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Kibbutz Yizrael - Cyber Edition

Reut's Editorial:  It hasn't been easy for me to celebrate holidays in recent years, but Israel's Independence Day has always been a holiday of pride in the very existence of our country.

This week, that sense of pride has shrunk. It is no longer possible to say merely that there has been "a rise" in the level of violence. As if the everyday danger of being a soldier were not enough, this week, in addition to soldiers, there were children, teenagers and adults also lost their lives to the violence, and a 12-year-old girl was attacked by a group of teenagers.

The feeling is that it is becoming normal for violence to run wild in the streets.

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Regarding guests on Shavuot.

Over the past week, Community Management held discussions on the topic of hosting guests during the Shavuot holiday events on the kibbutz.

In a joint discussion with representatives of the Food Branch, the Shavuot team, and the Culture team, we reviewed data from recent years, such as the number of guests and associated costs. We also listened carefully to the feelings and feedback that emerged from the community following previous holiday meals.

Out of a desire to take all considerations into account, including the holiday experience, organisational capacity, and the resources available to us, it has been decided that this year the festive evening meal in the dining hall will be held in an internal format, for kibbutz residents only. (See Community Management report – Ed)

At the same time, it is important to us to allow space for hosting and for coming together. Guests are warmly invited to take part in all the holiday events in the days that follow, including the Bikkurim ceremony and the Haklaiyada.

For those who wish to host on the holiday evening itself, this can be done at home.

Distribution of the festive meal for those eating at home will take place on the evening of the holiday, according to the number of people in each household on the kibbutz.

We are aware that this decision may evoke a range of feelings, and we will be glad to continue listening and learning together in the years ahead.

Chag Sameach,
The Holiday Team, the Food Branch Management, and Community Management.

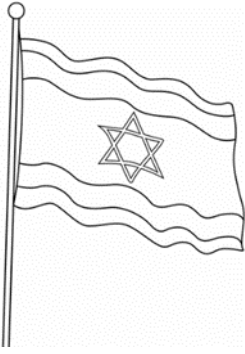
(See Community Management summary on page 9 – Ed)



Thanks for the 78th Independence Day Celebrations



Uncertainty hung in the air until about a week and a half before the holiday. We had a contingency plan ready for celebrations under wartime conditions, but thanks to the mobilisation of the community, the entire Chevra Bogeret, and the community branches, we were able to celebrate in the best tradition, and for that we are grateful.



A huge thank you to all the branch coordinators and teams who partnered with us in preparing for the holiday: to the Food Branch for the especially tasty food stalls and for excellent cooperation throughout; to the Kolbo team, the Gardening team, and the electricians, for their help and willingness to assist at any hour.

Thank you to the sound team, Itai Nagar and Itzik Nissani, for their professional and dedicated support at the ceremony, in the moadon, and at the luna park.

Thank you to the ceremony hosts, to all the dancers who took part in the moving ceremony, and to the singers who enriched the evening with their voices.

Thank you to Stas Gavrilov and to the musicians, Anna Gavrilov, Avner Alterlevi, Guy Perling, and Nov Cohen-Schwartz, for an enjoyable community sing-along in the moadon. Thank you to Tzafnat Mor for the technical help and assistance in preparing for the ceremony.

Thank you to Idit Halevi for arranging the moadon in honour of the holiday.

Thank you to DJ Karmi Assaf for the music at the luna park.

Thank you to the boys and girls of the youth group who helped run the luna park stations.

Thank you to the shinshinim for their help at the pool event.

Thank you to Barry Feldman and Arnon Matalon for preparing the pool for opening.

Thank you to Yotam Assaf for loading and transporting the equipment for the luna park and pool there and back.

Thank you to Eviatar Assaf and Omri Zelas for their tremendous help.

Such a short holiday, and yet so many people were involved in preparing it. This shows everyone's willingness to pitch in, and our shared desire to celebrate together and enjoy ourselves.

Ceremony team: Anat Friedman, Naomi Shechter, and Niv Segal.

Holiday team: David Beutler, Limor Griman, Shlomo Cohen-Schwartz, Niv Edelstein, Diana Shorer, Rotem Laudén Rosilio, Ido Sharoni, Noam Greenshpon, Alma Brauman, Ariel Sadur, Tali Brauman, and Keren Stamper Kagan.

Summary of the Economic Council Meetings on the 2025 Results of the Holdings Corporation

This report is from two meetings: 06.04.26 and 23.04.26.

1. Kapro



Ariel Dolinko, CEO of Kapro, presented the results.

In 2025, Kapro recorded sales of \$24 million and a net profit of \$790,000, 50% of which will be distributed as a dividend. The company did not meet its targets, due to a sharp decline in sales in Russia and China.

Kapro has been suffering from stagnation in the spirit level sector since 2016, and is trying to grow through the laser sector, ladders, including success in defence tenders, and the establishment of a forward warehouse in Europe to shorten delivery times.

Ariel reported that he had announced his resignation as CEO of Kapro, after not receiving a mandate to implement the strategy he had prepared.

Council members expressed criticism regarding the low return on investment, less than 2%, and failures in identifying risks during the acquisition process.

It was stated that representatives of Yizrael Holdings were supposed to fly to China together with representatives of Kadarim and meet with the partner in China, but this trip was postponed because of the war.

2. Teldor



Guest: Yaron Kalder, CEO of Teldor

After two years of losses, and following increased demand for the company's products, the company is forecasting 2026 sales of NIS 392 million, growth of more than 20%, and a net profit of approximately NIS 10 million. The order backlog is high, standing at approximately NIS 140 million.

The strategy focuses on moving from simple "commodity" products, with low profit margins, to more specialised and profitable products in the defence and aviation sectors, which now account for more than 30% of sales. The main growth engines are the American and Indian markets, alongside renewed activity in infrastructure projects in Israel that were halted during the war.

Udi Shani recently joined as chairman of the company, and is expected to help promote ties with Israel's defence industry and strengthen the management team.

The challenges include debt of approximately NIS 130 million and rising raw material prices, optical fibres.

3. Maytronics



Guests: Dubi Ofer, Chairman of Maytronics, and Rafi Ben Ami, CEO

Financial results: The company recorded a significant loss of approximately NIS 220 million in 2025. About half of this amount stems from asset write-off, following a conservative accounting approach and a sober assessment of asset values, while the other half is defined as an operating loss.

Despite the loss, the company presented a significant positive cash flow from operating activities and reduced its net bank debt.

Market situation: In the United States, a recovery is being seen after three difficult years, with increased demand and lower inventory levels among distributors and dealers. In Europe, however, the market has not yet returned to growth at the same pace.

Challenges and plans for the future: The company is dealing with aggressive competition, exchange rates, a strong shekel, and tariffs in the United States. To meet demand levels, Maytronics is moving to night-shift work, at a higher cost, **and bringing in 100 foreign workers from Sri Lanka** to stabilise the production floor and reduce employee turnover. *(They will live in Afula – Ed)*

4. Netzer Sensors



Idan Zelas, Manager of Yizrael Holdings, presented the annual summary for Netzer.

2025 was a relatively disappointing year, with a decline in sales after several years of growth. Expected revenue stands at approximately \$14 million.

The company maintains a high gross profit margin of approximately 60%, and has a very healthy balance sheet with little debt.

The main market outside Israel is South Korea, followed by the United States, India and China. The decline in sales in 2025 resulted from delays in the entry of defence projects. The current forecast for 2026 is a return to growth.

5. Agriculture



The Agriculture Corporation ended the year with a profit of NIS 4.7 million, an improvement compared with NIS 2.4 million last year.

Branch performance:

Dairy: Presented very strong results, with production of 7.6 million litres of milk and a profit of NIS 4.6 million.

Field and crop branches: In almonds, a loss of NIS 350,000 was recorded due to frost damage, which affected the yield. The Yield was 120 kg per dunam compared with a target of 160 kg. In olives, this was an “off” year, with a low yield, so here there was a loss too. By contrast, the seasonal crops performed relatively well, and the strategy of diversifying crops and reducing the risk of dependence on one particular crop is proving itself.

Part of Agriculture’s income comes from the rental of buildings that were previously used as chicken houses and for storing agricultural produce, and are now rented out for other uses. A question was raised as to whether this income is indeed agricultural income and should be recorded under Agriculture, rather than as other income of Holdings or the kibbutz. It was explained that since the buildings were built by the Agriculture Corporation, the assets are registered under Agriculture, and therefore the rental fees received are also recorded under this corporation.

In addition, a question was raised about the large gaps between the preliminary plan and actual performance in the various field-crop sectors.

Overall, the Agriculture Corporation presented good results for 2025, and congratulations are due to the dairy team and the field and crop branches.

6. Energy Branch

The branch as a whole, production and distribution, generated a profit of NIS 1.8 million in 2025.

Total profits from the Energy Branch amounted to approximately NIS 1.79 million. Of this, approximately NIS 1.05 million came from one-time payments for the agro-solar project with Enlight, approximately NIS 900,000, and from usage fees received from

the ground-mounted system, approximately NIS 211,000. Approximately NIS 735,000 of the profits came from electricity generation in the solar systems and electricity distribution to consumers on the kibbutz. The electricity-generation systems, some fully owned and some held in partnership, produced 4.4 million kWh.

A question was asked regarding the future impact of the storage project, which was recently approved by the Economic Council. The storage project will make it possible to buy cheaper electricity at night, thereby creating further efficiency in the Energy Branch.

A question was also raised regarding the ground-mounted solar field opposite the kibbutz (*which is out of action – Ed*). It was noted that the maintenance company had begun repairing the system, but that the repairs were delayed because of the war.

In addition, it was clarified that the energy profits go to Holdings and not directly to the community budget, although kibbutz members benefit from subsidised electricity.

7. Dor Alon Petrol Station



The year ended with a net profit of NIS 965,000. It was decided at this stage not to distribute a dividend to the owners, the kibbutz and Dor Alon, in order to maintain the equity required to finance investments and improve the asset.

An investment of approximately NIS 10 million is planned for the establishment of a commercial complex of approximately 1,000 square metres, parking and a car washing station.

At this stage we are waiting to receive building permits, which are expected during 2026.

Submitted by: Limor Griman

Summary of Community Management Meeting - 26.04.26



Participants: Erez Peleg, Talia Arad, Yifat Segal, Maor Persai, Naomi Amit, Shlomo Levi, Tami Penn, Limor Griman

Agenda

1. Guests During Shavuot (Guests: Itzik Shechter and Adi Laviv – Food Branch, Uri Gilad – Shavuot Team)

Background:

The discussion followed experiences of heavy overcrowding in the dining hall during previous Shavuot holidays, which created an unpleasant atmosphere among members. The estimated number of diners at last year's festive evening meal exceeded 1,000 people.

The discomfort stemmed from overcrowding, a sense of people rushing the food, and a shortage of seating. In addition, hosting hundreds of guests, nearly doubling the kibbutz population, carries significant financial implications.

These experiences already led to calls last year for a comprehensive discussion on the issue of guests.

This year, Shavuot falls over a long weekend (Thursday through Saturday), which affects both the holiday programme and meal logistics.

Itzik and Adi explained that the holiday meals (the festive evening meal and the brunches on Friday and Saturday mornings) pose a major operational and financial challenge for the Food Branch. Any proposed solution to reduce crowding must therefore be examined from both operational and financial perspectives.

Uri (representing the Shavuot team) explained that the committee aims to create as many communal gathering opportunities as possible during the holiday, many of which revolve around food, while also taking into account members' past experiences of overcrowding.

A team formed last week proposed distributing meal packages to homes on the evening of the holiday (similar to the COVID period). It was found that the cost of such packages is roughly double that of a dining hall meal (approximately NIS 32,000–37,000 compared to NIS 15,000–20,000).

Additional points raised:

- Limiting guests: not allowing guests at the festive evening meal in order to reduce

crowding and preserve the internal communal character.

- As a classic kibbutz communal holiday, guests are welcome at activities such as the Bikkurim ceremony, allowing us to showcase our culture and community life.
- Serving format: establishing multiple food distribution stations and seating areas to prevent congestion.
- A solution must also be provided for those eating at home, including on Friday or holiday evenings.
- The same rules regarding guests will apply equally to those eating at home.
- Advance registration is critical for managing quantities and seating.

Decisions (agreed unanimously):

A. Shavuot Eve (Thursday):

- The festive evening meal will take place in the dining hall in an internal format **for kibbutz residents only**, without guests.
- Those eating at home may collect holiday meals in the morning, according to household size (no guests).
- Advance registration will be conducted by family units.
- The serving format: a number of buffet stations and seating areas

B. Friday:

- A brunch will be held in the dining hall in the morning.
- **Dinner will not be served in the dining hall on Friday evening** (due to its proximity to the Bikkurim field ceremony). Instead, self-heating meal supplies will be distributed on Thursday.

C. Saturday:

- A brunch will be held in the dining hall in the morning.
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2. Blast Shelters in Public Spaces

- Following previous discussions held during the war, an update was given regarding the possibility of upgrading out of date existing shelters by installing standard blast doors.

Although these shelters are very old and will not meet Home Front Command standards even after upgrades, the relatively low cost (about one-third the cost of purchasing a new blast shelter) justifies the move. It is expected to improve the sense of security in public spaces and allow for more regular activity during emergencies.

Three shelters have currently been identified as suitable for potential upgrades:

- Behind Naomi's
- Opposite the accounts office
- In the eastern housing area (above the Ziv family)

It was decided to proceed with upgrading the shelter behind Naomi's, which can provide protection for the hut area, currently lacking nearby shelter.

The other two shelters are less accessible, their need is less clear, and it is uncertain whether investment in them is justified.

- The regional council has committed to supplying a new blast shelter in the near future.

Two possible locations were presented:

- **Weapons storage area:** serves nearby neighbourhoods ("Basins" and "Rashim") that currently lack protection, with good access for a crane truck.
- **Music House / "Stone Garden" area:** an area lacking public protection, serving children and parents in the playground, as well as students and teachers from the Music House.

A suitable location must allow access from multiple directions and be reachable by crane truck.

The agreed priority is:

1. The "Stone Garden" / Music House area (serving children and families)
2. The weapons storage area

A site visit will be conducted to assess feasibility (terrain, crane access, and visual impact) before a final decision is made.

- **Gate shelter:** It was decided to proceed with purchasing a small blast shelter (capacity under 10 people) for the gate area.

Summary prepared by: Limor Griman



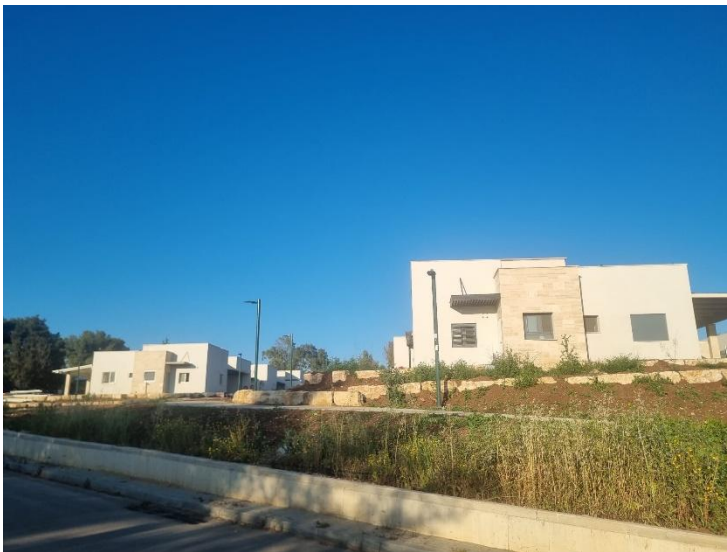
From Erez's Desk.



Hello everyone, since my last update in these pages, quite a lot has taken place: holidays, wars, and a number of routine events. Due to the war that affected us, we shifted into an emergency mode of operation, a pattern that required a great deal of our time. At the same time, we made every effort not to be drawn solely into emergency matters and, as far as possible, to continue advancing ongoing issues as well.

The situation in our area has calmed somewhat, though we do not know if or when it may escalate again. This is not the case along the northern conflict line, and to some extent in the Gaza Strip as well. This interim situation obliges us to remain alert and to continue preparing for any eventualities. In addition to the three blast shelters that have been installed where protection was needed, in order to enable the work of the branches, we will continue to reinforce protection in public spaces, in accordance with decisions of Community Management, while living our daily lives.

On the Ground



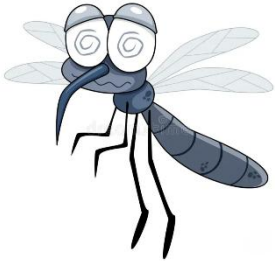
The first phase of the Rugby neighbourhood is nearly complete. Most of the residents have already moved into their new homes, and we are delighted to wish them all the best. In the area of the neighbourhood, preparations can already be seen for tree planting, which will take place in the public space over the coming month. The completion of the public landscaping plantings is planned for the winter.

Construction of Phase B of the neighbourhood, which includes 12 additional units, is progressing at a satisfactory pace, and we expect it to be completed this summer.

Last week, the kibbutz roads underwent repairs, with potholes being filled using asphalt. This service was provided by the regional council and covered almost all of the potholes that had posed safety hazards on the kibbutz roads. A few potholes still remain, and we will address them when we are able to obtain a small quantity of asphalt.

In the coming weeks, road sweeping will be carried out, also by the regional council, after which we will repaint the road markings.

Pest Control in Spring



With the arrival of spring and warmer weather come flies and mosquitoes. Although the Building Branch maintains a regular pest control routine, each of us also bears responsibility for reducing the problem in our immediate surroundings.

Flies breed in decaying organic material. This may include dog or other animal droppings, as well as fallen fruit that rots on the ground. Treating our immediate environment and removing breeding sites will reduce the fly population and make daily life more pleasant.

Mosquitoes breed in areas with standing water. This includes places with constant water leaks, puddles, and even plant saucers, for example. Care and drying out mosquito breeding areas in our immediate surroundings can significantly reduce the nuisance.

Parking Around the Kibbutz



Parking throughout the kibbutz is permitted only in designated and marked parking areas. We continue to encounter instances of parking that endangers the public, for example: parking on pavements in a way that obstructs pedestrians and forces them onto the road or vehicle paths, and parking that blocks traffic lanes.

This week, the police began enforcing parking regulations on the kibbutz. As of the time of writing, seven traffic tickets have already been issued, including in the industrial area.

Please ensure that you park only in designated spaces.

That is all for now,
Erez Peleg



Summary of Human Resources Management Meeting – 26.04.26



Participants:

Peter Pezaro, Ilan Sadur, Eddie Solow, Shlomo Cohen, Limor Griman, Erez Peleg, Rochela Matalon, Irit Shemesh, Kinneret Govrin

3. Presentation of the candidacy of Neta Cohen and Tami Penn for a second term managing the general store (kolbo)

Neta and Tami share joint management of the general store and will complete their first four-year term in June. They wish to continue for a second term in the same format. Following a call for candidates, no other members expressed interest in the role, and therefore only their candidacy was considered.

Erez Peleg, Community Manager, presented a report on their performance and the operation of the general store. His report indicates a high level of service, particularly from Neta and Tami, with strong responsiveness to public requests regarding product availability. The public expresses satisfaction with opening hours and product variety. In addition, sales turnover has increased and the branch is operating within budget. On an ongoing basis, the managers deal with staffing challenges, both in recruitment and retention.

The detailed report will be presented to the General Assembly, and the vote will be held on both candidates as a single joint nomination.

Discussion:

- There is strong appreciation for Neta and Tami for advancing the kolbo and for their willingness to continue in a role that involves daily contact with the entire community and requires a high level of service.
- The current joint management arrangement is suitable for the present and does not necessarily determine the future structure of the role, which may revert to a single position.

Decision:

The Human Resources Management recommends approving a second four-year term for Tami Penn and Neta Cohen as joint managers of the general store.

4. Status review – duty roster system (Toranut)

Two and a half years have passed since the introduction of the new procedure. 181 members and young adults out of 204 (approximately 90%) of those

required to perform duties are fulfilling their obligations fully, while 22 members and young adults (approximately 10%) are not fulfilling their duties at all or only partially.

The management was updated regarding several members who refuse to perform adapted duties and/or cultural duties, or who have received temporary exemptions. These individuals will be asked to provide an updated letter from an occupational physician.

It is important to note that the duty system is functioning well and that the public has been cooperative since the procedure was accepted. Therefore, no sanctions have been required to date. However, efforts must continue to ensure that the burden is shared equally across the community. We remind you that the duty requirement applies up to the age of 65.

On this occasion, thanks were extended to Zohar Assaf, who manages the duty roster according to guidelines and does excellent work. Zohar has requested to step down when she completes her studies, and a call for a replacement will be issued shortly.

5. Failure to meet work obligations

A follow-up discussion on this matter was held.

Recorded by:

Kinneret Govrin

Summary of Outside Workers Data – 2025

Average gross monthly salary for full-time outside workers employed throughout the year:

- 10: over 30,000 NIS per month
- 12: over 20,000 NIS per month
- 17: over 15,000 NIS per month
- 26: over 10,000 NIS per month
- 6: under 10,000 NIS per month

There were a total of 107 outside workers in 2025.

Of these, 71 worked full-time throughout the year, while 36 worked part-time or for only part of the year.

The average gross income across all workers was 15,902 NIS (including part-time workers).

The average net income (profit) was 11,313 NIS (including part-time workers).

Profit is defined as gross income minus expenses (travel, per diem, etc.), excluding taxes.

Among the 71 full-time outside workers:

- Average gross income: 19,000 NIS per month
- Average net income (profit): 13,372 NIS per month

For comparison, the average gross salary for a full-time employee in Israel stood at 13,800 NIS as of early 2026.

Submitted by: Rochela Matalon (*For the graphs see the Hebrew Newsletter - Ed*)

Young Generation Committee Meeting - 26.04.26

Present: David Boitler, Eyal Sharoni, Rotem Kamilian, Monica Brustein, Adi Goldstein Ilan, Sivan Dashavsky, Keren Stamper Kagan

Apologies: Ranit Levy, Shimrit Tzafadia, Ben Broadhurst, Yarin Rosilio, Yarden Naor, Lotem Cohen

On Sunday, 26.04.26, the first meeting of the Young Generation Committee in its new composition was held. **(50% attendance – Ed)**

Summary of main points:

1. **Attendance at meetings:** There is great importance in committee members attending meetings. Topics brought for discussion require hearing the views of all members. It is important to notify in advance if unable to attend. A minimum of 5 participants was set for a meeting to take place. If this number is not met, the meeting will not be held.
2. **Vision and roles of committee members:** A presentation was shown outlining the committee's vision, the "North Star" that will guide our work, and a breakdown of members' roles. The content is open for comments, suggestions, and refinements. At the next meeting, we will deepen our understanding of the different Young Generation tracks and the role of each member. Following that, the new structure will be presented to the entire Young Generation, after which we will begin operating according to it.

3. **Age group division:** A division into two age groups was presented: 18–24 and 25–30. A suggestion was raised to consider adding an additional age group, in order to allow a more accurate distribution of interests. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.
4. **Fixed meeting time:** It was decided that meetings will take place on Sundays at 20:30. In any case, a survey will be sent out before each meeting to confirm availability.

Ongoing updates:

- The Savion group has been split into individual rooms.
- Additional transitions are taking place ahead of the arrival of the Year 12 group in the summer.
- On 05.04.26, a meeting was held with the “Tut” Year 12 group in preparation for their transition into the Young Generation. A presentation was given explaining the Young Generation framework, the tracks, obligations, rights, and housing arrangements.
- The lower Bomb shelter will remain vacant for security purposes. An idea was raised to turn the space into a moadon; this requires further discussion due to differing opinions.

5. **Absorption Committee – Israel Bar Zion:** Eviatar Assaf presented the Absorption Committee’s recommendation to accept Israel (Alex) Bar Zion, a 27-year-old new immigrant from France, into a Young Generation track, with the aim of mutual familiarisation with the kibbutz and assessing his suitability for continued absorption. Questions were raised regarding his motivation for leaving Ma’agan Michael and integrating into a cooperative kibbutz. It was emphasised that the process and support will require significant resources from the Young Generation Committee. The Absorption Committee is required to respond to Alex by July. The matter will be discussed again by the committee before a final decision is made.
6. **Payment for a room during emergency periods:** An issue that also arose during the previous round of fighting was presented: young members and their partners living on the kibbutz due to the security situation but not paying for the room. It was stated that the kibbutz remains open and supportive during times of need. However, it is necessary to clarify, despite existing procedures, that when partners of kibbutz members reside with them in a room, payment for room maintenance applies from the first day of residence on the kibbutz. Exceptional cases may be brought to the committee for individual consideration.

Recorded by: Keren Stamper Kagan



Notes from the Music Academy



This was already the second time we were invited to perform at a concert on Kibbutz Sarid.

On Saturday, 26.04.26, nine wind players from the academy performed a wide-ranging, spring-like and virtuosic programme of works from all periods and styles. Among the performers was Nov Cohen-Schwartz, who gave a remarkable rendition of *The Flight of the Bumblebee* by Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov.

Maor Persai, the kibbutz's Finance Manager and Chairman of our Music Academy, opened the concert with the following words:

"Music is a mirror of the soul. Through sound, composers, arrangers and performers express an experience that is both aesthetic and reflective of a state of mind. The emotional range of the musician is an inseparable part of the work. Love, anger, tension, compassion, excitement, joy – all of these are present in the air when a musical piece is performed.

Music is also a transmitter into the soul. When we listen to a musical work and allow the sounds to penetrate, something happens to us that goes beyond enjoyment of melody, rhythm or dynamics. The elements of the musical work affect us as a whole, and we absorb them not only through the ears, but through the mind that generates our emotions.

Welcome, children and alumni of the Yizrael–Gilboa Conservatory! We are hosting you while marking two significant milestones: the centenary of Kibbutz Sarid and thirty years of the Yizrael conservatory. From its earliest days, music has been an integral part of life on Kibbutz Sarid. Musical education was a central pillar of kibbutz education for decades. Everyone played the recorder and mandolin, and most children had the opportunity to continue with individual study on an instrument of their choice. For many years, a music academy operated on the kibbutz, and children from surrounding communities came, filling the kibbutz with sound. In time, the activity ceased, merged with the regional academy, and left a significant void.

On Yizrael, the opposite occurred. Thirty years ago, through the initiative of a handful of passionate individuals, a magnificent musical institution began to take shape, layer by layer. Today, hundreds of students and teachers see Beit HaMúsica as their home. Its teachers and students go out to teach in schools, deliver lectures and enrichment

programmes, and participate in representative concerts in Israel and abroad. A spirit of professionalism and excellence hovers over everything that takes place there, and we will soon hear its full expression.

The 'Nigunim' project, established in recent years through the initiative of Hadassa and Esti Matzliach, almost without institutional support, seeks to restore an atmosphere of music and creativity to the kibbutz. The model that exists in Yizrael, despite not a few challenges and difficulties, is certainly something to learn from.

To conclude, we return to music. We are living through a turbulent and painful time, and even this event almost did not take place due to security constraints. I am certain that if we know how to listen and surrender ourselves to the sounds, we can instil in our souls a measure of the finest kind of calm. A substance that does not run out, leaves no side effects, yet can indeed be addictive. If we succeed in connecting the frequency of the sounds carried in the air with the strings of the soul, a wondrous healing can occur. Good luck, friends!"



On the evening in the Moadon with “Anachnu” Tamar Osterhof

On Tuesday, we gathered in the Moadon with Aviad Shmila and Yisrael Farkash, initiators of the “Anachnu” movement, a movement that seeks to unite Israeli society by building a new, shared vision for Israel.

According to them, one of the central problems in the country is the highly centralised system of governance, which perpetuates deep divisions between different groups

within society and even weakens us in the face of our enemies. The solution they propose is decentralisation, allowing each group a degree of autonomy in managing its own way of life. In the Palestinian context, they present a model of “two states, two communities”: the State of Israel, within which a Palestinian minority would also hold Palestinian citizenship, and a Palestinian state, within which a Jewish minority would also hold Israeli citizenship. The two also shared the personal journeys that led them, as individuals raised and educated within the religious Zionist community and living in Gush Etzion, to search for a new solution, one which they believe could benefit both sides.

Beyond the content itself, I felt they succeeded in shattering quite a few stereotypes about settlers, kippah-wearers, and right-wing Israelis. Perhaps that was the most meaningful point for me, a reminder that reality in Israel is far more complex than it may appear, and that it is important to keep talking and listening, even when it seems everything is already clear and people can be easily assigned to defined groups. In practice, we often discover how far our assumptions are from reality.

At the same time, on a personal level, there were moments when what they said felt like an attempt to normalise the existing reality of the occupation and to downplay its weight, treating it as a result of the situation rather than as a factor shaping it. This created a sense of discomfort for me and added complexity to the way I received the ideas that were presented.

In addition, the vision they described struck me as somewhat utopian. I find it difficult to see how the public from which they come would be willing to relinquish ideas such as “Greater Israel,” or to adopt flexibility in interpreting borders. The phrase they used, intended to strengthen Israel in their view, in fact highlighted the gap for me: “The Eternal People are not afraid of a long road.”

I did not agree with everything, nor did I fully understand it all. Even so, I greatly appreciated the willingness of two individuals to act with independent thinking and to attempt to sketch an alternative. There is courage in that, especially when it involves challenging foundational beliefs within one’s own community and attempting to confront traditional patterns of thought.

Above all, I was moved to see more people calling for action, people who understand that the responsibility for change lies with us alone and that it will come only from within. This continues a trend visible over the past three years: alongside the despair that breeds widespread apathy, more and more civic movements are emerging in an effort to repair and heal, much like the initiative of the “We Are All One Human Fabric” team on the kibbutz.

One can only hope it is not too late.

Tamar Osterhof

What is the “Anachnu” movement?: The movement works to establish a new, unifying Israeli coalition bringing together settlers, left-wing activists, and Arab citizens. Our goal is to lead Israeli society out of its current crisis through an innovative political and constitutional vision.

To this end, we are building an Israeli community, organising tours, and advancing public campaigns to make our voice heard.

New English books in the library – April 2026



Breathe – Joyce Carol Oates

A taut and unsettling novel that explores grief, fear, and the fragility of everyday life. Oates once again delves into the psychological depths of her characters, revealing how quickly the familiar can turn strange.

Tom Lake – Ann Patchett

Set during a quiet summer, this warm and reflective novel unfolds through stories told between a mother and her daughters. Patchett weaves memory, love, and the passage of time into a deeply human and intimate narrative.

A Luminous Republic – Andrés Barba

A haunting and atmospheric tale about a group of wild children who suddenly appear in a South American city. Barba creates a powerful allegory that blurs the line between civilisation and chaos.

Gratitude – Delphine de Vigan

A tender and poignant story about memory, ageing, and the words we struggle to say. With quiet sensitivity, de Vigan reflects on human connection and the importance of expressing gratitude before it is too late.

Elections 2026 - Nitzan Rivlin-Feldman, Elad Ilan, Hanan Shaliv

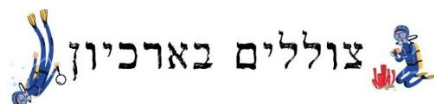
It is hard not to notice that the election campaign for the 2026 Knesset elections is steadily intensifying. There have already been very turbulent election campaigns in the past, each described in its time as “fateful” and accompanied by other dramatic labels. That, however, is not the issue we wish to address here.

We, a group of kibbutz members, are turning to all our friends in the Yizrael community to take part in a special effort aimed at bringing about a change of government in Israel. In our view, Election Day (the date of which has not yet been set) is of the utmost importance, and each one of us should contribute to the effort according to their ability. We intend to publish the various activities and initiatives on Kehilanet and in the newsletter, and we welcome any ideas and initiatives.

Already now, a number of members have begun organising and are interested in initiating and holding various activities in the lead-up to, and on, Election Day. We would be glad to see more members join.

We invite you to take part. You are warmly encouraged to get in touch with us.

With thanks and best regards.



On 30 April I marked 55 years on Kibbutz Yizrael. Over those years, the place has changed, and so have the people. Some of us have been well preserved, and some a little less so.

A few photos from 50 years ago. Written by Jules Feldman





The social process has begun to move forward.

Come to meet, talk and listen. The discussions will be held in small groups.

All meetings will be facilitated by Esti Ashkenazi.

Meeting dates:

- Monday, 04.05 at 18:00
- Wednesday, 06.05 at 11:00
- Friday, 08.05 at 10:00
- Thursday, 14.05 at 18:00
- Monday, 25.05 at 18:00
- Thursday, 28.05 at 18:00
- Friday, 29.05 at 11:00
- Thursday, 11.06 at 18:00

Registration on Kehilanet, in the appointment calendar. (Torim veYomanim)


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Saturday on Yizrael – The Rugby League Returns!



After a period of war that put the league on hold, we are back in action with a nationwide children and youth tournament starting at 10:00, and an adult league match at 15:00 against Majd al-Krum.

Over the past two months, we have continued to invest in the rugby grounds, adding pathways to improve accessibility, and building foundations and a surface for the construction of a new “Boikiz” structure.

This week, we received three new blast shelters after successfully participating in a public tender issued by the Ministry of Sport and meeting all its requirements. We would like to thank the Gilboa Regional Council for submitting the application on our behalf and supporting our request, and also extend our thanks to Benny Segal, who worked hard behind the scenes to secure the win in the tender.

We hope the blast shelters will always serve us simply for storing drinks, food, and rugby equipment.

So, a warm and festive Saturday awaits us at the rugby field!

Burgers, drinks, inflatable attractions, and more. Come and cheer on the players, from kindergarten age right through to the adult teams.



Idan Zelas

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ENGLISH IS FUN - with Rahel

THE WORLD ACCORDING TO STUDENT BLOOPERS

Julius Caesar extinguished himself on the battlefields of Gaul. The Ides of March murdered him because they thought he was going to be made king. Dying, he gasped out the words, “Tee hee, Brutus”. Nero was a cruel tyranny, who would torture his poor subjects by playing the fiddle to them.

Rome came to have too many luxuries and baths. At Roman banquets, the guests wore garlics in their hair. They took two baths in two days, and that is the cause of the fall of Rome. Today Rome is full of fallen arches.

Then came the Middle Ages, when everyone was middle aged. King Alfred conquered the Dames. King Arthur lived in the Age of Shivery with brave knights on prancing horses and beautiful women. King Harold mustarded his troops before the Battle of Hastings. Joan of Arc was canonized by Bernard Shaw. And victims of the blue-bonnet plague grew boobs on their necks. Finally, Magna Carta provided that no free man should be hanged twice for the same offence.

In medieval times most people were illiterate. The greatest writer of the middle ages was Chaucer, who wrote many poems and verses and also wrote literature. During this time, people put on morality plays about ghosts, goblins, virgins and other mystical creatures. Another story was about William Tell, who shot an arrow through an apple while standing on his son's head.

The Renaissance was an age in which more individuals felt the value of their human beings. Martin Luther was nailed to the church door at Wittenberg for selling papal indulgences. He died a horrible death, being excommunicated by a bull. It was the painter Donatello's interest in the female nude that made him the father of the Renaissance.

The government of England was a limited mockery. From the womb of Henry VIII Protestantism was born. He found walking difficult because he had an abcess on his knee.

Queen Elizabeth was the "Virgin Queen." As a queen she was a success. When Elizabeth exposed herself before her troops, they all shouted "Hurrah". Then her navy went out and defeated the Spanish Armadillo.

It was an age of great inventions and discoveries. Gutenberg invented the Bible. Another important invention was the circulation of blood. Sir Walter Raleigh is a historical figure because he invented cigarettes and started smoking.

And Sir Francis Drake circumnavigated the world with a 100-foot clipper.

The greatest writer of the Renaissance was William Shakespeare. He was born in the year 1564, supposedly on his birthday. He never made much money and is famous only because of his plays. He lived at Windsor with his merry wives, writing tragedies, comedies and errors.

In one of Shakespeare's famous plays, Hamlet ratioms out his situation by relieving himself in a long soliloquy. His mind is filled with the filth of incestuous sheets which he pours over every time he sees his mother. In another play, Lady Macbeth tries to convince Macbeth to kill the King by attacking his manhood. The proof that the witches in *Macbeth* were supernatural is that no one could eat what they cooked.

The clown in *As You Like It* is named Touchdown, and Romeo and Juliet are an example of a heroic couplet. Writing at the same time as Shakespeare was Miguel Cervantes. He wrote *Donkey Hote*. The next great author was John Milton. Milton wrote *Paradise Lost*. Then his wife died and he wrote *Paradise Regained*.

During the Renaissance America began. Christopher Columbus was a great navigator who discovered America while cursing about the Atlantic. His ships were called the Nina, the Pinta and the Santa Fe.

.....more next week



Beacon on the Hill

Day and Date	Time	Activity
Sunday, 03.05.26	07:00	- Walk with Shlomit and Peter
	09:00	- Gathering with coffee, cake, discussion and table games
	09:30	- Seeing the World
Monday, 04.05.26	09:00	- Gathering with coffee, cake, discussion and table games
	09:30	- Visit to Moshav Avital
Tuesday, 05.05.26	09:00	- Gathering with coffee, cake, discussion and table games
	10:00	- Behind the Songs: "Ofra Haza", with Galia Shemi
Wednesday, 06.05.26	07:00	- Walk with Shlomit and Peter
	09:00	- Working Together, ORBA
	17:15	- Chair Exercises with Michal Shaanan
	19:00	- The Good Film Club, Wow!
Thursday, 07.05.26	09:00	- Gathering with coffee, cake, discussion and table games
	10:00	- Film with Galia Shemi, <i>The Zookeeper's Wife</i> Local outings



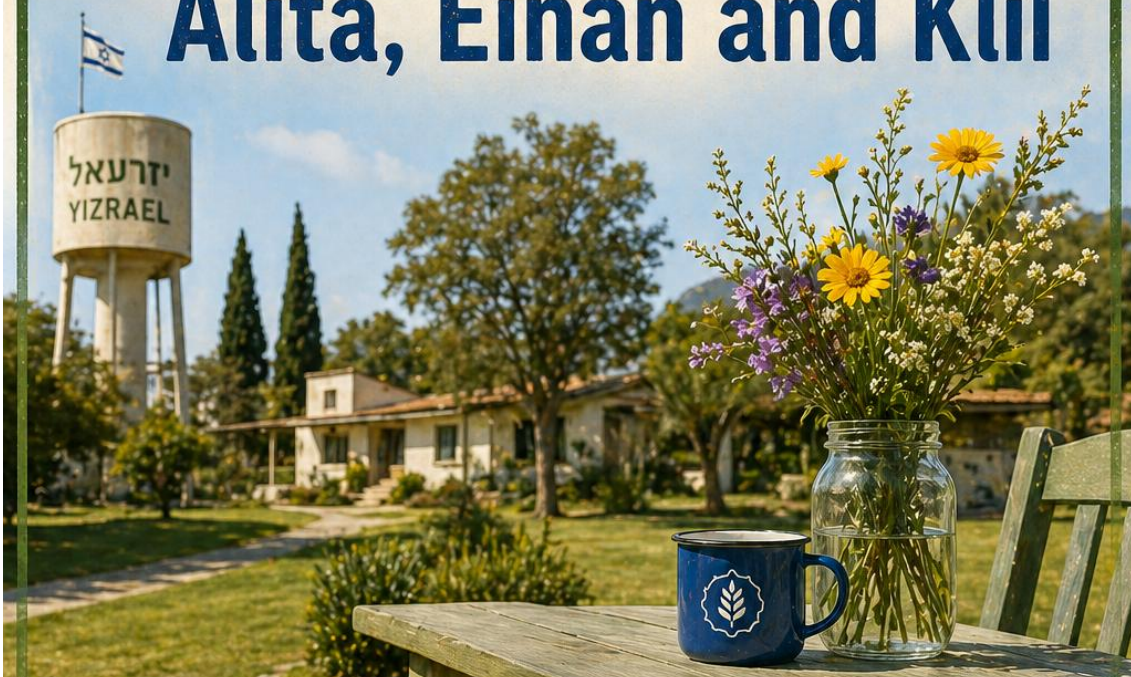
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