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Kibbutz Yizrael

Reut's Editorial: The 77th Kibbutz Yizrael Anniversary

When we were kids, Yizrael's anthem was a short, simple, and catchy tune, set to the melody of "Jingle Bells":

Yizrael, Yizrael, very nice Kibbutz

We've a mountain here

And a valley there

And plenty place to run

(Sounds better in Hebrew, but not much – Ed)

May we always see the beauty, of the mountain and the valley,
of the open spaces where we can run and hike –
at a brisk, sporty pace, or a leisurely stroll,
with a dog tugging us in all directions,
or riding a mobility scooter or wheelchair –
and may we remember, amid the routine and daily life,
to enjoy our hill, where each evening, someone switches on the lights

Even on our Chag HaMeshek, we will pray for the return of all the hostages, and for the safe and swift homecoming of our soldiers, in full health. Chag Sameach – Reut Shaliv.

We wish Maayan C.T. an easy and successful call-up

From the Young generation committee



**Congratulations to Avner and Hila Alterlevi
on the birth of their grandson, son of Yuval and Tal.**

Mazel tov to the Alterlevi, Ziv, and Harpaz families, and to Tal's family!



**Pool Opening and Closing times on the Evening of the Bar Mitzvah
and the Kibbutz Anniversary:**

Today (Friday, the eve of the Kibbutz Holiday), the pool will close at 18:00.

On Saturday, August 9, 2025, the pool will be open continuously from 10:00

Security Reminder for the Holiday –

From the Emergency Response Team

Wishing everyone a happy and peaceful holiday. As we do every holiday, we take this opportunity to remind you that in the event of a security incident, ***do not get involved***. Instead, immediately go to a protected area and report the incident to the relevant authorities (police / kibbutz security coordinator).

The armed emergency response team is trained and identified by specific means known to them. Anyone who is not part of the team may be mistakenly identified. The main concern is friendly fire due to misidentification.

Please also communicate this message to your guests (armed or not).

Wishing us all quiet and peaceful days. **Happy Holiday!**

Message from: Yarden Naor



Galit Basis, a member of “Garin Chasfan”, passed away on the 15.6.25.

Galit was one of the central members in the group, and this coming September, the garin members will hold a memorial for her at the Moadon. The exact date will be announced later.

May her memory be a blessing.

Message from: Albert Rosilio



Management Committee Report - 7.7.2025

Participants: Jeremy Perling, Evyatar Asaf, Uri Gilad, Elad Ilan, Limor Griman, Idan Zelas, Inbal Pezaro.

Agenda:

- 1. Approval of Protocols from 16/4**
- 2. Assembly Procedure – Continued Discussion: Addition to Section 2 (in accordance with the amendment to the Organizational Structure Procedure)**
In the previous Management Committee meeting, during the discussion of the assembly procedure, it was decided that additional functions of the assembly

must appear in the procedure, such as election of office holders. These procedures are recorded elsewhere but not in the assembly procedure proposal. It was found that the assembly procedure still lacks reference to several topics. The team will continue its work and return to the discussion at the next meeting.

3. Information & Miscellaneous – Reporting on the Preparation and Submission of Local Committee Protocols to the Council

The Management Committee also serves as the kibbutz's Local Committee, which reports to the regional council. In some of the committee's meetings, discussions are held on topics related to the Local Committee and decisions are made in that capacity.

Due to a demand by the regional council to receive protocols of Local Committee meetings, and following legal consultation, relevant sections from approved Management Committee protocols were extracted and compiled into designated protocols, which were sent to the council.

In the future, a separate protocol for the Local Committee will be prepared alongside the Management Committee protocol.



Education Council Meeting Report - July 21, 2025

Participants: Avishag Sharoni, Uri Ayalon-Brustein, Gal Witelson, Yael Oster, Limor Griman, Noga Harpaz, Sarit Laviv, Neta Ratzin-Blass, Adi Goldstein Ilan, Einav Nagar, Ofri Ziv.

1. Sleeping arrangements for Senior Youth Rooms – Continued Discussion

A team appointed by the Education Council—Uri Ayalon-Brustein, Nir Baor, and Adi Goldstein Ilan—presented the review process conducted over the past six months:

- Discussions within the Education Council
- A session with the Community Management
- Dialogue circles with youth
- Dialogue circles with adults
- A lecture and discussion led by system consultant Simona Aloni-Levy

During this meeting, participants clarified the goals of housing in the senior youth section, identified strengths and weaknesses, addressed key challenges, and examined possible approaches. This was done through discussion of real-life dilemmas encountered over the years, highlighting complex issues such as:

- Maintaining boundaries
- Ensuring safety
- Parent–staff relationships
- Peer dynamics within the youth group

It became clear that in order to create a safe, supportive, and empowering environment for the youth, several elements are needed:

- Clearer rules
- A structured communication framework between youth, parents, and staff
- A common educational-community message regarding the purpose, function, and responsibility for the rooms

The community's and parents' willingness to work within an agreed framework, alongside the educational staff, will be the test of whether this unique housing model can continue.

The small team will consolidate the conclusions and ideas into a plan with multiple options to be presented at the next Education Council meeting **on Sunday, August 10, 2025, at 20:30 in the Moadon**. Broad participation is encouraged.

2. Update on the Service Year (Shin-Shinim) Commune (Guest: Nachem Levin)

Nachem Levin summarized the 7th year of the Shin-Shinim (volunteers before military service) program in Yizrael:

- 11 volunteers
- 9 different placements
- About 200 youth participants

The plan for next year is to maintain the same group size and placements. One site will incorporate a new project in collaboration with KKL-JNF, which will also increase funding.

Next year, Nachem will focus solely on program management, and a part-time commune counsellor (Madrach) will be added.

90% of the program's budget, including payment for the guidance staff, is covered by the Shin-Shinim's work in the kibbutz.

3. Building Educational Teams for the 2025–2026 School Year

Yael Oster (Early Childhood Education) and Ofri Ziv (Social-Educational Programming) presented recruitment challenges for educational staff.

Difficulties in recruitment are well known and widespread in the region and throughout the country. The issue is regularly discussed in professional forums, including those of the Kibbutz Movement.

So far, Yizrael has coped thanks to:

- Relatively large teams
- Professional support, training, and guidance
- Flexibility and good working conditions
- Slightly higher wages than surrounding communities

However, over the past year, the wage advantage has diminished, making recruitment significantly harder. At the same time, the kibbutz is careful to maintain budgetary balance and avoid overspending.



Management Committee Report - 4.8.2025

Participants: Jeremy Perling, Evyatar Assaf, Uri Gilad, Elad Ilan, Limor Griman, Idan Zilas, Doron Kagan. Inbal Pizzaro

Agenda:

1. Presentation of the Kibbutz Financial Reports for 2024

Guest: Maor Persai – CFO

Maor presented the financial reports prepared by *Brit Pikuach* (accounting firm). He explained how the reports reflect the kibbutz's financial status, with the profit and loss statement showing a downward trend in profits.

Decision: To bring the reports to the Economic Council for approval.

Additionally, an internal audit survey was presented, conducted by *Brit Pikuach*, reviewing the personal budgeting system in the accounting department.

2. Authorizing the Management Committee to Enter an Agreement for an Agro-Solar System

Background: For several years, the Agriculture Board and Energy Branch have been advancing an agro-solar project, now ready for implementation. The decision includes three main questions:

- Which business partner (company) to work with?
- What land area will be allocated to the project?
- What operation model to adopt – real estate rental or ownership/partnership?

Following a joint discussion between the Agriculture Committee and the Infrastructure Board, it was decided to recommend:

- Choosing “**Enlight**”, renewable energy company.
- Selecting the **maximum area – 500 dunams**
- Postponing the decision on the operation model until necessary (before finalizing the financial agreement)

The Management Committee supported the recommendation to work with Enlight and to use kibbutz land up to the maximum state-approved size of 500 dunams.

The committee debated the third question (operation model) and the timing of the decision.

No consensus was reached; therefore, no recommendation is made at this time, regarding the operation model.

The matter will be discussed in the Economic Council in early September. An Enlight representative will be invited to present their proposal. The committee requests that members of both the Agriculture and Infrastructure Boards participate.

The Economic Council meeting is open to all members.

3. **Assembly Procedure – Continued Discussion**

Guests: Assembly Committee – Shlomo Cohen, Eddie Solow

The team completed drafting the procedure, including the previously open issues.

After comments from committee members, the procedure will be brought to the assembly for discussion and approval.

Decision: In the assembly meeting where this procedure is discussed, the Chair and Secretary of the assembly will be selected from among those present, rather than using the permanent officeholders.

4. **Joining Other Kibbutzim as Respondents in a Supreme Court Petition Regarding Pension Rights for Leavers**

Background: A couple who were former members of Kibbutz Reshafim filed a petition asking the court to instruct the Minister of Finance, the Registrar of Cooperatives, and the Kibbutz Movement to amend the rules regarding members leaving kibbutzim, so that they receive a higher pension than promised.

The petition poses a risk to all kibbutzim. It was proposed to unite and form a broad front.

Already **45 kibbutzim have joined**; lawyers (Shlomo Cohen's office) estimate

that a response backed by **100–150 kibbutzim** will be more effective.

Decision: Kibbutz Yizrael will join the petition as a respondent. Total cost: **1,500 NIS**.

Summary prepared by: Limor Griman & Jeremy Perling



Human Resources (HR) Committee Report – 27.7.25

Participants: Irit Shemesh, Peter Pizarro, Eddie Solow, Rochela Matalon, Limor Griman, Erez Peleg, Kinneret Govrin
(*Relatives of applicants left the discussion.*)

Approval of the List of Participants in Study Programs for the 5786 Academic Year
Guest: Sarit Labib, Coordinator of the Education Committee

Over the past month, it became clear that the Higher Education Committee still has sufficient budget to send additional members to study programs. The committee convened to review new applications for the upcoming year.

The HR Committee discussed the proposed list submitted by the Education Committee. There was consideration of returning the matter to the committee for further discussion, to include additional checks such as:

- Gathering feedback from the applicants' direct managers and HR
- Defining a minimum threshold for applications, as is customary each year

In the end, it was agreed that the matter is complex and involves many sensitivities and unknowns, such as the likelihood of success during the studies and in the chosen profession. It was acknowledged that the committee is faced with challenging decisions.

Words of appreciation were expressed to the committee members for their thoughtful and responsible work.

Decision: The HR Committee approves the list of participants for the 5786 academic year.

The list will be published by the Education Committee.

Summary prepared by: Kinneret Govrin



From the Higher Education Committee

Last April, we announced that we would be unable to approve new study requests due to budget constraints. Since then, a few changes have occurred: several students received scholarships or significant tuition discounts, and the Iran war resulted in studies being conducted via Zoom – saving on per diem and travel costs. As a result of these budget savings, we realized we can now approve studies for the coming year. The dedicated committee team convened for several intensive meetings to review a large number of applications submitted this year, carefully considering the criteria table.

Here are the **new students approved for the academic year (2025–2026):**

Student Name

Subject

New Students:

| | |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------|
| Tal Habshush | Information Systems Management |
| Damian Chicurel | Tour Guide Training |
| Zohar Assaf | Social Work |
| Itai Nagar | Pastry Arts |
| Tamar Sadur | Psychotherapy |
| Neta Blass | Psychotherapy (as part of sabbatical) |
| Uri Hollander | Sabbatical |
| Ofri Ziv | Education Systems Management |

Continuing Students:

| | |
|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Rotem Hillel | Psychotherapy |
| Shani Baor | Psychotherapy |
| Ella Cohen | Water Engineering |
| Tali Brauman | Art Therapy |
| Idan Kamilian | Art Therapy |
| Karen Elon Brustein | PhD in Jewish Studies |
| Eviatar Assaf | PhD in Agriculture |

The committee places great importance on the academic, professional, and personal development of Yizrael members. We hope to continue supporting meaningful educational journeys that will translate into community contributions.

We would also like to congratulate those who **successfully completed their studies this year:**

- **Aksel Levin** – MBA in Global Green Business Management **cum laude**.
- **Adi Laviv** – MBA with a specialization in HR Strategies **cum laude**.
- **Tzach Sassi** (to graduate in September) – EMBA in Executive Business Administration
- **Anna Abramovich** (to graduate in October) – MBA with a specialization in Digital Marketing, Innovation, and AI
- **Bar Levi** – Master's Degree in Art Therapy and completion of internship year
- **Naomi Schechter** – Advanced nursing course in Public Health and Lactation Consulting
- **Dima Chernikhovsky** – Certified Quality Managers Course – CMQ

In addition, the entire community is invited to participate in two **AI learning sessions** to be held in **September**, in collaboration with the regional council and a trainer from **Axioma**. *(I will be there for sure!!!- Ed)*

The sessions will take place in the evening at the moadon, with a **minimum of 18 participants**. Participation is possible via **mobile phone** (or laptop, though not required). We would love for you to take part in this community learning event.

"Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire."

— William Butler Yeats

May we gain the wisdom to live peacefully. May all of us be back home soon.

Sarit Laviv



The Nominations committee - call for Nominees

- Hedva Sharabani

The Nominations committee invites members to submit candidacy for the following roles:

- **Coordinator of the Safety Committee**

The Safety Committee is responsible for maintaining and improving safety in the community, including risk management and raising awareness on safety issues across the kibbutz, workplace, and public spaces.

Election will be held via Kehilanet at the Assefa. Term: 4 years.

- **Coordinator of the Dogs Committee**
Election via Kehilanet during the General Assembly. Term: 4 years.
- **Additional Member for the Absorption Committee**
Term: 4 years.
- **Members for the Sportiyulim Committee**
Term: 4 years.

Candidacy submissions are open until 21.08.25.

With appreciation,
Kinneret Govrin, Albert Rozilio, Liran Pen, Navot Assaf, Dotan Savir, Sheli Edelstein, Hedva Sharabani



Interview with Ron Granot on the Restoration Work at the Knesset - Interviewer: Zimra Baran

Introduction:

I heard about this project and was deeply moved. It struck me as both a physically demanding and professionally unique task, and I understood that the true reward lies in the satisfaction of its completion. During his work, Ron met Members of the Knesset, but also received visits from friends from Yizrael...

In December 2024, the Knesset issued a tender for the **restoration and rehabilitation** of the main entrance doors to the Knesset building. Ron Granot submitted a proposal—and won the bid.

□ What did the tender entail? Please elaborate.

The tender was very complex. I had to submit five reports of projects I had completed for reputable institutions in recent years—such as work in well-known museums, etc.

I also had to provide letters of recommendation and, finally, submit a respectable financial proposal.

□ Why do you think you were selected? What did you submit that captured the judges' attention?

I was chosen from a lineup of professionals based on the projects I had completed in recent years, and they especially liked the way I write very detailed reports...

□ Why was this tender issued?

The condition of the doors and the material from which the gates were made, was terrible—corrosion and a greenish patina on the copper panels made it hard to discern the artwork. Dirt accumulated from nearby construction and the wear of time on the brass panels... There was a need for professional treatment—to clean and restore the artwork so it would be visible to the public and, at the same time, to honour and restore the dignity of the Knesset of Israel.

The artist's original intention was for the doors to be seen clearly by visitors and those in attendance — they are, after all, the face of the Israeli Knesset!

The three entrance gates to the Plenary Wing, known as the "*Gates of the Tribes*," were designed in 1966 by artist Shraga Weil (of Kibbutz HaOgen), a native of Czechoslovakia (1918–2009). They are made of wood, clad with copper panels etched using acid. Each door is 2.40 meters tall and 2.5 meters wide. The graphic forms on the panels draw on traditional Jewish symbols from antiquity.

- The right gate symbolizes destruction and the Jewish people's exile;
- The central gate – the ingathering of exiles;
- The left gate – settlement and the founding of the state.

The building, inaugurated in 1966, is characterized by Brutalist architecture—exposed concrete showing casting moulds and simple geometric forms, combined here with Jerusalem stone. Many Brutalist structures exist in Tel Aviv, and at Ben-Gurion University.

□ What was your role in restoring the gates? How did you approach the work?

The work required months of preparation, including trips to Jerusalem and several feasibility tests on the doors. I had to develop work methods, techniques, and choose materials. Most materials were ordered from abroad. I packed up my entire workshop, loaded it onto a pickup and trailer, and headed to Jerusalem.

□ **How long did the project take?**

About three weeks—one week for each gate (each gate has two doors and a frame). I was assisted by Shimon, one of my students at the Yizrael workshop (a retiree). We stayed in the Gilo neighbourhood in Jerusalem during the project. Up early every morning, working, and returning to sleep...



□ **What did the work involve?**

We built a shelter—a kind of sukkah—over the entrance to create a closed workspace. We began by removing paint and dirt from the frames and copper surfaces using an ecological remover. Then we cleaned areas on the copper where corrosion salts had built up. We lightly polished the surfaces to reveal the motifs, with the raised parts turning golden and the recessed parts remaining dark. Finally, we applied a protective

lacquer to stabilize the surfaces.



□ **How did it feel to transform the dark, dull doors into shining, radiant ones?**

When I arrived, the doors were dark, brown, greenish—you couldn't see anything. It felt like an archaeological excavation... I knew we had to first remove layers to reveal the beauty intended by Shraga Weil. I felt, with each door and entrance, a sense of revelation. I suddenly understood the motifs. For example: we uncovered the name of his wife, Sarah, etched at the top of one of the doors. We discovered etched Biblical quotes, letters, and recurring motifs he used across the doors. We also found his signature and the date on each gate.

Each such discovery filled me with deep respect—as if a glow, a light, a secret emerged from the artwork... Throughout the project, I felt honoured to be doing this in this building—the parliament of the State of Israel! Regardless of the current government... I came to restore the treasures adorning the entrance of the Knesset—to honour the place, not the politicians...

The prominence of the gates at the entrance plaza is highly symbolic. On the one hand, world leaders arrive and pass through the gates and memorials... On the other, each day we heard cries of protest in the plaza—mothers and fathers wailing in grief over their children... I had to be strong, wear earplugs, and keep working—to continue honouring the creation made in more naive times, when all our hopes were encapsulated in the *Gates of the Tribes*—the gates of statehood and settlement.

One day, while polishing the doors, I deeply understood the meaning of the artwork when I found the verse:

"He has gathered them as sheaves to the threshing floor" (Micah 4:12)—a reference both to the defeat of enemies and the unification of the Tribes of Israel in one place—the State of Israel. **Gather them—all the shades.**

[Zimra: When I read that verse *"But they know not the thoughts of the Lord, neither understand they, His counsel; for He shall gather them as the sheaves into the threshing floor"*—I noticed the word *"Goren"* (threshing floor), which relates to *Granot*... Perhaps Ron was destined to win this project because of his name?]

□ **What's special about the restoration profession?**

The essence of restoration is to preserve and pass on the cultural heritage of a place—with all its aesthetic and historical values—to future generations. I believe the profession I chose for this life deals with the core values of civilization in Israel, throughout all times. I call myself a **"metal hugger"**...

Written by: Zimra Baran

Conversation with Stas Gavrilov

On the eve of his Annual Trip to the music camp in Germany

For the past nineteen years, every summer Stas has flown to Berlin to take part in the J-ARTECK camp. This year, the camp is celebrating its 20th anniversary. J-ARTECK, a secular Jewish education camp, operates under the Janusz Korczak Academy in Berlin – an academy for informal education.



The camp was originally established to provide a space for Jewish children from families in which only one parent is Jewish. These children were not able to join Berlin's Jewish community camp, which is closed to outsiders. In its first year, J-ARTECK operated as a typical summer camp. In the second

year, Stas joined the team and since then has placed a strong emphasis on integrating the arts into the programme. He now leads this area at the camp.

This year marks several milestones: 80 years since the victory over the Nazis in World War II, 60 years of diplomatic relations between Germany and Israel, and the 20th anniversary of the arts camp.

Ever since he was a child, Stas dreamed of being a conductor and director of a children's opera house – a place where children would take part in every aspect of production: singing, playing instruments, and creating the set, props and costumes. This year, after nearly fifty years, that dream is coming true with the staging of a children's opera in Berlin. The sets will be built by children, and the performers – choir and actors – will all be children.

For this special occasion, Stas chose the opera **Brundibár**. It was composed in 1938 in Prague by Hans Krása. The main character, Brundibár, symbolised Hitler, and the opera served as an allegory for the times. The story tells of children whose mother falls ill. They go to the market to earn money to buy her fresh milk to help her recover. As they sing to earn money, the evil Brundibár steals the little they make. With the help of their friends, the children overcome him – turning a story of hardship into one of hope and triumph of good over evil.



The opera was never staged in Prague, as Hans Krása was sent to the Theresienstadt ghetto. Rehearsals continued there, and when the Nazis decided to make a propaganda film in the ghetto, they featured the children's opera to show cultural life. *Brundibár* was performed fifty-five times in the ghetto. During performances, the child actors were allowed to remove their yellow stars and were exempt from deportation. The children in the main roles survived.

Stas sought an artistic piece that could speak to children experiencing the upheaval of war and antisemitism in today's world. The Holocaust has always been a part of Stas's life, because of his grandmother. *Brundibár*, rooted in this history, illustrates children uniting against

evil and offers a message of hope to those facing fear and distress.

Stas has been working on this opera for nearly six months. The production includes fifty-four children aged twelve to seventeen, from across Europe and Israel. The opera had to be fully re-orchestrated to suit the young musicians and their instruments. The performance will feature an orchestra of eighteen young musicians, twenty-two singer-actors, and fourteen children responsible for the set, costumes and props. Twenty participants are from Israel, including five students from the The House of Music, among them, our own Nov Cohen Schwartz, from Yizrael.

Stas is the artistic director, planner, director and conductor of the opera. There will be a single performance, held in a Berlin theatre on **18.08.25**. Admission is free, but due to security arrangements, pre-registration is required, and ID must be presented at entry.

This isn't Stas's only dream. After bringing *Brundibár* to life in Berlin, his next goal is to produce the opera in Israel.

Written by: Reut Shaliv

(We look forward to hearing all about it on Stas's return – Ed)

Jezebel to the Rescue – Tzafnat Mor

Hello friends! It's been a while since we've seen each other. In our tiny country, where something exciting or infuriating happens every other moment, we've survived the "12-Day War" just to have someone—or something—left to tell the tale... No doubt, our national leaders have perfected our ability to fight countless wars with countless countries. As someone wrote online: *"We're living inside a babushka doll of wars."* If it weren't so tragic, it would be funny.

And me? I packed myself and Bob, the dog, and together we drove south in my little car, the length of Israel, on a long and exhausting journey to the ends of the earth (left or right, depending on which road you take). Thus, we arrived at our summer home in Nir Oz.

What is there for me to do in Nir Oz, you ask? Oh! It turns out the kibbutz was looking for a lifeguard, and I jumped at the opportunity before anyone else could grab the job.

Every day, I have the pleasure of meeting kind, gentle, and amazing people who give their time and energy to help rebuild this beautiful kibbutz, which was devastated and desecrated on *Black Saturday*.

And if I put aside, for a moment, the relentless sounds of war just across the fence—loud, sometimes terrifying noises, booms and gunfire—and one brave Bob, who deals with his fears and anxieties by searching for a shelter at every explosion... it's actually rather peaceful and pleasant here.

Friends and acquaintances have asked me, "Who is there to rescue?" "Me, of course!" I replied.

But mainly, I'm here for the nice reservists who serve throughout the Gaza envelope, at various bases, going in and out of the Strip, and coming to unwind in the kibbutz's beautiful and inviting pool.



On weekends, families and friends from Nir Oz—currently living in Carmei Gat—come by. It warms the heart (and the pool!) to see them here. A group of volunteers from Germany also arrived—not for the first time. Some of them had already been to Nir Oz and chose to return. Among them, I met two lovely women who speak some Hebrew and told me they study it every Sunday with a teacher on Zoom. One of them, a Jewish woman who moved from Chile to Germany, made a deal with

me: she'll teach me Spanish, and I'll teach her Hebrew. I didn't make much progress—apparently Spanish is too hard for me... *¡No hablo español!*

The group's guide is a Jewish man who emigrated with his family from Russia to Germany as a child.

But the most moving encounter was with Sonja Buhl, who lost her daughter, Carolyn Buhl, right here in Nir Oz on *Black Saturday*



Delving into the Archives

The Kibbutz Anniversary (Chag HaMashek)

Only a few photographs remain from Yizrael's early days.

The archive photos of the kibbutz anniversary include performances, neighbourhood scenes, and leisure time at the pool.



19.08.1948 – 1st Chag HaMeshek in Zarin



44th Chag HaMeshek



Milton Kaplan (r) and Eddie Solow (l)
45th Chag Ha Meshek - 1995



2002. 54th Chag Ha Meshek .
Tsameret Neighbourhood

Chag HaMashek and Tu B'Av in the Library

– From the “Book Dedication” Exhibition in the Library: Book Inscriptions Given as Wedding Gifts

Today, it is customary to give money at significant life events such as a brit, bar mitzvah, or wedding. In the past, people would give a gift.

In honour of Tu B'Av, there are book inscriptions from wedding gifts given to:

- Hamutal and Suskin Assaf (1963)
- Rochela and Dov Koren (1965)
- Esther and Rocky Epstein (1969)
- Yonah and David Eshet (1976)


You are invited to view these and other inscriptions displayed on large boards in the “Book Dedication” exhibition at the library. The exhibition features dedications written over the years for the children and members of Yizrael



- Cows can climb up stairs – but they can't climb down.
- Al Capone, the infamous Chicago gangster, died in 1947 from syphilis.
- The longest game of Monopoly ever played lasted 168 hours (about 70 consecutive days).
- When Coca-Cola was first created, it was green in colour. *Yitzhak Peleg*



Ed's Additional Did you Know:

Yes, Coca-Cola did originally contain a small amount of cocaine, but it was removed in 1903. The original formula included coca leaf extract, which contains cocaine. However, the amount of cocaine in the drink was very small, and it was removed to address public concerns about the stimulant properties of the beverage, [according to Wikipedia](#). Today, Coca-Cola does not contain any cocaine, according to Wikipedia. 

(...But there are plenty of other harmful ingredients. Sugar is addictive! – Ed)

A Did you know correction from Edi-tor

Last week I mislead you. BATS DO NOT ALWAYS TURN RIGHT WHEN EXITING THEIR CAVES!!! LATER RESEARCH REFUTED PREVIOUS THEORY. The moral of the story.... Do not believe everything you read on the inside of a bubble gum wrapper. Especially if is a 70 year old piece of bubblegum. (Do no eat it either!!! – Ed)



Chag HaMeshek – 8.8.25





Programme for 10/08/25– 14/08/25

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

Sunday 10 August

09:30 Docu Lectures – Mysteries of the World – The Largest Pyramid of Giza

Monday 11 August

08:00 Pedicure with Limor Mualem – appointments by arrangement

09:00 Sweet and cool with Monica and Noa

10:00 Lesson with Shlomo Cohen

10:30 Pool exercises with Eyal Tirosh

14:00 – 20:00 Blood Donation

Tuesday 12 August

10:00 A visit to the library

Wednesday 13 August

09:30 Lecture with Rochele Matalon

10:30 Pool exercises with Eyal Tirosh

Thursday 14 August

10:00 Movie screening with Galia

10:00 Ceramics studio is open with instruction from Ziv Ben-Bassat

17:15 Chair exercises with Michal Sha'anani

ENGLISH IS FUN with Rahel

THE WICKED WIT OF WINSTON CHURCHILL

He was the greatest orator of his day; the greatest leader of the Second World War; the greatest statesman of his age, and the greatest Englishman of the 20th century, perhaps of all time. The debt owed to Sir Winston Churchill by the free world remains immeasurable.

He is one of the most quoted figures in the English language, and one of only six English writers to have received the Nobel Prize in Literature in its 100 -year history.

Some of the funniest and wickedest quips are in tribute to the exhilarating wit of this great-hearted, infuriatingly conceited, wildly funny and brilliantly talented Englishman.

"The world today is ruled by harassed politicians absorbed into getting into office or turning out the other man, so that not much room is left for debating great issues on their merits."

Asked what qualities a politician required, Churchill replied, "The ability to foretell what is going to happen tomorrow, next week, next month and next year. And to have the ability afterwards to explain why it didn't happen."

To an MP bouncing up and down with interruption after interruption during one of his speeches an exasperated Churchill advised, "The honourable gentleman should really not generate more indignation than he can conveniently contain."

"The high belief in the perfection of man is appropriate in a man of the cloth, but not in a prime minister."

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