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Yom Haatzmaut

Excerpts Read at the Kibbutz Holocaust Remembrance Ceremony

Uri Ayalon Brustein:



I light this candle in memory of my grandfather, Zvi Hertz, of blessed memory, who survived the Holocaust in Budapest, Hungary, together with his family.

My grandfather survived an impossible reality of extreme poverty and hunger. As he described it, he and his family were reduced to “skeletons,” sustained by the smallest amounts of flour and oil. Despite relentless bombings and constant danger, he showed remarkable resourcefulness as a child, sneaking out of the ghetto to bring back food for his family.

For me, my grandfather embodies the immense power of the human spirit. Despite the horrors he witnessed, including executions along the banks of the Danube, he chose life. As a teenager, he came alone to Israel with Hashomer Hatzair, built a home on Kibbutz Ramot Menashe, and raised a family. He made a conscious decision not to let the shadow of the Holocaust darken the lives of his children and grandchildren, but to grow from the ashes toward rebuilding and hope.

I light this candle in honour of his victory – the victory of light over darkness.

Daniel Heims Assaf:



I light a candle in memory of Aryeh-Leib Weif, born in Miory, my grandmother's cousin. The entire Jewish community of his town was destroyed.

When the Nazis gathered the Jews and led them to the killing pit, where his family was murdered, he, a 15-year-old boy, said to himself: "I also want to live," and fled. Barefoot, with only what he wore, he escaped into the forests with a group of children.

There, he joined the partisans, fought alongside them, and encountered two childhood friends from his town. Together they survived under harsh conditions.

At the age of 16, he came to Israel aboard the Exodus, on a long and difficult journey that lasted months and passed through Cyprus. During the journey he contracted typhus, but survived, and eventually reached Kibbutz Nirim. At 18, he enlisted in the army in Israel.

Despite everything he endured, he was a warm and humorous man who knew how to see the good in the world.

His life story, as documented in a book written about him, is one of courage, ingenuity, and the power of the human spirit in even the darkest moments.

Rochela Matalon:



I light this candle in memory of my grandfather, Yechiel Rosenblum, of blessed memory, from the town of Luków in Poland.

My grandfather's story is a living testament to human spirit and unimaginable courage. Through extraordinary resourcefulness, he managed to save my father, Moshe, and his three brothers from death. For two long and harrowing years, they hid in a narrow pit underground, dug beneath the stable of the Polish Chmielewski family. There, in unbearable conditions of darkness, hunger, cold, and overcrowding, my grandfather preserved both their lives and their hope.

Our personal tragedy was etched in August 1944. Just after the town was liberated by the Red Army, when freedom seemed within reach, my grandfather was killed by a landmine placed at the entrance to his home.

I never had the chance to know him, but his figure and his story of heroism are woven into my soul and accompany me throughout my life.

I light this candle in his memory, in memory of my grandmother Rachel, who died giving birth in the ghetto, and in memory of the many family members who perished in the Holocaust.

This small flame is their memorial – a symbol of the victory of my father and his brothers, who went on to build new generations, and of our responsibility to carry the torch forward.

We will remember and not forget.

Ella Cohen Schwartz:



I light this candle in memory and honour of my grandmother, Ali Barwin (Schwartz), born in Berlin.

In 1939, at the height of the Holocaust, at the age of 15, she managed to escape Nazi terror and came to Israel through Youth Aliyah, with hope for a new and better future of freedom and fulfilment on Kibbutz Ein HaHoresh.

Upon arriving at the kibbutz, she became deeply involved in cultural and educational life. Together with Abba Kovner, one of the leaders of the Vilna Ghetto underground and later an Israel Prize laureate, she was part of the editorial team of the Kibbutz Haggadah, integrating values of freedom, partnership, agriculture, and Hebrew creativity after the horrors of the Holocaust.

Among her writings from 1943 was a children's story, *"The Tale of the Hedgehog,"* about a hedgehog who narrowly escapes capture and gains its freedom thanks to those who stood by it. The book was illustrated by me, her granddaughter whom she never met, as a symbol of the human spirit and the longing for freedom.

In memory of them – from exile to redemption, from bondage to freedom, from the fruit of the land to the yield of humanity, to life and to peace.

Ofir Griman:



I light this candle in memory of my grandparents, Moshe and Bella Griman, of blessed memory.

They grew up in the town of Pszczyna in Poland, fell in love, married young, and in 1936 moved to Paris in search of a better life. My grandfather enlisted in the French army and they received permanent status and French citizenship.

They had two children, Bernard and Fanny.

With the outbreak of war, they fled Paris and hid their children in Villeurbanne with a French family. My grandmother, presenting herself as of Italian origin, would visit them under the guise of a housemaid. Days before a Gestapo search, she, with almost prophetic instinct, took her children and wandered with them between villages, towns, and monasteries, thus ensuring their survival.

In 1943, my grandfather, active in the French Resistance, was captured and sent to Auschwitz as a political prisoner. A number was tattooed on his arm, and he was forced into hard labour in the Monowitz rubber factory.

He survived violence, slavery, and hunger. In January 1945, as the Soviet army approached, he was forced on a “death march” into Germany, where he was eventually liberated.

Months later, my grandmother, with the help of friends, found him in poor health. In 1950, after his recovery, their third son – my father, Yoshi – was born.

Their strength and determination to fight evil and cling to life are a source of inspiration and hope for a better Jewish and Israeli future.

Adi Ilan Goldstein:



I light this candle in memory of my grandmother, Sima (Sabina) Zhelazko-Barzali, née Rubinstein, born in 1915, and my grandfather, Shlomo Zhelazko-Barzali, born in 1908, both from Warsaw.

My grandmother gave birth in the Warsaw Ghetto to my uncle Avigdor. After losing her husband, she managed to escape the ghetto, hid the baby in a monastery, and wandered throughout the war between villages and forests. At the end of the war, she retrieved Avigdor, then five years old, whose life had been saved by the nuns who raised him.

My grandfather had been imprisoned in several labour camps. When the war ended, he discovered that his wife and two children, aged four and seven, had perished in the ghetto.

Out of the grief and suffering, my grandmother and grandfather chose to marry and build a new life together, growing out of pain. In the early 1950s they came to Tel Aviv, where my mother Aliza was born.

My grandfather raised my uncle as his own son, and his daughters as his granddaughters.

They never told us their full story, seeking to protect us and create as stable a life as possible. Only after their passing did we discover the truth and understand the meaning of the mysterious stone my grandmother had placed on my grandfather's grave.

Thank you, dear grandparents, for the life and stability you built through such pain.

May your memory, and the memory of your loved ones who were murdered, be blessed.

May we truly remember and not forget. Never again – not to us, not to others, not by us.

Closing Passage – Written by Shani Baor, Read by Shelly Moshe Edelstein:

Each year, as we prepare this ceremony, we ask ourselves anew: how do we remember?

How do we remember what happened, all those who were loved and are no more?
How do we remember that there is also goodness in the world, alongside evil?
How do we remember the human spirit – the ability to choose, even in the darkest moments?

In recent years, there has been a resonance between what happened then and what is happening here and now.

Not out of comparison, but out of echo.

History seems to return in different forms.

Nearly three years of war, a shifting reality, lives taking on new shapes.

And within all this, the question remains:
How do we choose to be?
How do we choose to face such a challenging time?

During the Holocaust, reality was extreme and unimaginable over a long period.
And yet – the possibility of choice remained.

To choose together.
To choose the other.
To choose humanity.

And perhaps this is the greatest hope of all –
to believe in goodness,
to believe in humanity.

A Walk to Caesarea

Lyrics: Hannah Senesh

Music: David Zehavi (composed 29.10.45)

My God, my God,
may these things never end:
the sand and the sea,
the rustle of the waters,
the lightning of the sky,
the prayer of man.



Holocaust Remembrance Day – Reflections – Jules Feldman

A week after the seventh day of Passover, we mark Holocaust Remembrance Day. There is a connecting thread between the two.

In the Passover story, “We were slaves to Pharaoh in Egypt,” and then we became free people and returned to the land of our forefathers.

In the Holocaust, a third of the Jewish people were murdered, and afterwards the Jewish people attained, following a difficult war, independence in their land.

The Passover Haggadah had an immense psychological impact on the resilience of the Jewish people. Throughout all the suffering and humiliation of two thousand years of exile, the Jews believed that better days would come.

Children who grow up in a family with a narrative internalise a story of hardship and overcoming it. From the family story, they gain emotional resilience. Many Holocaust survivors chose not to tell their stories, or were not able emotionally to speak about it. But not only them.

My family arrived in South Africa fifty years before the Holocaust. In my childhood, we were told that we had been far from there, and fortunately had not lost relatives. Over the years, it became clear that this was not the case. Even my grandparents, who left Lithuania as adults, did not speak about uncles and cousins who remained there. Was this out of guilt that they had not done enough to bring them out of Europe?

My mother told of Arthur, the younger brother of Uncle Harry. Harry brought Arthur to Johannesburg in the mid-1930s. Arthur was miserable in Johannesburg, and the family raised money to send him back home to his town of Yanushik in Lithuania. After a year, he sent a photograph from his wedding, radiant with happiness. A few years later, he and his family were shot to death along with all the Jews of the town. My mother would say that on every Holocaust Remembrance Day, she would see Arthur’s face before her.


Over many years of family research, I found the names of dozens of relatives who were murdered. In many cases, even the date and place are known, and there are testimonies from people who were present.

In 1946, a relative in Johannesburg, Wolf Gullin, received a letter describing the murder of his mother and brother in the liquidation of the town of Rakeshik. Wolf suffered a heart attack and sank into deep depression. He died in 1949 at the age of 49.

There was, and still is, great difficulty for the generation of the Holocaust in coping with the loss and relating the memories. It is also difficult for the generation that followed.

We are commanded to remember. For our sake, we remember them.

Jules Feldman

Reut's Editorial:  Between Holocaust and Heroism Remembrance Day and Memorial Day for Israel's Fallen Soldiers, an alternative day of remembrance is being marked this year: The Day of Forgetting.

This day, initiated by the "October Council," is meant to remind us that a state commission of inquiry into the 7th of October has still not been established.

Let us hope that next year there will be no need to mark this day.

May They Be Forgotten

And the Government of Israel forgot its faithful and courageous sons and daughters, who were murdered and who fell defending the land in the massacre of October 7th 2024 and in the days that have passed since, until this very day, fighters, men and women, members of the intelligence, security, police and prison service communities, who risked their lives in the War of of October 7th, innocent civilians, old and young, who were slaughtered, abducted, burned and raped, in the greatest failure in the history of Israel.

And the Prime Minister of Israel and his ministers forgot their responsibility and their obligation to the brave citizens of Israel, to the fallen and to the many murdered in the War of October 7th.

May the fallen of Israel's wars and of acts of terror be crowned with victory, engraved upon the heart of Israel from generation to generation.

The people of Israel will not forget them, and will not lend a hand to the whitewashing of the truth.

And a state commission of inquiry that will uncover the truth shall surely arise speedily in our days,

for the sake of our sons and daughters,
for the sake of the security of our land,

and for the sake of the generations to come.
And let us say: Amen.

Invitation to the Economic Council



On Thursday, 23.04.26 at 20:00, at the moadon

Agenda:

Summary of 2025 in the holdings: Maytronics (guests: Dovi Ofer, Chair; Rafi Ben Ami, CEO), Netzer Sensors, Agriculture, the Energy Branch, and the Fuel Station.



Thank You at the Conclusion of Holocaust and Heroism Remembrance Day

We would like to express our thanks:

- To Uri Aylon Brustein, Rochela Matalon, Ella Cohen-Schwartz, Ofir Griman and Adi Ilan-Goldstein, who lit memorial candles and moved us deeply with their family stories.
- To Itai Nagar and Itzik Nisani, who managed the sound system. Despite significant difficulties during rehearsals, everything worked perfectly during the ceremony. Thank you for your calm presence and for being with us every year.
- To Idit Halevi, who was with us and consistently takes care of and oversees all matters relating to the moadon and the flower arrangements.
- To Shlomo Cohen, who stepped in to assist us with the presentations.
- To Tzafnat Mor for adding subtitles to the videos.
- To Nir Baor, who read at the ceremony.
- To Ranit Levi, who always moves us with her singing, and to Yaniv Lifshitz for his precise musical accompaniment.

- To the Year 12 girls, Michal Zinenko, Gali Assaf and Shachar Baor, who read beautifully and movingly at the ceremony.
- To Niv Edelstein, who repaired the six-candle menorah.
- To Tali Brauman, who worked behind the scenes and helped with everything that was needed, even when it was unclear whether the ceremony could take place.

Ceremony Team

Shani Baor, Dekel Sarno, Shelly Moshe-Edelstein, Adva Lifshitz, Ofir Griman and Daniel Heims-Assaf

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Assembly Report - 06.04.26



Chair: Shlomo Cohen

Secretary: Uri Gilad

Participants: 40 members in the moadon, plus Zoom

Agenda

1. Committee Appointments

Hedva Sharabani presented the recommendations of the Committee Appointments Committee:

- Education Cluster Council – Gal Wittelson as public representative to the Education Cluster Council (to be elected by ballot).
- Young Generation Committee – Shimrit Tzafadia and Adi Ilan as members.
- Mourning Committee – Reut Shaliv as an additional member.
- Sportiyulim Committee – David Sarno as a member.

The assembly wished all the new members success in their roles.

2. Role Appointments

Amir Darom presented, on behalf of the search team, the process undertaken to evaluate and select coordinators for the Culture, Leisure and Arts Cluster and the Demography Cluster.

The search team recommends selecting Yifat Segal for a second term as coordinator of the Culture, Leisure and Arts Cluster. This recommendation is based on positive feedback and high satisfaction. Yifat is committed to the fields of culture, trips and leisure, and demonstrated exceptional responsibility when she effectively filled the role of culture coordinator for several months in the absence of a formal coordinator.

She excels at recruiting volunteers and operates with a broad, systemic perspective to create diverse cultural programming for all ages, including strengthening the middle-aged generation. Yifat promotes an integrative approach to kibbutz culture and is widely appreciated for her collaboration and management skills. Her ability to connect people and manage the field efficiently is a significant asset. Yifat has expressed her desire to continue for a second term, which the search team believes will allow her to deepen the strategic development of a comprehensive cultural vision and translate it into an organised work plan.

The search team recommends selecting Yishai Levy for a second term as coordinator of the Demography Cluster.

Yishai is regarded as a thorough, dedicated and principled manager, leading strategic initiatives and successfully addressing complex issues of housing and absorption. He has led significant improvements in absorption processes, contributed to shaping the demographic plan, and combines a broad perspective with attention to detail. He is valued for his commitment and for serving entirely on a voluntary basis, investing considerable personal time for the benefit of the kibbutz. Yishai works to bring “young blood” into committees and mentors new coordinators at the beginning of their path. One example is the successful model of joint coordination in the Absorption Committee. He demonstrates integrity and sound decision-making, even in complex situations. At the same time, challenges were identified, including a tendency toward over-dominance, the need to strengthen the young generation sphere, and to activate the cluster council more effectively. Yishai is aware of these and is willing to improve. The search team believes he is well suited to continue leading the cluster toward stability and growth.

The vote will take place by ballot on Wednesday–Thursday, 15–16.04.26.

3. Update on Community Management Decision Regarding the “First Home in the Homeland” Programme (Beit Rishon B’Moledet)

Eviatar Assaf, coordinator of the Absorption Committee, presented the framework for absorbing immigrant families.

In line with the demographic plan, the Absorption Committee aims to absorb approximately 4–6 families in the coming years. Through coordination with the Jewish Agency, a new opportunity has emerged to absorb families via this programme.

Programme outline: A one-year trial period on the kibbutz, followed by entry into the absorption process. Families live on the kibbutz; the first six months are dedicated to Hebrew studies in an ulpan (at Kibbutz Merhavia), and the second six months to integration into the workforce. Children are integrated into the kibbutz education

system throughout the year. The programme has been operating in privatised kibbutzim in recent years and is now being examined for Yizrael.

Proposed track: Following initial screening by the Jewish Agency and the Absorption Committee, two families who express an interest in a cooperative community lifestyle will arrive on the kibbutz. They will be accompanied throughout the year by a coordinator from the Ministry of Absorption and by the Absorption Committee. During the first six months, their livelihood is covered by the absorption basket and by the kibbutz. The estimated cost to the kibbutz is approximately NIS 35,000 for the two families. During the second six months, after joining the workforce, the families will cover their living costs according to the arrangements for residents in a “temporary residency” track. During this period, they will undergo the full screening process of the Absorption Committee.

Proposed timetable: Arrival of two families in summer 2026, with a target of entering the absorption process in summer 2027.

The programme has been approved by Community Management and is presented to the assembly as an update.

Eddie Solow welcomed the idea of the “First Home in the Homeland” project and believes Kibbutz Yizrael is particularly suited to it. However, in his view, Community Management exceeded its authority by not bringing the programme for approval by the assembly and presenting it only as an update. He argued that this is not a standard absorption process but a new initiative, and if the community is expected to be a full partner, it would have been appropriate to seek assembly approval. He asked Community Management to reconsider the matter and to examine whether it would be preferable to obtain assembly approval, while clarifying that he does not intend to collect signatures on the issue.

Limor responded that Community Management had examined the question and concluded that there was no need to bring the matter to the assembly. She is confident there will be no opposition among members.

Jeremy added that the absorption policy had already been approved by the assembly, and that the “First Home in the Homeland” programme is simply one of the tools for implementing that policy.

Various members expressed support for the initiative. Shlomo Cohen

Summary of Community Management Meeting - 12.04.26

Participants: Erez Peleg, Talia Arad, Yifat Segal, Kinneret Govrin, Maor Persai, Noga Harpaz, Naomi Amit, Shlomo Levy, Tami Penn, Tamir Blass, Limor Griman



The Future of the “Nogariya” Hut

Background (presented by Erez and Shlomo): The hut has stood in its current location for many years and was originally built (*relocated to its current location – Ed*) without a permit, like other structures from that period.

During the planning of the northern neighbourhood, including the kibbutz’s overall zoning plan (TABA), the area where the hut stands was designated as an open public space (green area), intended for a playground and surrounding grove. Public buildings are not meant to remain in such areas, and therefore it was expected that the hut would eventually be dismantled.

However, since the hut had been used by the rugby club and functioned as a kind of “museum,” it was not removed. After the rugby club vacated it, the structure stood unused for several months.

At that stage, Noga Harpaz approached the Community Manager with a request to operate woodworking classes there. The request was approved on the understanding that the structure was, in principle, slated for demolition and that the community would not invest financially in preparing the hut. The Public Buildings team was informed. Recently, with progress on the neighbourhood construction, the issue was discussed by the Planning Committee.

It is important to note that the Planning Committee does not have the authority to approve a structure that contradicts planning and building regulations.

Noga Harpaz described the activity that has been taking place for about a year and a half, entirely on a voluntary basis for the community. Initially held in a small room in “Or BaGiv’a,” the activity later moved to the hut. The woodworking classes now take place four times a week, about two hours each session, with approximately 30 kibbutz members aged 40–80 participating. The activity contributes significantly to social connection and strengthens the sense of belonging. Noga noted that she has invested in improving the interior of the hut and is willing to improve its external appearance to better integrate with the surroundings.

After presenting, Noga left the room and the discussion continued without her.

Discussion points:

- The area around the hut is not aesthetically pleasing, with a container and old roofing structures affecting its appearance.
- There is concern that the use of tools may create noise disturbance for nearby residents.
- There is concern that not enforcing the planning designation could set a precedent for other unauthorised construction.
- Given the number of children on Kibbutz Yizrael and the importance of a central playground as a community meeting place, there is no immediate urgency to build an additional playground in this grove, and implementation of the full plan can be postponed.
- Constructing new buildings is expensive and complex; preserving existing structures has value and justification.
- The Planning Committee summary mentioned an insurance issue due to lack of a building permit; this was checked and found to be incorrect, with no insurance problem.
- The hut requires safety and aesthetic improvements, which will involve costs that need to be assessed and sourced.
- Concern was raised regarding the future, if Noga ceases her activity, that the hut could become abandoned and potentially attract vandalism or uncontrolled use.
- Alternatives such as the pastry hut or the hobby carpentry workshop were examined but rejected due to unsuitability (too small, too distant, or business-designated use).

Decisions and Summary:

The general decision is to keep the hut in place and allow the woodworking activity to continue, subject to clear conditions intended to minimise friction with planning requirements and nearby residents:

- **Aesthetic and environmental improvement:** Painting the hut in coordination with the Visibility Team, and examining alternatives for outdoor work and storage in order to remove the adjacent container.
- **Defined working hours:** Establishing and publishing fixed hours, with no activity after 20:00, to prevent noise disturbance.
- **Nature of activity:** The activity is strictly community-based and not a business initiative.
- **Landscape integration:** Implementing the area's landscape plan (excluding the playground), including planting trees and shrubs and ensuring safe and accessible paths to the hut.
- **Future condition:** If the playground plan is implemented in full in the future, the structure will be removed. Limor Griman

Summary of HR Management Meeting - 12.04.26



Participants: Peter Pezaro, Navot Assaf, Eddie Solow, Shlomo Cohen, Limor Griman, Erez Peleg, Rochela Matalon, Kinneret Govrin

1. Presentation of Yael Oster's Candidacy for a Second Term as Early Childhood Director

Guest: Noga Harpaz, Chair of Education

Yael will complete four years as Head of Early Childhood in June and has requested to continue for a second term. About two months ago, a call for candidates was issued to members, but no applications were received. A process was therefore initiated to assess Yael's suitability for a second term.

The process included meetings with role interfaces, parents, and early childhood coordinators, as well as several meetings with Yael herself. In these meetings, she presented her professional outlook, management approach, and requests regarding the continuation of her role. Feedback gathered during the process was also reflected back to her.

Yael is highly experienced and professionally strong on the pedagogical level, with a deep familiarity with kibbutz education. She is thorough, committed, and continuously works to expand her professional knowledge. She invests considerable attention in supporting the staff, mentoring employees, and is highly valued by them.

It was noted that Yael benefits from a strong support framework in the financial, organisational, and HR aspects, which significantly assists her in her work, and that she knows how to make effective use of this support.

A detailed report will be presented at the General Assembly, and the vote will take place by ballot.

Decision: The HR Management recommends a second four-year term for Yael Oster as Head of Early Childhood.

2. Non-fulfilment of Work Obligations

- The management continued its discussions regarding requests and appeals related to non-fulfilment of work obligations for 2025.
- A report will be submitted to the Chair of the Executive Committee regarding individuals who have failed to meet their work obligations more than once.

Summary prepared by: Kinneret Govrin

From the Desk of the Committee Appointments Committee

Hedva Sharabani



The Committee Appointments Committee is issuing a “call for candidates” for two additional members to join the Absorption Committee (*contact people on the committee – Ed*).

Role Description:

The “First Home in the Homeland” project has officially been approved on Kibbutz Yizrael. This coming summer, we will have the privilege of hosting two new immigrant families, who will arrive to take their very first steps in Israel.

This is an exciting opportunity for us as a community to extend a hand, broaden our ranks, and bring the values of mutual responsibility and Zionism to life. In order to ensure a warm and successful absorption process, we are seeking new members to join the Absorption Committee.

What awaits the families (and us)?

The programme is structured in two main stages:

First six months: intensive ulpan studies. This is a challenging period of linguistic, cultural, and social adjustment, for both parents and children.

Second six months: focus on integration into employment in Israel and on the kibbutz (where suitable).

We are looking for members who wish to be part of the support network accompanying the families.

- Good level of English: essential for initial communication and bridging language gaps.
- An open heart and patience: the ability to support the families and their children through both the exciting and more complex moments of their first steps.
- Availability and a desire to make an impact: willingness to be a “go-to” address for them within the kibbutz.

This is an opportunity to take part in a meaningful process, meet new people, and serve as the face of the kibbutz for those who have chosen to make this transition.

If you feel drawn to this, or if you have any questions about the nature of the role and involvement, you are warmly invited to get in touch for further clarification.

For details, please contact:
Karen Eilon Brustein, Eviatar Assaf

Applications may be submitted to any member of the committee until 01.05.26.

Kinneret Govrin, Albert Rosilio, Liran Penn, Navot Assaf, Dotan Savir, Shelly Edelstein,

Update from the Social Process Steering Committee



We are expanding the Steering Committee in order to ensure broad and meaningful representation of the entire community.

Who are we looking for?

- Members who wish to lead, to listen, and to make an impact.
- A diversity of ages, genders, social backgrounds and worldviews.
- People who come with the understanding that the goal is to

build broad consensus.

- Those who can commit to regular meetings on Thursdays between 17:00–19:00 (usually on Zoom), as well as ongoing work between meetings.

Anyone interested in joining will meet for a personal discussion with Esti Ashkenazi, who is accompanying the process, in order to become familiar with the path we have already taken and to assess their ability to integrate into the team.

We are pleased by the strong response so far, with 15 members already expressing their interest. Following the personal meetings with Esti, the current team will work together with her to finalise the list of new members, in accordance with the criteria outlined above.

Those interested are asked to contact Limor Griman by Sunday, 19.04.26.

Notice from the Absorption Committee



We would like to update you that Shira and Niv Segal, who have been in the absorption process on the kibbutz over the past year and a half, have decided to conclude the process and continue on a new path outside the kibbutz. Shira and Niv will be leaving us at the end of April.

We would like to thank them for the time they shared with us in the community, and wish them great success, fulfilment, and new beginnings in all that lies ahead.

Eviatar Assaf
Absorption Committee

Congratulations to Talia Mor - Tzafnat Mor

The Girls' Under-19 National Team Promoted to League A



Israel's girls' national football team, coached by Silvi Jane, took part last week in a four-team tournament in Malta as part of Group B3 in the European Championship qualifiers. The winner of the group would be promoted to League A, where they would be able to compete for a place in the UEFA Women's Under-19 European Championship.

The Israel Under-19 girls' team did it in impressive fashion, finishing in first place and earning promotion to League A.

In the opening match against the host team, Malta, Israel won 7–0. In the second match, they defeated Kazakhstan 3–0. In the decisive match for top place in the group, Israel beat Bulgaria 5–2, with Tamar Goren scoring twice, Adi Golden scoring twice, and Talia Mor adding another from the penalty spot, securing a tremendous victory.

Our own Talia Mor is part of the national squad.

With love and pride,
the entire extended family, from near and far.

My Second Nature - Rotem Agmon

The Fastest Bird in the World

This Column Visits Easter Island!



In the 1970s, when I was a child, our family would gather for Passover in Sha'arayim, at the home of my grandparents, Zecharia and Miriam Madehala, of blessed memory. The holiday itself was pleasant enough, the food was excellent, and my grandfather's impatience with the slow reading of the Haggadah was always an amusing spectacle. He would complete everyone's passages for them, just so that we could get more quickly to the important part, the meal. And then there was the afikoman, the piece hidden by the leader of the seder, while the children competed to see who would find it first. I never once managed to find it.

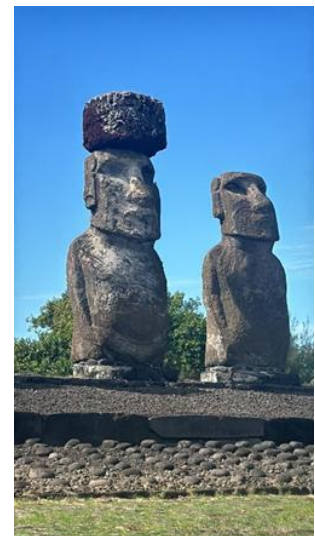


I remember that for the rest of the time I was expected to amuse myself, and in a Sabbath-observant family one of my escapes was leafing through the Culture Encyclopaedia, the one with the red cover. I would look up nature entries and guess in which volume I would find a particular subject I remembered from the previous Passover. One entry I especially loved was that of the great frigatebird, a black seabird common in the Pacific Ocean, whose male has a red throat pouch that inflates into a shiny red balloon. According to the encyclopaedia, it was the fastest bird in the world.

Yael and I arrived on Easter Island on 31.03.26, after a short stay in Santiago, Chile, and we spent the eve of Passover on the island. Between excursions to see the great moai statues that adorn the island and getting to know its other secrets, we also went on a boat trip to a small island where seabirds nest. On that outing, at last, at the age of 61, I found the afikoman.

All the figures mentioned are real. No AI was used, and no funding was received from any external source.

I warmly recommend a visit to Easter Island. Shabbat shalom,



“Worth a Peek” – 20 Years Since the Shop Opened!

In May 2006, on Independence Day, the 2nd hand shop opened in a festive ceremony with much pomp and splendour. Many kibbutz members and their guests came, greetings were read aloud, and even a poem written by the late Hanita Nagar was shared.

By the end of that day, it became clear to me, much to my surprise, that the public had spoken and bought almost everything in the shop. A total of 9,000 shekels. I saw this as a declaration of intent.

I thought it would be fitting to mark this day with a festive event and once again invite the members to raise a glass, celebrating 20 years of “Worth a Look.”

In the archives, with the kind help of Jules, I found the words I wrote back then in honour of the occasion. So many members who were partners in the project are no longer with us, but we will remember them always with love.

I also found the poem written by Hanita Nagar, in which she describes in her unique and beautiful way the transformation of the public shower building.

Here they are before you:

Greeting for the opening of “Worth a Peek,” Independence Day 2006,

“Worth a Look” is a charming and fitting name because of its double meaning: both a peek through the holes in the wall of the shower building, and a peek that ends in a pleasant purchase. It was a name chosen with excellent taste by Yifat Assaf.

- To Shosh Cohen, who came up with the idea and also suggested my name as the person to run it.
- To the late Hanita and Vered [Halevi], who connected the idea to me and brought it onto a practical path.
- To Yossi Penn and the members of the Service to Members Committee, who placed their trust in me, agreed to my request to receive this amazing place, and cooked up the idea together with me through to the end.
- To Hezi Harpaz, who so kindly sewed, advised, and supported.
- To Amir Armoza, the children’s handy man, who with a drill, screwdriver, hammer, and a blue-eyed smile solved all problems and fixed everything.
- To Zamir Ronen, Michael Shani, and Talal Omri, who lent a hand and showed care.

- To Hedva, quick and efficient.
- To Hamutal, with her golden hands, who tended the garden and sewed the curtains.
- To Hanita and Anna [Gavrilov], for rallying to make the festive opening a success.
- Last always, to the one who is always by my side, with support, patience, encouragement, and love — Jimmy.

Worth it — to dare and create something new in the heart of the kibbutz.

Worth it — to encounter a lively, vibrant, dynamic kibbutz.

Worth it — to give service to the members.

Worth it — truly worth... a look.

I will be expecting you,

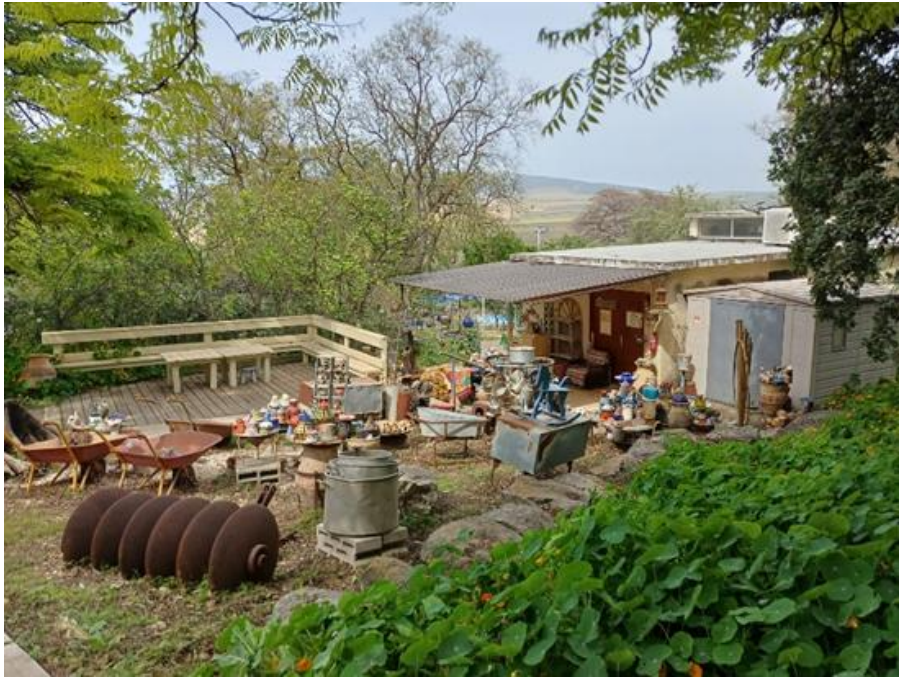
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The public shower was built in 1950, and the structure is one of the first permanent buildings on Kibbutz Yizrael.

In the 1950 photograph, the eastern entrance can be seen, which was the men's entrance. The women entered through what is today the entrance to "Worth a Look."

Jules Feldman





MEMORIAL DAY

20.04.26 (Monday)



19:45 – Ceremony for Yom HaZikaron
for Israel's fallen soldiers and victims
of terror and flag-lowering

21.04.26 (Tuesday)

10:45 – Gathering at the cemetery

11:00 – Ceremony



78th INDEPENDENCE DAY

21.04.26 (Tuesday)

🕒 **19:45** – Transition ceremony
from Memorial Day to
Independence Day at the Great Stage

- After the ceremony:
- Festive sing-along in the dining hall plaza 🎵
- ‘Come on, Park’ in the large lawn of the dining hall 🎈
- Coffee corner and singing at the moadon following the fireworks
- Electronic dance party 🎵🎧

22.04.26 (Wednesday)

09:00–12:00 – Israeli brunch in the dining hall
and opening of the “Worth a Peek” second-hand
shop – 20th anniversary

12:00–15:00 – Festive opening of the swimming pool

- DJ music 🎵🎧
- Flag parade and activity booths 🇮🇱🎉
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Anahnu (Pronounced anachnu) - We Are One

Our movement was established by Israelis from across the political spectrum who seek to heal the deep rift that has formed between the right and the left.

We invite you to join forces and think together about a new national vision and a shared future that will bring hope and unity to Israeli society, with Israel at the heart of the movement's values.

Tuesday, 28.4.26

At 20:00

Kibbutz Yizrael Club (the moadon)



TOMORROW - Sat 18.4.26

Family Hike for All Ages

From Givat HaMoreh to Wadi Geva

Route length - 4.5 km

Departure from the parking Lot – 09:45

Sportiyulim Committee



Did you know?

Interesting Facts!



The queen bee can lay up to about 1,500–2,000 eggs per day at peak and typically lives between 2 and 5 years.

A sneeze can travel at speeds of up to around 50–100 km per hour.



A person loses on average about 50 to 100 hairs from their head each day.

The most toxic poison dart frogs carry enough toxin to kill around 10 to 20 people.



Message: Yitzhak Peleg

ENGLISH IS FUN - with Rahel

WORLD ACCORDING TO STUDENT BLOOPERS

It is truly astounding what havoc students can wreak upon the chronicles of the human race; genuine student bloopers collected by teachers from eighth grade through college level.

Read carefully, and you will learn a lot!

Ancient Egypt was inhabited by mummies, and they all wrote in hydraulics. They lived in the Sarah Dessert and traveled by Camelot. The climate in the Sarah is such that the inhabitants have to live elsewhere, so certain areas of the desert are cultivated by irritation.

The pyramids are a range of mountains between France and Spain. The Egyptians built the pyramids in the shape of a huge triangular cube.

Pharaoh forced the Hebrew slaves to make bread without straw. Moses led them to the Red Sea, where they made unleavened bread, which is bread made without any ingredients. The Bible is full of interesting caricatures. In the first book of the Bible, Guinnessis, Adam and Eve were created from the apple tree. One of their children, Cain, asked "Am I my brother's son?" God asked Abraham to sacrifice Isaac on Mount Montezuma. Jacob, son of Isaac, stole his brother's birthmark. Jacob was a patriarch who brought up his twelve sons to be patriarchs, but they did not take to it. One of Jacob's sons, Joseph, gave refuse to the Israelites.

Pharaoh forced the Hebrew slaves to make bread without straw. Moses led them to the Red Sea, where they made unleavened bread, which is bread made without any ingredients. Afterwards, Moses went up on Mount Cyanide to get the ten commandments. He died before he ever reached Canada. David was a Hebrew king skilled at playing the liar. He fought with the Finkelsteins, a race of people who lived in Biblical times. Solomon, one of David's sons, had 300 wives and 700 porcupines.

Later came Job, who had one trouble after another. Eventually, he lost all his cattle and all his children and had to go live alone with his wife in the desert.

The Greeks were a highly sculptured people, and without them we wouldn't have history. The Greeks invented three kinds of columns -corinthian, ironic and dore - and built the Apocalypse. They also had myths. A myth is a female moth.

One myth says that the mother of Achilles dipped him in the River Stynx until he became intolerable. Achilles appears in *The Iliad* by Homer. Homer also wrote *The Oddity*, in which Penelope was the last hardship that Ulysses endured on his journey. Homer was not written by Homer but by another man of that name.

Socrates was a famous Greek teacher who went around giving people advice. They killed him. After his death, his career suffered a dramatic decline.

In the Olympic Games, Greeks ran, raced, jumped, hurled the biscuits, and threw the java. The reward to the victor was a coral wreath.

The government of Athens was democratic because people took the law into their own hands. There were no wars in Greece, as the mountains were so high that they couldn't climb over to see what their neighbours were doing. When they fought the Persians, the Greeks were outnumbered because the Persians had more men.

Eventually, the Romans conquered the Greeks. History called people Romans because they never stayed in one place for very long.

.....MORE NEXT WEEK

P.S.

J.K. Rowling is the author of the bestselling Harry Potter series of seven books, published between 1997 and 2007, which have sold over 450 million copies, world-wide, are distributed in more than 200 territories, have been translated into 73 languages and have been turned into eight blockbuster movies.



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