

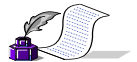
## The Yizraelite – No 2173 Date: 30.8.24

### Kibbutz Yizrael

**Edi-Torial:** As Reut warns us sarcastically in her editorial: “It may soon be wise for us to build an ark, because a flood is approaching that will destroy Israel and leave behind the State of Judah”. Many Israelis have already taken out foreign passports. The crisis has been looming for quite some time, perhaps since 1967. The Two Ceremonies Solution” s very worrying to me.



**Reut’s Editorial:** "Another hostage has been freed. Along with the joyful news of his release, there is a heavy feeling regarding the well-being of those still there. These days, fewer people are counting forward and



are beginning to count down to the one-year mark since October 7, 2023. The unease intensifies as time passes. At the same time, on the eve of the school year opening, it seems that what is happening in civilian life in the country is increasingly chaotic. The feeling is that even if the skies above us are blue, it may soon be wise for us to build an ark, because a flood that will destroy Israel and leave behind the State of Judah, is approaching.

Shabbat Shalom!

Reut Shaliv





# **"Introduction to Natural Medicine**



**- Lecture by Amit and Efrat Davidson**

**On Thursday, September 5, 2024, in the Moadon**

**Light refreshments will be served, made by Gaia Sankar**

**We look forward to seeing you**

**Health and Welfare Cluster**

**Chag HaMeshek 2024.**

## **To whom are thanks due?**

In the list of thanks published in the previous Alon, **Zohar Assafs' name** was mistakenly omitted from the list of interviewers in the Veterans Exhibition project.

**Zohar** - our gratitude is extended to you as well, of course. "The Festival Team"

(We, the Edi-Torial staff on the Yizraelite" on the other hand, (in our wisdom), do not publish names when thanking lists of people, so we have nothing to apologise for - Ed)

**"Thank-You Letter:** To Adi Ilan Goldstein and Nitzan Rivlin Feldman, Donations Committee, and the members of Kibbutz Yizrael,

In this difficult time, with 109 hostages still held by Hamas, tens of thousands of evacuees unable to return to their homes, and hundreds of thousands in the range of fire of terrorist organisations, the social resilience of Israeli society is being tested. The trust and mutual responsibility that make up the delicate fabric of the alliance among the different parts of our society carry enormous weight today. Your ongoing contribution to the emergency activities of Dror Israel helps build social resilience and restore the trust that has been damaged, and first and foremost, allows children and youth to experience friendship, a sense of togetherness, and create a space to share their feelings and their dreams of a better tomorrow. We sincerely thank you for choosing to support our work with children directly affected by the war during these turbulent days.

Dror Israel is currently working diligently to create islands of safety and educational encounters for children and youth from evacuated communities and nearby communities that are not officially evacuated, all within the reality of ongoing warfare and with no end in sight. Thanks to the kibbutz's contribution, we are able, even 10 months after October 7, to continue enabling thousands of children who have found themselves uprooted from their homes and communities, to be part of a framework that sees the child and his well-being as the centre of long-term educational action for community rehabilitation.

In this difficult time, when Israeli society is under the cloud of uncertainty of war, we are strengthened by the knowledge that Kibbutz Yizrael, which just celebrated 76 years of national and communal mission, fellowship, and mutual responsibility, has taken upon itself various tasks for the benefit of the evacuated communities, including contributing to the emergency activities of Dror Israel.

"Amongst the dark and the hidden

In our bitter world

They say there is still hope

They call it love

And wait for its arrival"

(Arkadi Duchin)

Thank you for your participation in this endeavor!

Warm regards and wishes for better days ahead,

Eyal Tertchitzky, Partnerships and Resources, Dror Israel Movement"



## **"Residents' Committee**

The Residents' Committee began its work at the end of May. So far, four meetings of the committee have taken place. The following topics were discussed: residency procedure, committee powers, how to make contact with the committee, division of roles, understanding residency pathways, and various issues.

During this time, we have started to address residents' inquiries. Residents can reach out to committee members; each inquiry will be discussed by all committee members, and a response will be given to the inquirer afterward.

We urge members who regularly host people in their homes (for more than a month) to contact us and arrange their residency status.

In the next phase, we will begin reaching out to members we know are regularly hosting guests in their homes, hoping for cooperation and amicable resolution of matters.

Residents' Committee: Uri Gilad, Genady Axelrod, Dana Baum, Limor Keret, Shachar Levi, Sigal Hadar

Reported by: Sigal Hadar"

## **I Care – Zohar Assaf**

### **"Pizza Night 2 or Gluttony in the Dining Room**

"I was lucky enough" to serve for the second time on pizza night in the dining room.

Well, the pleasure was quite questionable...

The rush on the free food makes me feel quite nauseous.

I'm mainly talking about the quantities...

We served an unreasonable amount of pizza trays at dinner which disappeared just a minute after being placed on the serving carts, with no relation to the number of people present.

I understand that many eat at home, but one could come with a modest sized box and take some home, (for one meal – Ed) instead of filling large aluminum trays or blue trays loaded up with an unreasonable number of pizza slices.

And this doesn't only happen at dinner and brunch. It happens all the time - during holidays, on trips, at events. When I was a "Corona Supervisor," I saw a similar phenomenon of loading up food every day in quantities enough for a month.

Even my late grandmother, whose entire family perished in the Holocaust, did not feel the need to hoard so much food.

In the past, on Chag HaMeshek, there was a custom where members prepared something special at home for the kibbutz holiday meal. What a rush that was...! eventually we had to stop the custom. What a pity.

One of the members entered the dining room during dinner, saw the pizza trays, and exclaimed, "We live on a Dream Island." He is quite right; everything is good so why spoil it? Just because it's free, must we take without restraint? (It's also not healthy to consume so many carbohydrates...)

And if we are so well off, then we can think outside the box and look outward, thinking about how to help others who aren't as fortunate. There are many ways to try to help, especially in these difficult days, instead of just hoarding more food in the fridge.

I admit that this phenomenon is driving me away from the dining room and communal food events.

Let's be less gluttonous and more human.

I care deeply about this.

Of course, I don't want to generalise about the entire population in Yizrael, but this phenomenon exists, and many of us see it, recognise the problem, and prefer to ignore it. I can no longer close my eyes to it.

Wishing us all a modest Shabbat - Zohar Assaf



## "Isabel is sad and desperate." Tzafnat Mor

Until when will the storm rage? Until when will man be like a dog?

The faces slip down the razor, fingers caressing the sword.

Sometimes life brings me down to my knees,

No one guards the gate, no sign from the heavens.

I see people living dreams and hopes,

People living only schemes and plots.

There are those who ask questions but receive no answers,

There are those filled only with accusations and demands, but...

**Everyone talks about peace, no one talks about justice**

(words by Muki, melody by Piloni)



## Delving into the archives

### Dining Rooms on Yizrael

The first dining room of the kibbutz was in the ruins of Zarin.



The second dining room was the “Hut”, from which we moved in 1966 to the “old” dining room (now the accounting offices), and in 1981 we entered the ‘new’ dining room. Here is a photo taken in the Hut from the Dani Harpaz photo collection:



Members, whom we can only assume, have all left since.

Anyone who recognises them, is invited to inform Jules.

**On a different topic:** I (Jules) am trying to compile a list of everyone who has been a resident of Yizrael since 1948. A resident, not a temporary one, although the boundaries are not always clear.

There are several sources on this topic. Two sources, for example, are the residents' registry, of which only part has survived, and the voters' list of Yizrael. The voters' list includes about 300 names of people who lived in Yizrael. According to the Interior Ministry, this is their address in Israel, but they probably left the country.

Steve Blass tells about one family that was here in the 60s:

Rodney and Margaret Quinn, a couple of communists from an Irish Catholic background, who arrived from Australia and stayed in Yizrael for a year. Their son, Shalom, was born here in 1965. Rodney worked in the orchard and decided to organise a workers' committee for the permanent and temporary members. This was not well received, and the Quinn family left. They hoped to find their utopia in East Germany, but after a short time there, someone pushed Rodney on the train, and Rodney shouted at him "Nazi!" and they were expelled from the country.

Reported by: Jules Feldman

## The (Almost) Back Gate: "Excerpts from an article by Itamar Kramer, 5/8/2024."

(ChatGPT's summary of an article from the "Alon")

### Looming Crisis in the IDF and Israeli Society

The article discusses the deepening crisis in Israeli education and the loss of trust in the state and the IDF following the October 7 massacre. This situation has led to a troubling phenomenon where many soldiers are now **displaying a "Messiah" patch on their IDF uniforms, symbolizing a collective rebellion against the state and its democratic values.**

The author, Itamar Kramer, highlights how the erosion of military discipline and authority has dangerous implications for soldiers' lives. The "Messiah" patch is not just a personal expression but represents a growing discontent with Israel's institutions, aiming to replace them with a religious-nationalist authority.

Kramer emphasises that this shift is rooted in a crisis of values stemming from two decades of neglect in public education. Frequent changes in government and the sidelining of democratic values, have created a vacuum filled by anti-liberal, religious-nationalist ideologies. This gap has allowed right-wing religious organisations to promote narrow, anti-liberal views in secular schools.

The article warns that if these destructive trends continue, they could lead to the fragmentation of the IDF into armed militias and undermine Israeli democracy. To counteract this, it is essential to restore a humanist Zionist vision in education, focusing on universal values alongside national identity.

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## Kibbutz Trip to the Beach

**Fri: 13.9.24**

**(For non- superstitious people only – ED)**

**Departure 14:00**

**Michmoret Beach**



**Programme for 01/09/24 – 05/09/24**

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

### **Sunday 01 September**

Opening the week with Monica.

09:10 Around the World – Zoom lecture from Dorot B'Gilboa

10:30 Ceramics room open with instruction from Ziv Ben Bassat

### **Monday 02 September**

08:00 Pedicure with Limor Mualem (by appointment only)

10:00 Trivia and thinking games with Galia

16:00 Or B'Givah is open for coffee and lively conversation

### **Tuesday 03 September**

10:00 Movie screening – Galia

10:30 Ceramics room open with instruction from Ziv Ben Bassat

11:00 Pool exercises with Eyal Tirosh

### **Wednesday 04 September**

09:30 Nature is Blooming – Hammutal Assaf

14:00 Ceramics room open with instruction from Ziv Ben Bassat

### **Thursday 05 September**

07:00 Pedicure with Na'ama Baum (by appointment only)

09:30 Activity to be advised

17:15 Exercises on chairs with Michal Sha'anani

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A truck loaded with thousands of copies of Roget's Thesaurus crashed yesterday losing its entire load. Witnesses were stunned, startled, aghast, taken aback, stupefied, confused, shocked, rattled, paralyzed, dazed, bewildered, mixed up, surprised, awed, dumbfounded, nonplussed, flabbergasted, astounded, amazed, confounded, astonished, overwhelmed, horrified, numbed, speechless, and perplexed.

Meanwhile, those waiting for the shipment were at a loss for words.



## English is Fun - with Rahel

While scribbling away in the exam room, students often conjure up facts and events that have never existed. The blunders, bloopers, boo-boos, bungles and boners were cheerfully committed by students and scholars all around the world. These classroom classics prove that, as one student penned in a composition, "Adolescence is that time of life between puberty and adultery."

No human beings were around during the Ice Age because it was the pre-stork era.

The Greeks, with the help of the messy Potamians, invented history. The Greeks were a happy lot. They were always running races, throwing things and jumping over things. This caused them to invent the marathon.

The Acropolis of Athens contained the Parthion, the Erectum, and the Esophagus, a temple to the war god.

In the *Iliad*, written by Homer, great worriers battle for honour, treasures and women.

Queen Dildo was impaled into a world of madness.

The greatest evacuations the world has ever known were made by Schlieman on the site of Troy.

Cleopatra died when an ass bit her.

The soothsayer warned Julius Caesar to beware the Eyes of March. Brutus killed Caesar because he was an ego testicle man. Caesar's last sentence was "Eat you, Brutus!"

Beowolf suckled Uncle Remus and his brother, who founded Rome.

Menstrual shows were popular during the medieval period.

One of the wives of Henry VIII was named Anne of Cleavage.

The Protestant reformation came about when Martin Luther had too many papal bulls and too few bowel movements.

Oliver Cromwell had a large red nose, but under it were deeply religious feelings.

The French Revolution took place because Louis XIV was revolting.

Robinson Crusoe was shipwrecked on the shores of an uninhibited island.

Charles Dickens left his wife after she had bored him with ten children.

The general direction of the Alps is straight up.

France is a major city in England. Its major export is French fries. Most of the houses in France are made of plaster of Paris.

*A marvelous German word is Muffel (a grumpy person). It is used in compound words such as Morganmuffel (a person who hates mornings) and Krawattenmuffel (a person who hates wearing ties) I suggest English adopts Muffel to make the following compounds....*

<i>Chuckle</i>	<i>muffel</i>	<i>a person who hates quiet laughter</i>
<i>Shuffle</i>	<i>muffel</i>	<i>a person who hates slow walking</i>
<i>Truffle</i>	<i>muffel</i>	<i>a person who hates fancy chocolates</i>
<i>Duffle</i>	<i>muffel</i>	<i>a person who hates the coats worn by Paddington Bear</i>
<i>Kerfuffle</i>	<i>muffel</i>	<i>a person who hates commotion</i>

(Can any of my faithful readers suggest another "Muffel"?)

.....more next week

## Photo Op

Photo Op is intended to be a pictorial review of what happens, here on the "Funny Farm" (as my late friend Figgy used to call it – Ed). If you encounter anything of interest on the kibbutz or on a kibbutz excursion, please click and share it with us. This morning, I put on my dark glasses, dressed up as a woman, and did some paparazzi work for my loyal readers. I slipped into the dishwashing room when no one was

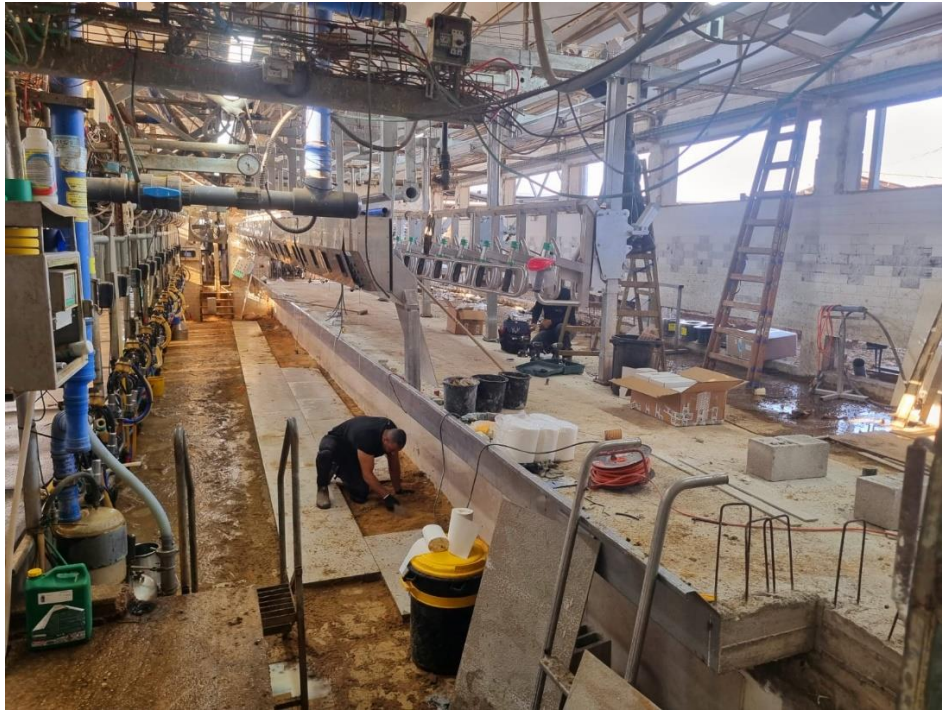
looking, risked life and limb in the milk parlour, walked my feet off in the almost ready for occupancy Maytronics Campus. Enjoy.

**Hard copy readers - Please Note:** Because the photos appear in “black and white” in your hard copy, they lose their sex appeal. So, in order to save paper and get the environmentalists off my back, the photos are reduced in size in the hard copy. I recommend you look at the photos on your phone or computer. (in addition to reading your hard copy, of course)



**The new dishwasher should be ready soon!**



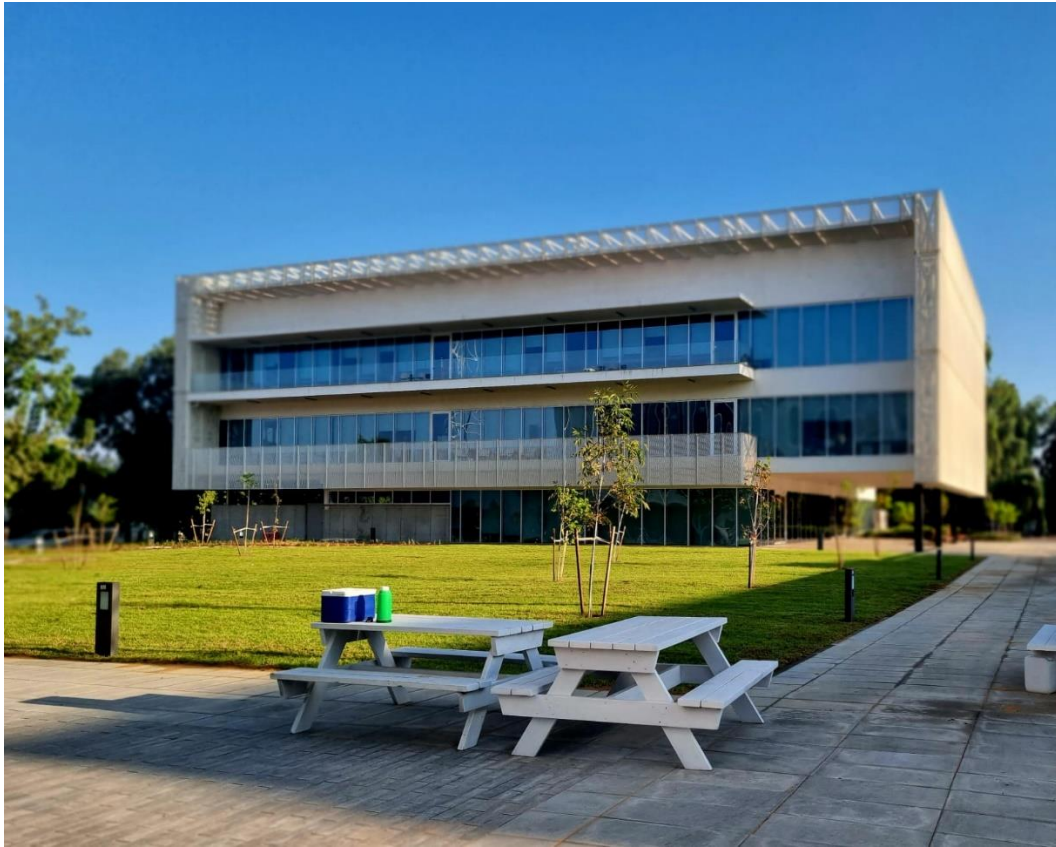


**Hard at work preparing the new improved milking machine. In the meantime, the cows are milked on one side only (Poor milkmaids – Ed)**

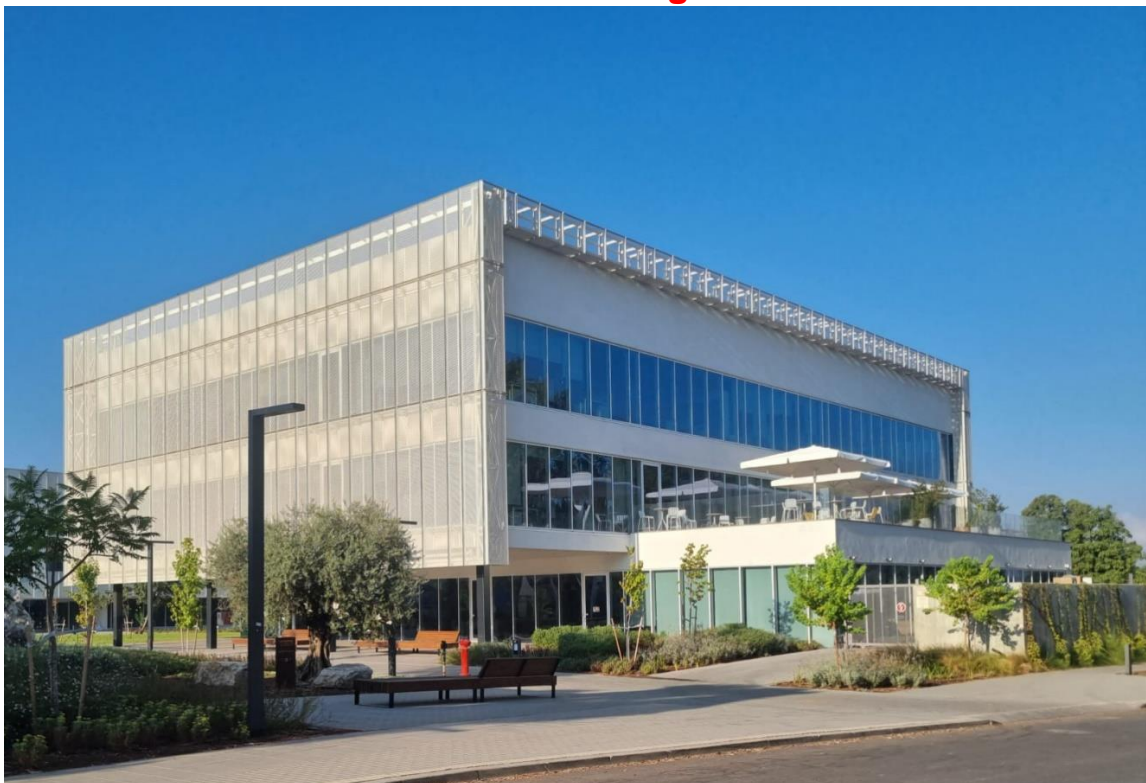


**Once upon a time a lake of liquid cowshit stood here**, next to the renovated Chicken Run, the Solelot, the Building Branch, Fink's Store and the Carpentry Workshop, the Garage and the Metalwork workshop, the Almond Branch and the Field Crops and Avinoam's Junkyard where you could find anything you needed.... **AND THEN CAME MAYTRONICS...Pooff and they were all gone.....**

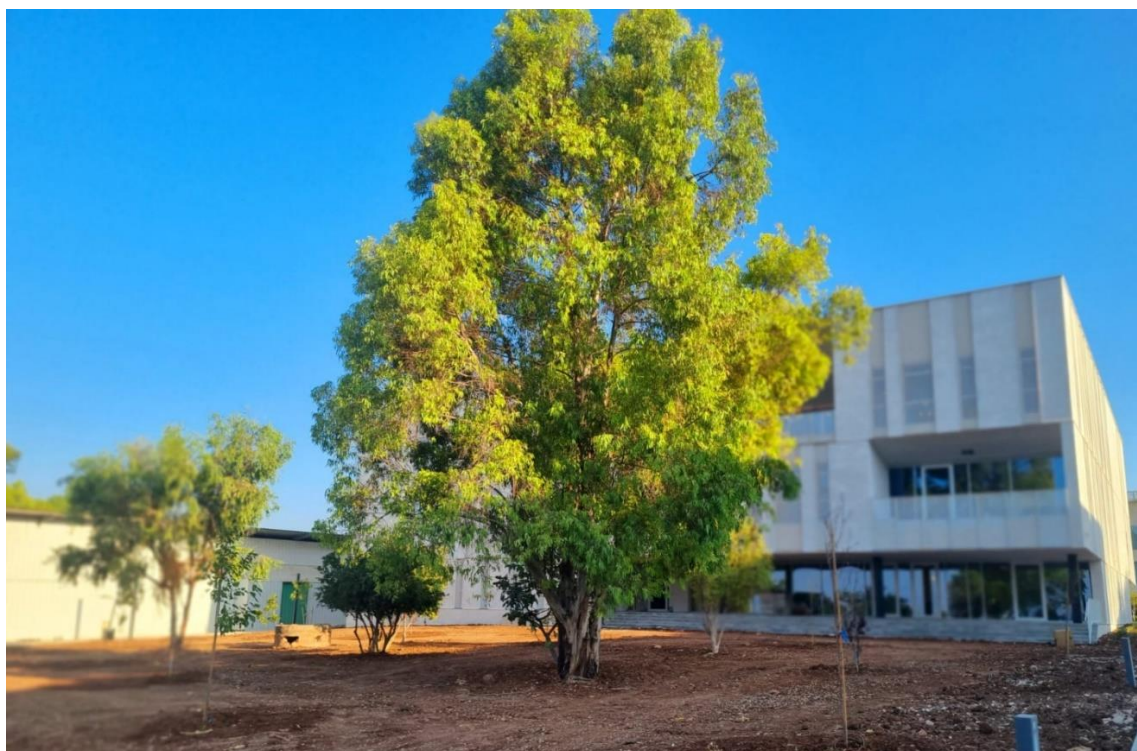




**The New Administration Building from the North Side**



**Water Technologies Building**



**New Administration Building (South Side)  
The project included preserving the trees. Well done!!!!**

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