

**The Yizraelite – No 2217 Date: 25.7.25**

## **Kibbutz Yizrael**



**Reut's Editorial:** Towards the end of last week, my father's aunt, Anita Lasker-Wallfisch, celebrated her 100th birthday. Anita was born in Breslau, the hometown of my grandfather. During World War II, she survived, thanks to her role as a cellist in the orchestra at Auschwitz. After the Holocaust, she moved to London, where she married Peter, a pianist who had come to Israel at the start of the war and later received a scholarship and moved to London. Peter (z"l) and Anita have two children: Raphael, who, like his parents, is a musician, and Maya, a psychoanalyst.

Anita took part in a film produced in 2022 called *The Cellist of Auschwitz and the Maestro*, and in 2024 she appeared in another documentary shown on Docaviv film festival, about her and her daughter Maya's meeting with the son and grandson of Rudolf Hess. In an article about the film on Ynet (June 2024), director Daniela Volker said: "The most chilling moment was when Anita said to me during the filming, 'I think the Holocaust could happen again.' I didn't truly understand what she meant until that Saturday, when I watched everything that happened [October 7, 2023]. Her words immediately echoed in my mind, and I thought: Anita knew that the same forces she experienced firsthand in the 1930s and '40s, still exist."

Nevertheless, Maya Lasker-Wallfisch, whose book inspired the film, says: "The film represents hope for a better world, and we must learn to be brave and pay attention to opportunities—even small ones. If something interests you, go and find out why. Be brave, ask questions, be curious, and never, ever miss the chance to talk to your neighbours—no matter who they are—because we have more in common as human

beings than what divides us. So yes, I am heartbroken about what happened in October, but I also know it was the work of a minority of vile and evil people who committed that vile act. I also know that injustice does not create justice, and I fear where we, as Jews, find ourselves now.”

This hot July week that ended today, which opened once again with “It is now cleared for publication,” and brought no news of hostage releases, also included a report about a group of Jewish teens being removed from a plane for singing in Hebrew on their way from Spain to France. And yet, it also brought heartwarming news of a hug between an Israeli woman and a Lebanese woman—both draped in their respective flags—at the Tomorrowland music festival in Belgium. May more and more such small opportunities arise, and may we one day succeed in living in a better world.

**Shabbat Shalom!**

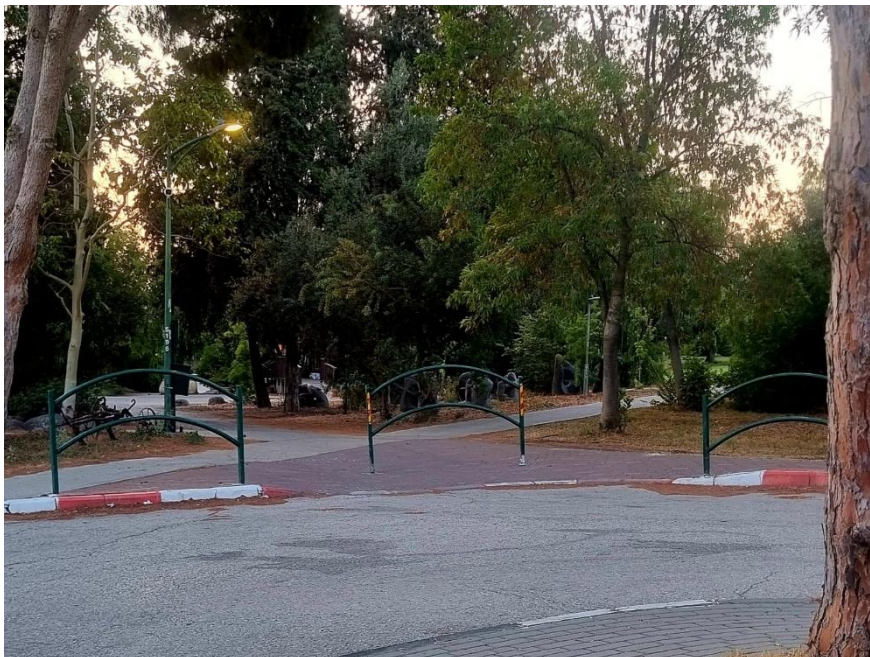
*Re’ut Shaliv*



## **Safety First – Yarden Naor**

### **No Thoroughfare!**

A lock was installed on the section of the fence leading off from the traffic circle in the



parking lot near the House of Music (leading toward the Dining Hall). This was done in order to ensure the safety of those passing through this route.

Anyone who requires access through this section is asked to contact me.

Parking in the Hut area will not be permitted

Message from: Yarden Naor. Security officer.

## **Announcement from the Partnership House (Beit Shutfut guest houses)**

- For reservations for Rosh Hashanah, Passover, and Shavuot please **apply to Rachel Piekarski**.

Reservations will close a month before the holiday. Rooms can be reserved a year in advance.

- On the date when reservations for Rosh Hashanah, Passover, and Shavuot close, priority will be given to members who have not received guest rooms in the previous three years.
- If necessary, rooms will be assigned according to the date the reservation was made (i.e., if there are a number of people who booked after not booking in the last three years, the room will be assigned according to the date of reservation).
- Reservations for Rosh Hashanah will close on August 20, 2025.
- Prices for members: large room 185 NIS, small room 120 NIS.
- Check-in: from 4:00 PM, check-out: by 11:00 AM. Rachel Piekarski, Monica Brustein



### **General Assembly Summary – 21.7.2025**

**Participants:** 42 members

**Chairperson:** Shlomo Cohen

**Secretary:** Eddie Solow

#### **1. Acceptance into Membership – Tamir and Hadar Lavi**

Limor Griman presented the report prepared by the Members Committee and the recommendation of both the Members and Absorption Committees to bring the family to a vote for acceptance into membership.

Chanan Shaliv added that beyond the couple's personal contribution to the kibbutz,

there is great importance in strengthening multi-generational family units. This contributes to the stability, resilience, and heritage of the community.

**The vote will take place by ballot on Wednesday–Thursday, 23–24/7.**

## **2. Filling Positions**

Hedva Sharabani, coordinator of the Committee Staffing Committee (Iyush Tafkaidim), presented Tali Brauman for the position of Culture Coordinator. Tali will fill the position with a 60% position in parallel with her master's degree studies in art therapy, which were approved by the Higher Education Committee.

Tali has played a significant and active part of the Culture Committee and cultural events since she arrived in Yizrael. Tali understands what community culture is and sees the importance of quality and variety.

In her pleasant and smiling way, and together with the new and excellent committee, Tali will know how to harness even the "tough nuts" among us, because everyone has something to contribute.

The term of the Culture Coordinator is 4 years, the election will take place at the ballot box on Wednesday and Thursday.

Thank you to Tal Darom who held the position until December 2024, and to Yifat Segal, who, as the coordinator of the cluster, and in addition to working full-time at Maytronics, also filled this position.

## **3. Committee Staffing**

Hedva presented the candidates for the various positions:

**A. Saar Matalon** to coordinate the Sports Committee

Saar has been a member of the committee for many years, takes part in all activities and has contributed greatly to them, and will be able to successfully fulfill the role of committee coordinator.

The vote was held on the community website at the end of the meeting. Saar was elected to coordinate the committee.

The meeting wishes Saar success in his position.

**B. Biff Markham Oren** - for membership in the Audit Committee. The election will take place at the ballot box on Wednesday-Thursday, 7/23-24.

**C. Public Representative in the Community Management.** One public representative position must be filled in the community management.

Hedva introduced the two candidates - **Naomi Amit and Adi Laviv.**

The candidates' manifestos were presented in the last bulletin.

The election between them will take place at the ballot box on Wednesday-Thursday, 7/23-24.

#### **D. Representative of the community branch managers on the community management**

One position of representative of the community branch managers on the community management must be filled.

Hedva introduced the two candidates - **Shachar Levy and Tami Penn.**

The candidates' manifestos were presented in the last bulletin.

The election will take place at the ballot box on Wednesday-Thursday, 7/23-24.

At the end of the meeting, Shlomo Cohen presented the manner in which the ballot box voting will be conducted.

There were comments on the fact that the minimum required to open a ballot box is different between the admission to membership section and the other sections, and therefore the question arises whether it was right to combine the different votes into one ballot box.

Shlomo replied that the consolidation of voting is expected to contribute to increasing the number of voters. If we do not reach the minimum required to open a membership acceptance ballot, and we cannot open the entire ballot, a repeat vote will be required, but we hope and believe that this will not happen. In any case, separating the votes will cause confusion.

A question was asked about the possibility of voting "against" in the sections of the candidates for community management. Shlomo explained that we are obliged by the "Articles of Association (Takanon HaKibbutz) to allow members to vote against all candidates. If the elected candidate receives a lower number of "for" votes than the number of "against" votes for both candidates - no candidate was accepted for the position.

Limor Griman





## Stop Press!!! Results of the Voting

1. Congratulations to **Hadar and Tamir Lavi** who were accepted as members.
2. **Tali Brauman** is the new culture coordinator.
3. **Biff Markham Oren** was elected to the audit committee.
4. **Neomi Amit** is the public representative on the Community Management Committee.
5. **Tami Pen** will represent the service branches on the Community Management Committee.

**91% of the eligible votes participated in the vote (266 votes)!**

**Congratulations to all the successful candidates. Yizrael democracy at its best.**



### Update from the Health and Welfare Cluster



I have moved to my new office in Or B'Giv'a. We have also converted an additional room in Or B'Giv'a for the benefit of the cluster's welfare branch (counseling, social worker, special needs) and personal meetings will be held in a quiet and designated room.

In this way, we have consolidated all of the cluster's activities (except for the dental clinic) in one complex, for the benefit of the public and the staff.

Thank you to the young people for helping with the move, and to the entire building staff.

Wishing everyone good health. Talia Arad



### From Erez's Desk



**Community Budget:** This week, the Economic Council was presented with a performance forecast for the community budget for the end of the year, based on performance data for the first five months of the year.

The forecast indicates a fairly balanced end to the year. However, there are trends in management and cost changes that indicate possible changes for both good and bad. Every month, Niv, the economist, analyzes the trends together with the branch managers, updating and refining the forecast.

We hope that the forecast presented this week will prove accurate. If there are any changes that will negatively affect compliance with the budget, appropriate action will be taken.

**Safety First: Vehicle passage and parking near the Founder's hut** – the path from House of Music circle, towards the **Founders' hut** and the dining hall plaza, is among the kibbutz paths that are closed to cars and are intended for the safe passage of pedestrians and scooters. Until recently, some of the music school teachers used to park their cars there, but this was stopped in light of our request. However, despite repeated requests to not drive and park cars near the founders' hut, drivers from the kibbutz and those not from the kibbutz, open the barrier and enter. In light of this, a lock was installed on the barrier to prevent unauthorized passage of vehicles. Passage will be allowed for vehicles for operational purposes only.

**Parking on sidewalks and in places not regulated for parking** – there are still people who park their vehicles in violation of the rules decided on by the kibbutz. I would like to remind you that parking vehicles is possible and permitted **only in places designated for parking**. Parking vehicles on paths/sidewalks and even in the middle of the road, is a nuisance to pedestrians and endangers them. The vehicles may be damaged by the passage of other vehicles (*Or irate pedestrians – Ed*).

Personal requests have not had any effect.

We live in a special community with high standards. This is made possible, among other things, by behavior that is considerate of others, and by adhering to the rules. Behavior that does not comply with the rules harms the fabric of community life and is dangerous!

**I call on everyone, who parks their vehicle in violation of the rules, to stop doing so.** I hope that the importance of maintaining safety and the fabric of community life will increase and that there will be no need to decide to use sanctions.

**In the field: Covering the sports hall structure** – The treatment of the sports hall is almost complete. There is still painting and drainage work to be done. This in addition to sealing the roof to prevent birds from entering the space under the roof. We estimate that the work will be completed by mid-August.

**The northern neighborhood** – Construction work is progressing according to plan. The construction phase of all ten apartments is expected to be completed by the end of August, but the entry of residents will only be possible after the completion of the development work around the houses. The development work includes cleaning the area, filling the soil around the houses to the final height, building rockeries, pouring concrete for sidewalks and installing road and sidewalk lighting. The development contractor was supposed to start work now, in order to finish in September, but

unfortunately there is a delay and at this point it seems that the tenants' entry date will be delayed by a month.

The next phase of the northern neighborhood - the construction of 12 additional apartments, will begin in early August with the drilling and pouring of the foundations. This is expected to be completed by the end of August.

**Installation of electric vehicle charging stations in the northern neighborhood area -**

During September, we are going to install electric vehicle charging stations as part of the northern neighborhood project. Each pole that is installed will have two charging stations. One pole will be installed in the parking lot of the northern neighborhood and the second pole will be installed in the parking lot adjacent to the rugby grove.

Unlike the charging station that was installed in the main parking lot, which is under a lease, the new stations will be purchased by the kibbutz. This will allow vehicles to be charged at a lower cost.

Please note that as we move forward with the installation of charging stations, we will not allow other, private charging, solutions.

That's it for now,

Erez Peleg



## **Summary of the Young Generation Committee Meeting - 1.7.25**

**Participants:** David Beutler, Monica Brustein, Ben Broadhurst, Eyal Sharoni, Lotem Cohen, Yarden Naor, Tzachi Tzafadia, Rotem Kamilian, Sivan Dashevski, Yishai Levy, Ranit Levy

We welcomed the new and continuing members of the committee. Yishai welcomed the new members and emphasized that there is a need to refresh the committee's activities. Our responsibility as a committee includes connecting to the kibbutz, encouraging action, creating jobs, strengthening a sense of belonging and absorption. In the past year, changes have been made to the procedure as part of a vision for the future with a changing situation, which includes a salaried track and work in Maytronics.

We are examining ways of working with the young people and with the kibbutz. It is a process of trial and error, with changes being made based on feedback from the field - both from the young people and from the kibbutz members.

Ranit explained the goals of the first meeting - getting to know the committee members, moving from being to doing, understanding the situation of the younger generation on the kibbutz, and mapping challenges and opportunities.



A discussion was held on the committee's vision, during which several goals were defined:

- To be an address for the young people and also for the parents.
- To provide a safety net for the young people in relation to the "authorities" on the kibbutz and to be a bridge between the young people and the kibbutz. To convey to the kibbutz their difficulties and experiences.
- To provide a response to the young people in the areas of education, studies and employment, a review was made regarding the current situation, statuses, residences and paths of the younger generation - currently there are about 100 young people in the younger generation, with about 23 young people living on the kibbutz on a daily basis.

The past year was a different, turbulent and difficult year due to the war. Scheduled events were canceled, activities were postponed and became irrelevant, and procedures became less relevant due to the situation.

There was difficulty in recruiting young people to be partners in action, to participate in activities and discourse, and in general in planning ahead - one of the questions that came up was whether they need a committee and if so – for what??

The following points were raised in the discussion:

- There is a need to strengthen the joint work with the young people, to do activities together with them and not for them, which may bring them closer to us and the kibbutz.
- The connection needs to be established on a personal and interpersonal level, creating closeness which will make it easier to recruit young people.
- Their needs should be understood by preparing a survey for young people. Every chapter in the lives of young people requires a response, and therefore there is a need to divide roles within the committee team (which will be divided according to different sectors and parameters - each age group actually needs something different).
- There must be representation of young people on the committee.

It was decided to start dividing contacts according to age groups, to be divided among the team members. Ranit will prepare a list of ages and at the next meeting the contacts for each age group will be determined.

Additional topics raised:

- Packages for soldiers - it is worth checking satisfaction with the packages they currently receive, whether what they are given is relevant or needs to be changed and improved.
- Birthdays - an idea was raised to change the concept, instead of gifts in the mailbox, to have a monthly meeting for all those celebrating and give a gift.

- This young generation is up to the age of 30 - is this still appropriate, or is there a need to change the age?
- Cooperation with other kibbutzim.

### Summary of tasks for the next meeting:

Preparing a list of ages for the purpose of distributing contacts - Ranit Levy

Preparing a survey for young people - Ranit Levy

Distributing contacts by age groups - Ranit Levy

Examining possibilities for cooperation with other kibbutzim - Sivan Dashevski

Next meeting date: Tuesday 12.8

Ranit Levy



## Delving into the Archives

### Sidney Ali and The Long Summer Vacation

For decades, every summer Yizrael held a summer camp for the children of Ylzrael at **Sidney Ali**. The tradition began when Beutler persuaded Gantz, the legendary sergeant major of the Nahal, who was responsible for the complex on behalf of the Herzliya municipality.





A dedicated team

A dedicated team accompanied the campers throughout the years. The team included the late Benny Touys, the late Michal Sadur, and David Beutler (May he be spared for many years to come).

The children would return home tired but happy. Those who attended the Sidney Ali summer camp are invited to send photos and tell us about their experiences...

And also, for future generations, please send photos of activities from the Long Vacation to the archives:

[archion@yizrael.com](mailto:archion@yizrael.com)

Beutler tells how it all started in one of the broadcasts produced by "Jezebel Productions", after the outbreak of the 7<sup>th</sup> of October war.

Go to YouTube, write:

**סידני עלי - אגדה שהייתה**

**- באמת** (Sidney Ali - A

Legend That Really Was)

(I tried – It works – Ed)

Written by: Jules Feldman



## New English Books in the Library

Our house/Louise Candlish

The Embroidered Book/Kate Heartfield

Wait for Me/Santa Montefiore

The Hidden Letters/Lorna Cook

Reut Shaliv



### **"I am Nurit Zarchi"**

**Lecture on the life and writings of Nurit Zarchi**

**Actress and Lecturer: Galit Hermoni**

**For Adults**

**Mon 28.7.25 17:30**

**In the Library**





**Galit Hermoni in a New Play**  
**“On a White Giraffe and other Animals”**  
**In our library**  
**Ages 4-8**  
**Tue 29.7.25 - 16:30-17:30**



**Did you know?**



- ☐ Mark Twain, the famous writer, never finished even elementary school.
- ☐ The country that consumes the most soft-drinks per capita is Switzerland.
- ☐ Orchid seeds are the smallest of all plant seeds. There are 1.25 million seeds in one gram.
- ☐ The dragonfly is the fastest insect in the world. In flight, it can reach speeds of up to 100 km/h.

Yitzhak Peleg

*(Did You know... Greg Bass knows why the Chipmunk is the logo of the “Did you know” Column. Do You know? The answer, next week – Edi-tor)*



Reminder!

**Save the Date!**

**A Weekend of Community Rejoicing**

**Friday 8.8.25 – Barmitzvah Play + Dance Party**

**Saturday 9.8.25 – Kibbutz Anniversary + Happy Pool Event**

**Let's Celebrate together!**

**Save The Date!**

**Today!!!!!! Friday 25.7.25:**



**Memorial Service for Bernice Kaplan (z"l)**

**Will be held on Friday, July 25, 2025**

**At 11:00 AM**

**At the cemetery on Kibbutz Yizrael**





**Programme for 27/07/25– 31/07/25**

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

**Sunday 27 July**

09:30 Rummikub tournament with prizes worth playing for

**Monday 28 July**

08:00 Pedicure with Limor Mualem – appointments by arrangement

09:00 Sweet and cold with Monica and Noa

09:30 Sport Documentary – Agnes Keleti – Beating Time

**Tuesday 29 July**

09:30 The Art of Drawing with Chas

**Wednesday 30 July**

09:30 A visit to the Ta'asukon

10:30 Pool exercises with Eyal Tirosh

**Thursday 31 July**

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

### PUNS FOR EDUCATED MINDS

Apologies where applicable!!!

The fattest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much pi.

I thought I saw an eye doctor on an Alaskan island, but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian.

She was only a whiskey maker, but he loved her still.

*A rubber band pistol was confiscated from algebra class, because it was a weapon of math disruption.*

No matter how much you push the envelope it will still be stationery.

A dog gave birth to puppies near the road and was cited for littering.

A GRENADE THROWN INTO A KITCHEN IN FRANCE WOULD RESULT IN LINOLEUM BLOWNAPART.

Two silkworms had a race. They ended up in a tie.

A hole has been found in the nudist camp wall. The police are looking into it.

Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.

*Atheism is a non-prophet organization.*

Two hats were hanging on a hat rack in the hallway. One hat said to the other, "You stay here, I'll go on ahead."

I wondered why the baseball kept getting bigger. Then it hit me.

A sign on the lawn at a drug rehab centre said, "Keep off the Grass."

The midget fortune-teller who escaped from prison was a small medium at large.

The soldier who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran.

A backward poet writes inverse.

In a democracy it's your vote that counts. In feudalism it's your count that votes.

*If you jumped off the bridge in Paris, you would be in Seine.*

A vulture boards an airplane, carrying two dead raccoons. The stewardess looks at him and says, "I'm sorry, sir, only one carrion allowed per passenger."

Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly, so they lit a fire in the craft. Unsurprisingly it sank, proving once again that you can't have your kayak and heat it too.

*Two hydrogen atoms meet. One says "I've lost my electron." The other says, "Are you sure?" The first replies, "Yes, I'm positive."*

Did you hear about the Buddhist who refused Novocain during a root canal? His goal: transcend dental medication.

There was the person who sent ten puns to friends, with the hope that at least one of the puns would make them laugh. No pun in ten did.

.....more next week

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