dropped from the agenda nor was it hidden (on purpose) from the public, as Eddie claims.

As we published in the Alon about two months ago, the issue will be brought up for discussion in the community administration soon, where we will hold a discussion regarding the correct composition of the administration.

It is important to know that since the dissolution of the administration, not a single substantive decision was made by the Racheli alone, and on every issue, there is consultation and joint thinking with relevant officials, with the "Think Tank (Tsevet Chashiva) and even with the community management.

We invite Eddie and others interested, to take part in the discussion that will be held in the community management and to voice their opinion.

Racheli Arava - Director of Human Resources, Erez Peleg - Director of Community Services, Jeremy Perling - Chairman of the Management Committee, Yifat Assaf - General Secretary.

 Anna Abramowitz responded to the answer:

Eddie did not receive an answer in anything that was said. Only the asefa plenum has the authority to dissolve a committee or administration, since it is the body that appointed it. Neither the community management nor the management committee has such authority. They can prepare the issue for discussion and only the asefa plenum will decide whether to disperse or not. The matter of dispersal of the manpower administration was indeed hidden from the public. In fact, nothing has been published since May until today. I remind you that the issue came up by chance in one of the meetings of an asefa committee and if we had not asked questions and no She'ilta had arisen, nothing would have been made public.

**- Brent Abramowitz** raised a question: at the beginning of November, we received an email from the community manager which talked about the fact that in September the community's budget reached a deficit of NIS 600,000. As a kibbutz member, I approached the community manager with a request to explain the reasons for the deficit. In my opinion, the answer received was unclear and even evasive. Therefore, I am forced resort to a formal query because I, as a kibbutz member, deserve to know what was done with the money we earn and why our community has reached this deficit. I also demand to know why there is no budget control mechanism that should prevent or reduce the risk of a deficit? Thank you.

**- An answer to Brent's query will be given at the next meeting.**

**Absorption (Klita)**

1. Uri Gilad read the report of the absorption committee in preparation for the vote on the candidacy of Tal (Freiman) Levy.

2. Yifat Assaf read the report of the committee of members in preparation for the vote on the admission to membership of Inbal Pezaro.

The ballot will be held on Wednesday and Thursday 7-8/12/22 - good luck!

 Yifat Assaf

***(Both candidates were successfully accepted. Congratulations – Ed)***

**Summary of the Community Management Meeting 1/12/2022**

Present: Erez Peleg, Yifat Segal, Ilana Peleg, Kobi Levy, Limor Griman, Dalia Levitan, Racheli Arava, Maor Persai, Shlomo Levi, Yifat Assaf

Absent: Stas Gavrilov, Inbal Adler, Yishai Levy

**information**

 Dalia Levitan wishes to terminate her role as a public representative on the community management. The request for her replacement will be forwarded to the search team.

 Shlomo Levy: Road No. 1 project, from the Lul junction to the entrance, was only budgeted for the "stratification & stripping" process. When we began the work, a test excavation was done and we discovered that part of the road does not have a proper infrastructure, and this is the reason for the state of the road. In order to repair the road as required, it is necessary to excavate along half of the road's route, for a length of 100 meters and to a depth of 80 cm, and to repair the structure of the road to stabilise it.

The cost of the repair is NIS 88,000. Shlomo is requesting this addition to the project from an infrastructure fund. **The community management instructed Shlomo to make the necessary repair now, and to report on it at an upcoming economic council.**

**(1) Audit of the food branch** - presented by: Internal Auditor Uri Greenberg. Invitees: Uri Greenberg, Reut Shaliv, Milton Kaplan - members of the audit committee, as well as Itzik Schechter and Adi Laviv on behalf of the food branch.

Yifat opened the discussion by saying that during this period, there were various discussions held, relating to the food branch - schedules, renovation of the building, the catering complex, toranuyot and the audit report. We must integrate and synchronise all "fronts".

Uri, the internal auditor, presented the main findings of the audit. Firstly, the internal auditor asked to make the point that the food on Yizrael is extremely delicious.... 😊

**A**. **Control**: in accordance with our lifestyles, there is no control over the taking of food/groceries/vegetables, etc. by members and residents, alongside control over the counting of vouchers of factory workers and kibbutz employees

**B. Personnel:** a clear definition of the division of duties between the branch manager and the operations manager is required. The number of employees is normal. The organisational structure in the branch is organised.

**C). Control of the branch's budget:** a budgetary activity of this magnitude requires management that goes beyond the branch itself. It is proposed to establish an administration/council for the food branch, which will also carry out budgetary control. It is suggested to work according to "sources and uses".

**d. Inventory**: Synchronisation of inventory with the kibbutz's accounting department has already been implemented.

**Safety**: It is necessary to be careful in this area and operate as if it were a business in every way.

**Itzik and Adi:** There are things in the report that are already being implemented, and some of them will be implemented in the coming year. We use the review as a working tool and welcome it.

**- Erez:** The food branch went on a very impressive trajectory this year in several areas – the organisational aspect, culinary aspect and the budget management aspect. Kudos. Also, they immediately began to implement the findings of the audit as soon as it was presented to them. The request for an audit of the food branch followed a budget deviation in 2021, and public criticism of the branch. The audit is intended to illuminate points for improvement, but also to reinforce areas in which the branch is functioning well. - The community management thanked Uri Greenberg and the audit committee for the important report, and Itzik and Adi for their efforts that are evident to the eye (and the palate) ...

**(2) Budget 2023:** The financial summary of 2022 was presented.

The next steps in the budget process - presentation of the draft budget to the community management, discussion and approval, and from there to the management committee and the asefa.

(**3) The decision process regarding the alternatives for the food branch.**

After a discussion on the subject, the following order of events, was decided, based on the three alternatives proposed and chosen by the alternatives team, plus option D - leaving the existing situation as it is today:

**Step 1** – General meeting to determine the necessary majority, and discussion of the various alternatives.

**Step2** – Ballot vote to choose one option from the following list:

A. Status Quo with changes and financial solutions for extreme cases and Friday dinner;

B. Privatisation;

C. Hybrid (implementation of a hybrid option within the kibbutz where some members are in favour of privatisation and the others who want to eat meals in the dining room (without payment)

D. Leaving the status quo as it is today without additions or changes

**Step 3 -** after an alternative hasbeen selected - work to determine the practical implications of the alternative which was chosen.

**Step 4** - publication and explanation about the implications of the chosen alternative

**Step 5** - vote for/against the chosen option. A vote against means, maintaining the status quo.

**(4) Cars connected to** **work** - due to the late hour, the matter was postponed to the next meeting

Summation: Yifat Assaf

**Update from the Desk of the Holdings Manager – December 2022 - Ron Cohen**

Greetings

**On the list** - a report on the Maytronics and Teldor companies, updates on what's going on in the Agriculture Corporation and a bit about the procurement activities we're currently dealing with.

1) **Maytronics:** This week the company, presented the financial statements for the Q3 summary of the year 2022

b) Recently, Maytronics purchased an American online trading company: BACKYARD [A.K.A – ECCXI]

c) **Financial reports** - the company has presented an annual increase of 26% so far in total sales of approximately 1,547 million NIS The net profit decreased to 40.5% [mainly due to the increase in the dollar exchange rate, and the increase in price of raw materials used to manufacture the robots and very high sea/air transport prices]

d) **Backyard -**  Recently, Maytronics purchased an American online trading company: "Backyard" is a private company, founded in 2010 by H.H. Michael and Chris Hoffman, who have extensive experience in the pool industry. The company operates from its offices in Dallas, Texas, and specializes in digital retail E-commerce in the field of swimming pools. Backyard markets a variety of products for the pool [mainly third-party brands] and especially through online trading arena accounts, such as: Amazon, Walmart, eBay, Shopping Google and Target; and through its websites. The company deals directly with the end customer, under several trademarks.

Backyard also sells electronic robots for cleaning swimming pools, with the company's products accounting for approximately 58% of Backyard's sales. These robots are purchased by the company, mainly from PoolCorp, which serves as a central distributor of MTUS in the American market

- The company also operates distribution centers in Terrell (Texas), Ocala (Florida), Krapolis (Pennsylvania) and Ogden (Utah).

- Backyard employs about 25 permanent employees and its turnover in 2021 was over 100 million dollars, where, as mentioned, about 58% of it is from the sale of Maytronics robots.

e) **"Rumors, gossip, tampering with facts and correct business management"** - I, personally as the manager of the kibbutz's holdings and as the person representing the owners of the company, can assure all members of the kibbutz that the kibbutz's holdings corporation and the directors of Maytronics on behalf of the kibbutz and also the directors on behalf of the general public [ Da'tzim] accompany, audit and manage the company. We are aware of all the essential issues in the company's business and above all, work together to achieve the company's goals and bring added value to the owners, led by Kibbutz Yizrael

Personally, I never forget, every day and every moment, that Maytronics is the main asset of Kibbutz Yizrael Holdings and as such I accompany the company, closely looking after the main interests of the property owners. (us)

**(2) Teldor**: The company presented the 3Q summary to the board of directors. The company continues to present very good business results and at this stage it looks like we made an excellent purchase deal, both in the business results, and in the administrative and in the operational infrastructure.

In the first 9 months of the year, the company sold about NIS 278 million, which contributed to a growth of about 31% in sales compared to the same period last year, with a large operating profit of about 83% from the corresponding period, and a net profit of 21.4 million NIS, which contributed to an increase of about 60% in the net profit compared to the corresponding period last year.

The expectation for the end of the year will be to reach sales of about NIS 400 million! with similar profit percentages.

The company has started setting first goals for the 2023 budget - with a sales rate of NIS 450 million per year!

Yizrael Holdings goals regarding the Teldor company, will be the placement of a Kibbutz Yizrael member as an employee of the Teldor company

(3) **Agriculture:** The agricultural season is drawing to a close, the olives have been picked by the (grape) harvester [completely mechanical picking] and the Gadash is finishing the preparations for the winter/spring crops for 2023; the main issue we are working on, is the conclusion of negotiations for the purpose of expanding the dairy and establishing a partnership together with Kibbutz Harduf.

In the strategic plan of the Agriculture Corporation from 2022, the livestock was marked as the most prominent point of strength, and the main focus point for the plan. In the past, there were already attempts to connect with various kibbutz dairy farms, but for one reason or another the attempts were unsuccessful; This time we will do everything so that this opportunity does not slip from our hands. The business conditions, the needs of the partner [Kibbutz Harduf] and our business world view and values meet and integrate very nicely. There is great support from Mishkei Emek Yizrael and we will make sincere efforts to complete the partnership deal.

The main idea of the partnership from the point of view of Yizrael was examined, together with the Znovar company and Mavit Yoatzim.(Outside experts – Ed) The business plan was checked both with and without quotas, and overall the main conclusions are that under the management infrastructure, in the food centre, the quality of the inventory, the existing sheds and the potential of the land for further development of the dairy, the addition to the expected net flow to the kibbutz will be about NIS 1 million/year, and assuming cancellation of the quotas, an additional flow of about 400 thousand NIS/year.

The issue of the union is being led by Daniel Rosenfeld and Jeremy Perling and we support the deal and are proud of the agriculture corporation for executing a deal that falls squarely within the strategy, and will add stability and security to the corporation's main branch. Well done!

(4) **The energy sector**: We continue to promote 3 projects

a) A green solution for backing up the electricity system in the kibbutz - initiating a hybrid storage project to back up the existing system [replacing diesel powered generators] - together with the Solargreen company – We are at the stage of signing an agreement, after approval in principle by a planning committee.

b) A commercial complex project at the gas station - we have reached agreements in principle with the company 'Dor Alon' regarding the business concept for investment, the principle is similar to the existing situation - that is, the kibbutz brings the land to the transaction and Dor Alon brings the cash to the transaction (equivalent to the property brought by Yizrael) the partnership will be 50 % for each party - the total transaction is estimated at 4 million NIS in total, 2 million NIS for each party.

c) We have issued an orderly Letter of Intent - L.O.I in light of the agreements in PA and we are simultaneously promoting architectural planning with legal [contractual and real estate] and taxation support.

(1) High voltage storage project [nationally] - Finally, as I previously reported, the kibbutz managed to connect the 2 energy giants in the Israeli economy - Nofer Energy and EDF and combine forces and together with us and in a ratio of 49% to the kibbutz and 51% to the 2 companies together to establish an energy project for high voltage storage and with a capacity of 400 MW in the land section remaining between the ground solar field and the amaryllis greenhouse. We are currently in the MOU alternatives; we are accompanied by attorney Peleg Rachman from the Shlomo Cohen office who is an expert in these issues.

(2) M & A and strategy: we are continuing the series of due diligence tests with the Ricor company [Ein Harod Ihud and Mishmar Ha'emek/Gilad] and with the Capro company [Caders

These issues take up a very large part of the management's time and energy - it appears that these 2 transactions can accurately provide an answer to the updated strategy. The work on these projects is coming to an end, and these two super high-quality companies, each in its own field and uniqueness, will be able to form solid cornerstones for the fulfillment of the updated strategy.

You are welcome to contact me, ask, comment, enlighten or just be interested

Regards,

Ron Cohen, Director of Kibbutz Yizrael Holdings

**Following the Open Meeting Regarding Changes in the Housing Protocol...**

The opinions here are mine as an individual and not as a representative of the Housing Committee.

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The subject of housing in the kibbutz has always been one that evokes significant emotions and especially today, when for a long time there has been and continues to be shortage of suitable housing on the kibbutz.

At the open meeting on 5/12/22 an issue arose (which has arisen numerous times in recent years, in relation to other subjects not connected specifically to housing), the issue of preference being given to children of members (bnei meshek), now adults, prior to new families.

In my opinion there are 2 points we need to consider and really give them some thought

1. Definition of “new family”

Most of us came to the kibbutz as new families and we came here by choice. We lived in small cramped unsuitable apartments, and we dreamt about moving to a larger one. It really bothered us that our children had no place to spread out and play and as they got older, they also didn’t have any privacy. We were envious to a certain extent of those whose houses were being enlarged (from 54-80) and all in a certain order according to seniority (the number of years lived on the kibbutz).

How long can we carry the tag of a “new family”? In my simple understanding, once accepted into membership, that’s it, we’re kibbutz members like everyone else.

In our small community, I think we all want the very best for everyone. For that reason, we’re constantly seeing various new projects on the kibbutz with the aim to improve our quality of life and without differentiating between “bnei meshek and new families”.

1. Bnei Meshek

All the young children today on the kibbutz will, in the not-so-distant future, be the bnei meshek who (some of them), will want to make Yizrael their home.

Will this issue of preference being given to bnei meshek as opposed to new families arise again, this time related to the young children of today??

In an ideal world, it would be possible to create a situation in which each individual’s needs are met… I wish. But unfortunately, in nearly every aspect of life, that’s not the reality. The challenge is to create the best possible, balanced and fairest situation for most of the population.

In summary:

We were all once “new” here on Yizrael

Today’s young children are the same adults in the future who may want to make Yizrael their home

All in all, we’re all in the same boat, so let’s row forward together.

Biff Markham-Oren

**N.B. - Dining Room Cleaning**

Please be prepared – Fume Hood cleaning next Tuesday!

**On Tuesday, 13/12/22** - the hoods are being cleaned in the kitchen - **The** **Dining Room will not open for supper!**

On the Tuesday day, during lunch, there will be a distribution station for additional supplies for dinner.

**PLEASE -**

Do not enter the dining room, the kitchen and the ramp area on the cleaning day after 15:00, due to the use of noxious and dangerous substances!

From the Food Branch

**Reminder**

**Bicycle Trip from Yizrael, along Herod's Stream**

 to Kantara Bridge, Beit Shean

Next Saturday 17.12.22

 Departure time - 8:30

Prepare your bikes and register

See details on the Notice Board

**"The Third Age Cluster** "

**An Invitation to a Meeting of Veterans with Their Children**

30.12.2022

We are happy to invite the veterans and their families to an informative and enjoyable meeting

Why a meeting?

Because it is important for us to hear from the families about the problems/dilemmas they face and find ways to meet their needs.

Because it is important for us to present to the families the way we work in the kibbutz and the ways to make contact with us

**Agenda**

8:00 - 9:00 The meeting will begin with breakfast in the moadon and a meeting between families.

**9:00 – 10:30:** **the movie "Grandma"** and a meeting with Hanan Yehiali, the filmmaker: the film raises dilemmas and issues related to aging in the kibbutz and intergenerational relationships, from the perspective of the grandson. The movie is very enjoyable, funny, moving and also can bring a tear to your eyes. Hanan will answer questions and share the background to the film.

**10:30 – 11:30: Panel of officials**: Yifat Assaf, Kobi Levy, Rinat Chicorel, Monica Brustein, Aviva Beutler, Biff Markham-Oren, Liran Penn, and Inbal Adler will sit on the panel. The incumbents will briefly present their responsibilities and answer questions.

During the meeting, starting with breakfast, we will ask you to **put in writing - questions, issues, dilemmas** and any topic related to aging in the kibbutz. Some of the things will come up in the discussion, and what we don't manage to cover, will be forwarded to the discussion of the Third Age Council and the relevant bodies.

Registration is required so that we can prepare accordingly - registration on Kehilanet or by email or via WhatsApp

See you at the meeting -

The team: Phillipa Segal, Monica Brustein, Rinat Chicorel, Biff Markham-Oren and Inbal Adler

**Greetings From Beit Hamusika!**

4.12.22

 Concertino 2 took place in November, was very diverse with music from the Renaissance period to contempory music.

 Congratulations to the musicians and singers and thanks to their teachers.

 The main event in November was the traditional virtuoso festival,

Which took place this year for the 26th time. The festival was inspiring and reflected the diverse activities of the Music School at its best. We were happy to see our graduates, who together with our teachers conducted the workshops and took an active part in the festival. Well done to all the students who came to the festival which was conducted at the usual high level, providing an educational and cultural experience.

**Beit Hamusica - December Program**

 On Monday 05.12.22 at 20:00 - Concertino No. 3.

 On Monday 12.12.22 we will go to the opera "The Magic Flute" by Mozart, performed by the Haifa Symphony Orchestra.

 On Tuesday 13.12.22 at 20:30 - there will be a concert in memory of the Ukrainian composer "Vladimir Nalibiko"

 On Tuesday 12/20/22 a performance by "Gilboband" and "Saxophone Quartet" at the Haibit Club in Haifa.

**And what can we expect in Beit Hamusika in January?**

 On January 9-10-11, at 19:30 - premiere concerts. These concerts are intended for all musical and singing students who joined the music school this year, as well as "veteran" students who started playing another instrument this year.

 On Tuesday 17.01.23 at 20:00 - Concertino No. 5

 In January there will be a concert by the symphony orchestra of the Music School

Details to follow...

Regards, Nitza Halevi

**Hanukkah holiday program**

**"Shedding light"**

**During the daily candle lighting in the dining room, we will mention one of the members of the community who contributes in a special way to our community**

**\*This will take place during the lighting of the 1st, 3rd, 4th and 8th candle**

**Saturday, 17.12.22** 17:00 – 18:00 Decoration of the dining room windows for the holiday

**Sunday, 18.12.22:**

17:00 Screening of the World Cup final in the Moadon

18:00 Delicious dinner in the dining room + creative corners **+ lighting the first candle of Hanukkah\***

**Monday,** **19.12.22**

18:00 "Magician School" comes to the dining room! Magic sessions and surprises + a show by the magician Yonatan Wolfgor

Lighting the 2nd candle in the dining room

**Tuesday, 20.12.22**

18:00 Latkes\* evening in the dining room, Commune ה"" presents: "Hannah Zelda". **3rd Candle lighting in the dining room\***

**Wednesday, 21.12.22**

17:30 Lecture in the library - "Bridges between Israel and Australia" with lecturer Jeff Toister

**Lighting the 4th candle in the dining room\***

**Thursday, 22.12.22**

16:30: **lantern tour at Kibbutz Gesher** - suitable for all ages, estimated return at 20:00,

Participation is subject to pre-registration (to be announced later) Lighting 5th candle in the dining room

**Friday, 23.12.22**

19:00 Festive dinner - lighting the 6th candle, holiday songs, the traditional "Amen" dance, Sabba Hanukkah and more...

After the meal - "Schnitzel Borscht" game - in the moadon

**Saturday, 24.12.22**

11:00 "Following the light" - an interactive task game

Lighting the 7th candle in the dining room

20:00 Screening of the movie "Guardians of the Dead Sea" at the moadon, after the screening: a discussion with the director (there will be delicious soups)

**Sunday, 25.12.22**

The torch race - "Shibolim" Barmitzvah group, **lighting the 8th candle in the dining room\***

**Monday, 26.12.22 16:30** Cleaning the dining room windows (The Highlight of the festival – Ed)

 Hanukkah Committee: Eli Friedman, Gil Nachmias (SHINSHIN), Gili Witelson, David Beutler, Zohar Assaf, Tali Brauman, Yardan Naor,

Shai Sabir, Shelly Edelstein, Shaked Meirovich (SHINSHIN), Sarit Laviv, Tal Wolfson-Darom - Director of Culture

**Philo-Sophia**

**Connecting my New Home to the World Wild Web**

Lucky for me I have friends – not many – well hardly any really - but enough. The good part is the ones I do have are top quality – the best in their respective fields. If I have any questions or problems, they have the solutions and the answers. I am truly blessed. They are also full of great ideas that left alone I would never have thought of (thank goodness).

Left to my own devices I don’t connect anything up to the internet – not my air conditioner, my fans, my washing machine, dish washer, microwave, printer, refrigerator or lighting systems – nothing (except the computer and the TV – especially the TV, one of life's essentials). Call me old fashioned but life is just simpler that way – for me anyway.

So let me take you back about two weeks – I have been back in my renovated house for some time - a task which, as most of you will know, is a hell of a lot of fun – tile colours, wall colours, window colours, cupboard colours, bench colours and colour colours.

Anyhow it was strongly suggested to me that now was the time to connect my water heater to the internet with all the benefits that the twenty first century can provide. Before I could say kilowatt, I found myself speeding north to the renovation capital of the north.

The car had hardly come to a standstill before my technical advisor jumped out of the car with my visa in his hand and disappeared into what turned out to be the most expensive electrical store in the valley, if not the Middle East. He returned with the best electronic switch that my money could buy – rumour has it that not even NASA can afford what was soon to be installed, with little or no fuss, into my new shiny house.

Stage one was installing the switch which our electricians did without breaking into a sweat. Stage two was downloading the app – no problem even for me. Stage three was activating the app – a task that would prove to be infinitely more difficult than launching and operating the Hubble deep field space telescope.

Constantly offering moral support I became a witness to one failure after another of the attempt to connect my switch to the world wide web.

I suggested we call the companies help line – a suggestion that was at first dismissed as pointless because my installer knew more. As fatigue set in my proposal became tempting then probable and eventually inevitable.

With great interest I tried to follow the conversation unfolding over the speaker phone – " 好的部分是我擁有的都是頂級品。 他們也充滿了我永遠不會想到的好主意。next 他們也充滿了我永遠不會想到的好主意（謝天謝地 password 真的很幸運。 他們也充滿了我永遠不會想到的好主意 next 他們也充滿了我永遠不會想到的好主意 next 他們"

Apparently, I wasn’t the only one in the room who didn’t understand a word of the advice pouring out of the speaker. I got quite a fright when my increasingly agitated friend suddenly screamed down the phone "your app is not user friendly at all – its bloody useless – we have a factory that produces robots and we know a thing or two about apps!!"

"I'm sure that helped" I told my friend the technical wizard as I offered him a nice cup of tea.



**BEACON ON THE HILL – 11.12.22– 15.12.22**

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| **SUN****11.12** | 7:00 Feldenkrais with Illana Lahav09:10 – 12:15 Concert and Hebrew songs with Dr Moti Adler***09:00 Pedicure - Helen*** |
| **Mon****12.12** | 9:00 Coffee, cake, chats, and games9:00 Art Creativity with Michal Sadur and Galia16:00 – 18:00 Coffee, cakes, chats and games |
| **Tue****13.12** | 9:00 Board Games08:30 Pedicure – Limor Mualem10:00 Trivia with Galia9:00 Helen Rosenberg – facial (BAO)17:00 Exercises with Irit Bahir 16:00 – 17:45 Ceramics with Miki Touz |
| **Wed****14.12** | 9:00 Games8:30 Pedicure with Limor Mualem09:30 Lecture on Chanukah by Hamutal12:00 Pedicure with Na’ama Baum (BAO)17:00 Tai Chi with Einan Grosser16:00 – 17:45 Ceramics with Ziv Ben Bassat |
| **Thursday 15.12** | 9:00 Coffee, cake, chats, and gamesC:\Users\zimra\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.Outlook\QG8JEE6W\dorotbegin19_4.jpg9:00 – 12:00 Ceramics with Ziv Ben Bassat9:30 Movie – To wake the Queen. With Galia7:00 Pedicure with Naama Baum17:15 Exercise on chairs with Michal Shaanan |

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