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Kibbutz Yizrael

Edi-torial: It is hard to escape the biblical analogy when pondering the events of the past two weeks and even more so, the past days and weeks and months since the 7th of October 2024. One cannot help but wonder where this is all leading. I believe there is a traditional Chinese curse: "May you live in interesting times". May we have the strength to see it through.

(President Trump is above the law. He is a Demi-God who has the right to grant absolution worldwide and in all the Universe. Just ask our ministers. He has X-ray vision that can penetrate reinforced concrete. I hope we are in safe hands. Hail Caesar! – Ed)

My blessings for a quiet Shabbat: May we all live in boring times. Let it be.

Reut's Editorial: Like in the game of snakes and ladders, we moved forward on the board and ascend the ladders happily and rapidly for 11 days... Finally, we had a night without the sirens blaring or running for the bomb shelters ...thanks to the intervention of Trumpeldore — (as one of the interviewees called him on T.V. last weekend) — the sudden slide down the snake was swift and harsh, Destruction and death in Be'er Sheva and then seven soldiers were killed in Gaza. Ynet wrote a heartbreaking sentence: "Rescue helicopters dispatched to the scene returned empty to their base."

The nickname "Trumpeldore" is a combination of the names of three individuals: Trump (**the** president), Joseph Trumpeldor — (whose last words were: "It's good to die for one's country"), and Dumbledore, from the "Harry Potter" series — the only wizard

of whom Lord Voldemort was afraid — the wizard who symbolizes ultimate evil. Hopefully, **our** Trumpeldore, who was instrumental in bringing about the ceasefire with Iran, will soon bring about the release of the hostages.

On Yizrael, throughout the hostilities, youth guides organized online activities, the “Joy Marshal” golf cart visited kibbutz neighbourhoods, and a quiz helped relieve the tension as we waited for the next siren. Well done and thanks.

Shabbat Shalom!
Reut Shalev

**We share in the sorrow of
Itzik Nissani and his family
on the passing of his mother
Ruth Misri, of blessed memory.
May you know no more sorrow.
Beit Yizrael
The funeral and shiva will be held in Mexico**



A huge thank you to our wonderful youth!



During this campaign against Iran, while we are all at home with the children, they chose to lend a hand to families with children, becoming a beacon of joy and giving our kids moments of fun and happiness.

We are proud of our kibbutz for having youth that are so giving.

With great gratitude and appreciation,

The families.

The Pool is open on Friday Night till 21:30!!!



A Year Since the Passing of Dorit Fink

Dennis Alexander—a family friend and former member of Kibbutz Yizrael:

Dorit had many sides. Yes, Dorit was a model family woman, an exceptional educator and team member, with broad knowledge in many fields. She volunteered in various activities in the kibbutz and at the school, using her sharp writing skills to produce countless plays. Dorit initiated, sang, played music, and starred in many cultural evenings—always with a smile, wit, laughter, and a desire to bring joy to everyone.



I would like to shed light on another aspect of Dorit... Dorit the friend. The human being.

Dorit and Bernie had an impact on many people who passed through the kibbutz over the years. She hosted Ulpan students, youth movement members, and foster children in her home.

She helped newly new families in the kibbutz become true kibbutzniks.

Bernie would gather artists from Jaffa, the U.S., Italy, and rugby players from Australia and South Africa who visited the kibbutz, and bring them home— Dorit warmly welcomed and took care of them all without exception. Their home became a hub of kindness, generosity, Zionism, and friendship—its influence spreading to the far corners of the world, echoes of which can still be felt today. People have not forgotten. I know that.

Dorit, we miss you.

Dennis Alexander, a family member (it is a great honour to be able to call myself that).

Thank you to Stella Greenberg for bringing Dennis's words to the newsletter. Words that express how deeply Dorit is missed by so many

Summary of the Management Committee Meeting

Participants: Jeremy Perling, Eviatar Assaf, Uri Gilad, Elad Ilan, Doron Kagan, Idan Zelas, Inbal Pezaro, Limor Griman

Agenda:

1. Approval of the minutes of the Management Committee meeting from 12/5/2025.

2. for Assembly and Economic Council Procedure update (Invitees: Assembly Committee – Shlomo Cohen, Eddie Solow)

Following the approval of the new regulations of Kibbutz Yizrael, adjustments to various procedures are required.

An updated draft of the Assembly and Economic Council procedure was presented for the Management Committee's approval ahead of its submission for the assembly's approval.

The procedure changes are in keeping with the new Statutes (Takanon HaKibbutz).

3. Discussion:

- Regarding records of meetings: the question arose as to who is permitted to view the records of closed meetings (e.g., membership admissions). It was decided that this is not part of the assembly procedure. Rules need to be formulated regarding handling private information and its disclosure in general in all the kibbutz forums.
- Publishing voting results in cases of personal voting (candidates for various offices and acceptance of new members): it was decided that the Assembly Committee will not publish results when voting for office bearers; interested candidates may receive results privately. For votes related to membership or candidacy, results will not be disclosed to the candidate unless the member was not accepted.
- The procedure lacks guidelines regarding other topics with which the assembly deals. These rules exist in various decisions but are not consolidated into a single document. Uri Gilad and Eviatar Assaf will gather information and prepare a proposal for the next Management Committee meeting.

3. Amendments to the Life Fund Procedure and Pension fund Procedure

- a. Following a previous discussion on the 12/5/25, Elad Ilan, Chair of the Reserve Fund, presented a proposed change in the pension fund, mainly altering the actuarial debt calculation method for Reserve Fund members. The issue was examined by the absorption Committee, which found the change feasible and likely to have a positive impact on absorption.

The Management Committee added a clause: "the calculation method will be the same as the pension debt in all cases."

The proposed change will be submitted for assembly approval.

b. Regarding the Life Fund — the Reserve Fund management requests to extend the period within which the fund must pay the deceased's heirs the remaining balance, from 30 days (current in the procedure) to six months. The reason relates to index calculations and checking the deceased's situation with the kibbutz in other areas (budget debt, apartment condition). The Management Committee approved this change. The proposal will be submitted to the assembly for approval.

4. Miscellaneous and Updates

a. Limor reported to the Management Committee about the community's emergency procedures, from the start of the campaign against Iran. The committee members were briefed on issues handled by the home security committee: inventory checks and replenishment, shelter maintenance and equipment (with regional council support), ensuring continuity of essential services, and mental well-being.

Additionally, with the regional council's assistance, requests were submitted for four mobile bomb shelters (two for agriculture and two for the community), expanding the kibbutz's protection measures.

b. The mediation process between Yonatan Orozco and the kibbutz concluded successfully, reaching a mutually satisfactory agreement.

c. An appeal by the Nanikashvili family in one of the lawsuits was dismissed by the Supreme Court regarding a decision of the District Court in a legal case involving them and the kibbutz.

d. The Nanikashvili family filed another lawsuit against several role holders and kibbutz members for defamation. An attempt at mediation was made but was unsuccessful.

e. In a ruling by the Magistrate's Court, the lawsuit by Asahel Mor against former role holders was dismissed.

(As Menachem Begin once said; "There are Judges in Jerusalem" – Ed)

Limor Griman and Jeremy Perling



Appointments Committee Notification

Shimon Zelas has withdrawn his candidacy as a public representative on the Economic Council. Therefore, the fourth representative to join the economic council will be **Peter Pezaro**.

(Kudus to Shimon. We hope to see you at Council meetings, whether you are an official Council member or not. Your opinions must be heard! - Ed)

Message: Hedva Sharabani

Summary of the Community Management Meeting

Participants: Ilana Peleg, Erez Peleg, Talia Arad, Yifat Segal, Kinneret Govrin, Maor Persai, Stas Gavrilov, Shlomo Levy, Tamir Blass, Limor Griman.

Agenda:

- 1. Review of the kibbutz's conduct during a state of emergency** amid the war with Iran
Limor and Erez reviewed the management approach and decision-making processes starting Friday, 13/6, when hostilities began and we entered a state of alert.
checking and completing inventories in various areas, maintaining and equipping shelters, ensuring continuity of essential services, and attending to mental well-being.
The management team was involved in dilemmas primarily revolving around the tension between providing essential services within the kibbutz and the strict and comprehensive guidelines from Home Front Command.
It was also noted that it is clear to us that the period of staying only at home will lead to increased household expenses—electricity consumption and food costs, but there will be savings in other areas.
At this stage, it is still too early to make decisions; once we can assess the situation and gather data, this matter will be brought for discussion.
- 2. Presentation of the community's four-month budget performance and an estimate for the end of the year** (guest: Niv Harmoni – financial officer).
Based on data from January-April 2025 and analysis on a monthly basis with department managers, the forecast for the year's end indicates a balanced performance relative to the approved budget.
Various trends in different sections were presented, but the overall picture remains consistent.

Reported by: Limor Griman



What's Happening in the Reserve Fund

In these days of Gog and Magog, we would like to share a little about what's brewing and happening in the Reserve Fund's yard.

First, let us remind you that the Reserve Fund, or in its full name, "The Reserve Fund for Members of Kibbutz Yizrael," is a cooperative society established by the members of Kibbutz Yizrael to address several aspects of social security. The main aspect is the kibbutz's obligation to pay pensions to its members, both according to law ("Registrar's

Pension") and based on the assembly's decision through the Social Security Procedure (= Pension Procedure), which defines the target pension for kibbutz members.

Like any cooperative society, the Reserve Fund holds general meetings of all its members (notably an annual meeting to approve financial reports, an auditor's review, appointment of an audit committee, and other topics). The fund has an elected management committee that meets quarterly and a manager responsible for the fund's operation in all its aspects (Natasha). To ensure pension payments, we rely on a pension broker and an actuarial advisor. Members sign power of attorney documents, allowing the broker and advisor access to information about their pension assets registered in pension and insurance companies.

To fulfill the kibbutz's pension obligations to its members, the Reserve Fund also utilizes contributions to pension savings instruments (pension funds, provident funds, study funds) in the members' names. In the past, there was "kibbutz member"—a general account belonging to the kibbutz. Today, contributions to these instruments are only made in the members' names. For outside workers, these contributions are made by law by the external employer, while for members working within the kibbutz or on invoices, the Reserve Fund makes the deposit.

It's important to remember that all savings and rights in these instruments, generated through members' work belong to the Reserve Fund and serve as a source for fulfilling the kibbutz's commitments to its members. All members have signed a commitment letter with the Reserve Fund and the kibbutz, detailing the obligations and actions required from the member to enable the fund to perform its duties.

Currently, we are working on preparing the society's financial report for 2024, which is undergoing an accountant's review and will be presented at the members' meeting. The bottom line of the report should provide members with an accurate, as possible, picture of the actuarial liability (i.e., the amount the kibbutz/the fund needs to fulfill the target pension for members) versus the assets allocated to the fund (mainly pension assets registered in members' names).

To prepare this report, we conduct a kind of "inventory count". We start with a report generated from the Pension Clearinghouse of the Ministry of Finance *, showing the balances in all the members' accounts (thousands of lines) at the end of the calendar year. For proper account management, we also access each fund (mostly automatically, and manually for some) and record the financial movements during the year: opening balance, deposits, withdrawals, profits, management fees, etc. This ensures high reliability of the data in the financial report.

For most of the members' funds, we can receive consolidated reports through our pension broker. However, there are nearly a thousand funds that require members' cooperation to access the annual report. We thank the members in advance and retrospectively for their cooperation. It should also be noted that, despite the caution and healthy suspicion some of us have in sharing personal information, these funds do not constitute the member's personal asset—the member is merely the "representative" of the Reserve Fund for savings purposes.

Sometimes, the clearinghouse also shows members' private assets, such as investment savings accounts, which are personal savings instruments, or other pension assets belonging to the member but not part of the Reserve Fund. For these, the Reserve Fund has no interest beyond knowing the private account details (as per section 6 of the commitment letter we signed) to exclude them from the account. However, it should be known that the clearinghouse contains the balance data also for private accounts. All this data is accessible only to the Reserve Fund staff, the pension broker, and the actuarial advisor, who are bound by confidentiality.

That's all for now. As usual—if you have questions, requests, or need clarifications—we are at your service.

Natasha Tchernichovsky and Elad Ilan

* From the Government Clearinghouse website (Mislaka): "A system connected to all insurance companies, pension funds, severance pay funds, and study funds, through which savers can easily obtain a complete pension overview: which entities and in which accounts/policies I have funds, the total amount accumulated in various savings, my contributions, coverage for death and disability, a forecast for retirement age, and more."



Social Involvement Committee

*"We all need mercy,
We all need touch.
To acquire warmth not with money,
To acquire through touch.
To give without expecting to take
And not out of habit." (Natan Zach)*

The Social Involvement Committee, a new committee on Yizrael, began its activities about a month and a half ago.

The committee is a "broadened" version of the better-known "Donations Committee",

with the added emphasis on social action and meaningful contribution, beyond just monetary donations.

Members of the committee include: Oren Broadhurst, Eyal Tirosh, Gazit Baran-Levi, Yifat Assaf, Niv Segal, Nitzan Rivlin-Feldman, Tzafnat Mor, and Adi Ilan-Goldstein.

The first meetings were dedicated to building the central “trunk” of our “donation tree”, and we chose four leading focal points:

- **Adoption and support of a kibbutz in the Gaza Envelope** (we chose Kibbutz Re'im). Yifat, Nitzan, and Tzafnat.
- **Support and accompaniment of the observers serving at the Jalame checkpoint.** Eyal and Gazit.
- **Agricultural volunteering** to assist communities affected by the war and farmers serving long-term reserve duty. Niv and Tzafnat.
- **Hosting children and youth at risk**, at the pool. Adi.

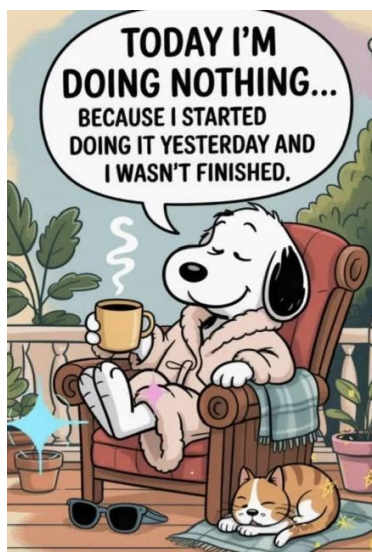
In the coming months, we will begin implementing the various projects, and after a "pilot period," we will start thinking and drafting our work procedure and additional activities.

Of course, the ability to successfully execute these projects depends on community cooperation. We would be grateful if you could register via the questionnaire sent through Kehilanet, indicating your preferred volunteering fields, or contact the project leaders directly. Through the questionnaire, we aim to map the community's perception of volunteering, so we would appreciate as many responses as possible.

Thank you very much, and may we always be on the giving side.

We hope and pray for the end of the war and the return of all hostages.

Members of the Social Involvement Committee - Adi Ilan-Goldstein



It's Always a good time for coffee

Dalia Levitan Interviews Naomi Amit



We are sitting here, in this magical place, among the trees, calves, and the scents of coffee, relaxing from the storms raging outside. Around us, there's an inviting plant nursery, a children's clothing shop, a ceramics studio, and a bakery—

all housed in old huts painted in calm pastel colours. It's a pastoral, village-like atmosphere.

A few months ago, the café celebrated its 8th birthday. This is a fitting time to reflect on where we came from and where we are headed. Therefore, an interview was conducted with Naomi. It's worth noting that the interview took place during a troubled period, and we hope good times will soon return.

Naomi, tell us how and when it all started

After many years at Maytronics, where I held various roles, I felt a desire and need to find a pursuit close to my heart. It's something I had dreamed about for many years. During my work at Maytronics, I would occasionally visit the Provence region, France, where I was exposed to small, charming cafes in villages. I thought, how fitting it would be for us to have such a place: a quiet, homely, and inviting spot with a pastoral atmosphere.

When did the dream begin to become a reality?

About nine years ago, I applied to open a venture. Not everyone was immediately enthusiastic, and some raised an eyebrow, but the venture got underway. From the approval to opening the café, exactly one year passed—a year of defining, deliberating, searching for a direction, and planning.

What kind of staff did you build?

When I opened, I naively thought that one and a half people would suffice, but it quickly became clear that reality was bigger than the dream, and we are now a team of four full-time workers. Simultaneously, we built a team of volunteers—retired members and residents—who have been working with us faithfully and with commitment to this day.

Who was your target audience?

When I first opened the café, the hours were longer, and the menu was more extensive. We offered a diverse menu of vegetarian lunches, so we also attracted people from Maytronics, as well as casual and local visitors. It turned out that the unpredictable is the most constant thing here. I learned this along the way. Then came

the COVID-19 pandemic, which created a new reality and forced us to make major changes—some of which are still with us today.

We learned the limitations of the space and the kitchen, which caused us to change many things: the opening hours were adjusted, and with the change in hours and menu, the clientele also changed. Today, most visitors to the café are outside guests, but naturally, many locals—adults and young people—visit as well. The place gives us the opportunity to meet different populations of all ages, and we are happy to see everyone.

How do you reach people? How did they hear about you?

We launched a Google Maps website, a Waze page, and have a Facebook page that is updated daily. We also advertise on Kehilanet, and mostly, we rely on word-of-mouth.

How do you operate the café today?

The current hours and menu are a direct result of the available staff. We haven't been able to find enough people to work full-time and consistently. Still, we would like to open more hours with a richer menu, but physically, the place is very small. Inside, we have limited seating, but there are many nice outdoor seating areas. Although it's beautiful and inviting outside, people prefer sitting indoors. Therefore, if we want to preserve the intimate atmosphere, we have to ask visitors to book in advance.

Why are there so few seats inside the café?

The hut area where the kitchen is located isn't suitable for sitting around tables, mainly due to space constraints, noise, and poor acoustics. We have placed near the kitchen a selection of nice accessories that visitors can enjoy and purchase.

What are your plans for the future?

We would like a permanent staff and the possibility to expand and increase the seating inside the café by another 15-20 seats. The place wouldn't have sustained itself without the members who feel committed and responsible for it—many thanks to them!

In conclusion, Naomi emphasizes how important it is for her to maintain the café as an intimate and quiet meeting place—a breather over a cup of coffee (or anything else from the menu) in the middle of the day. Naomi hopes that visitors will leave feeling relaxed, pleased, and craving more. When guests thank us for serving them, we correct them and say—

We didn't serve you; we hosted you.

Interview and article by: Dalia Leviathan



נעמי'ז - קפה אצל נעמי - Neomi's

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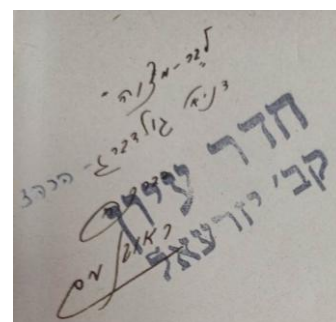


New Books in the Library - June 2025

Since Iranian missile attacks coincided with Book Week, which was supposed to end on 19/6/25, the booths were kept closed, but they have now reopened. The main fairs in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv will continue until 3/7/25.

If you're interested in reading the "Epok" magazine online, please email the library at sifriayizrael@gmail.com, and I will send you the details.

Have you visited the "Dedications" exhibition at the library? If not yet, come to the exhibition! There is even a dedication in a book which belonged to Dani Harpaz z"l. He received it for his Bar Mitzvah.



New English Books:

Girl in Pieces / Kathleen Glasgow

Orbital / Samantha Harvey

Then she Was Gone / Lisa Jewell

The Lion Women of Tehran / Marjan Kamali

The Soulmate Equation / Christina Lauren

Two from the Heart / James Patterson

Did you know?

- In the state of Tennessee, United States, it is illegal for women to live in the same house if they are married to more than 8 men, as their house would be declared a brothel.
- In Japan, until 1999 there was no minimum age for consensual sex. In 1999, it was decided that the minimum age would be 13, and in 2023, it was raised to 16.
- Of the 265 popes to date, 33 were killed or assassinated.
- To transport the Statue of Liberty from France to New York in 1885, 214 crates were required.



Message: Yitzhak Peleg

More Pictures from Bomb Shelters







Beacon on the Hill

Activity Schedule from June 29 to July 3, 2025

Every day from 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM: Coffee, cake, conversation, and board games.

Sunday, June 29, 2025

9:00 AM – Gathering with coffee, cake, conversation, and board games

9:10 AM – Zoom "Generations in the Gilboa": Exploring the world – Native American rituals and ceremonies in Central America, "Heaven on Earth"

Monday, June 30, 2025

9:00 AM – Delicious baked goods with Monika and Noa for Shavuot

8:00 AM – Pedicure with Limor Moalem *

10:00 AM – Thinking and trivia fun with Galia Shemi

Tuesday, July 1, 2025

9:00 AM – Holistic treatment with Shulamit Fink (please coordinate arrival with Shulamit)

10:00 AM – Movie with Galia Shemi

Wednesday, July 2, 2025

9:00 AM – Gathering with coffee, cake, conversation, and board games

9:30 AM – Blooming Nature with Hamutal Assaf

Thursday, July 3, 2025

9:00 AM – Gathering with coffee, cake, conversation, and board games

10:00 AM – "I Was Born Here"

Lost and Found – In the wake of the war

On Tuesday at 10:00, after the recent missile fire, I was walking towards the rugby



field. On the sidewalk, I found a piece of a missile or interceptor. I did not touch it

because **"it's forbidden"**. I called Yarden Naor, the Yizrael Security Chief. Yarden arrived within two minutes and took care of the situation.

Thank you very much to Yarden and all those involved in our security!

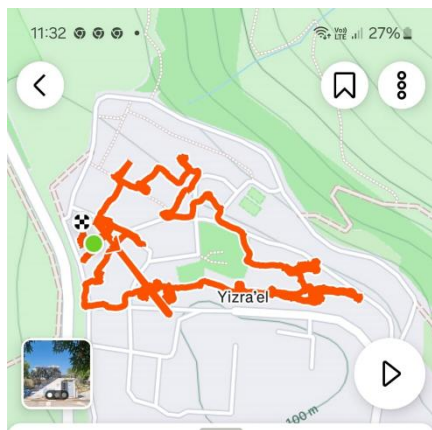
Written by: Eddie Solow



She that keepeth Yizrael, shall neither Slumber nor Sleep

**Between one siren and the next –
A Safe Picturesque Walk between Bomb Shelters
Edi-tor**



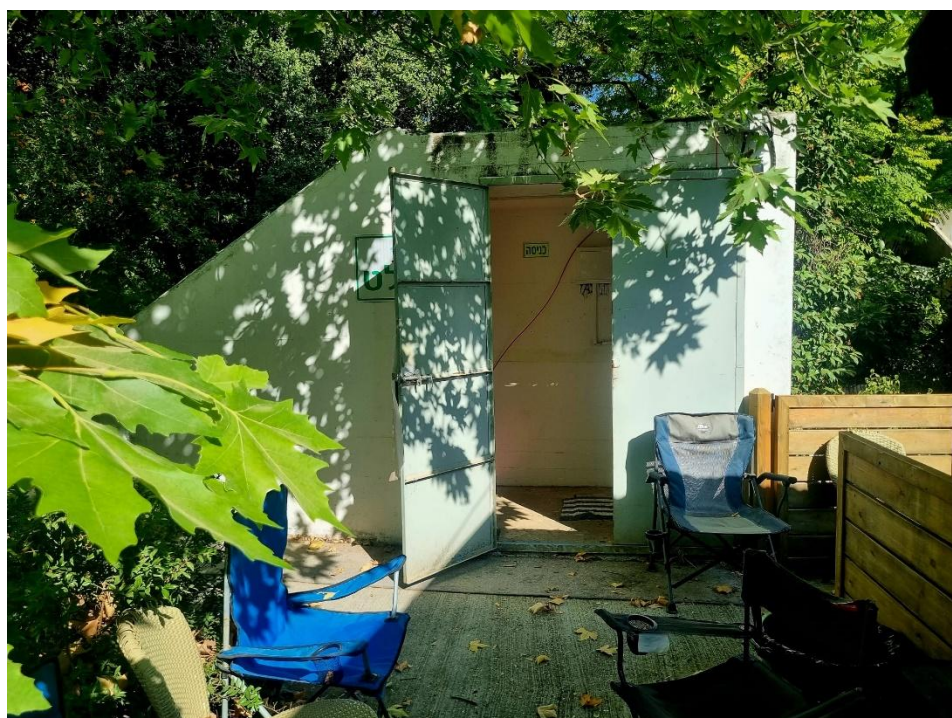
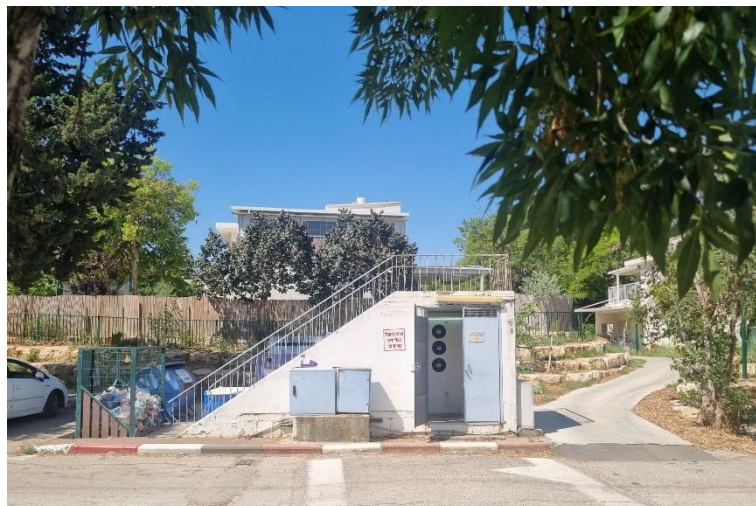


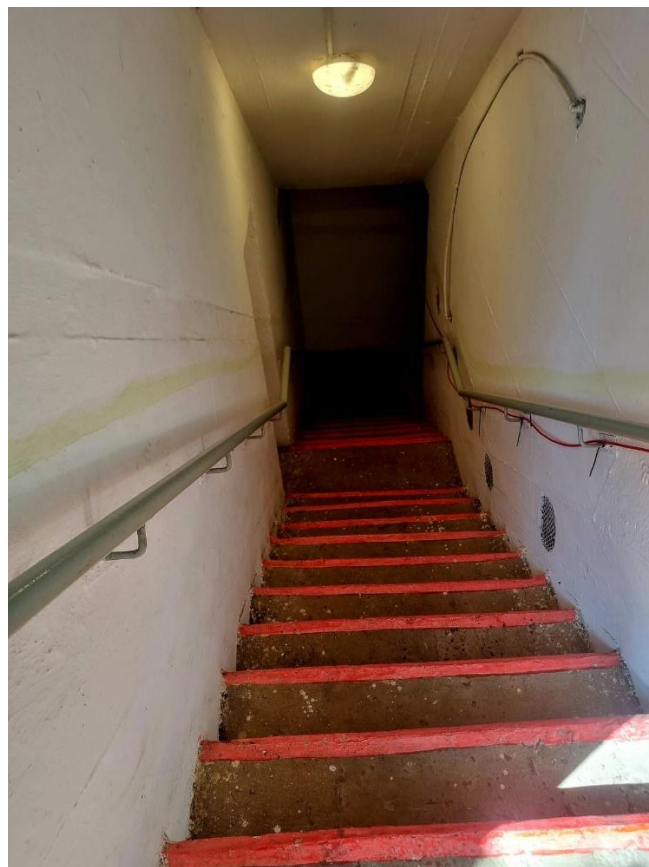
Eddie Solow

Today at 8:39 AM · Gilboa Regional Council, North District

טיול של שבת בין המקלטים - Walk Between the Bomb Shelters

Distance	Elevation Gain
4.39 km	60 m
Moving Time	Steps
1:06:48	5,534
Calories	Avg Speed
378 Cal	3.9 km/h





ENGLISH IS FUN with Rahel

LIMERICKS are characterized by outrageous puns, fantastic rhyme schemes and subtle wit. Their exact origin is unknown, but one theory credits the Irish Brigade of Limerick with popularizing the form in the 17th century.

LIMERICKS promise smiles, chuckles and hours of welcome entertainment...

There was a young lady named Jeanie,
Who wore an outrageous bikini,
Two wisps light as air,
One here and one there,
With nothing but Jeanie betweenie.

A jolly young fellow from Yuma,
Told an elephant joke to a puma,
Now his skeleton lies
Under hot, western skies
The puma had no sense of huma.

A cute secretary, none cuter,
Was replaced by a clicking computer.
It was the wife of her boss
Who put this deal across;
You see, the computer was neuter.

A rare old bird is the pelican,
His beak holds more than his belly can.
He can take in his beak
Enough food for a week
I'm darned if I know how the helican!

*God's plan made a hopeful beginning
But man spoiled his chances by sinning.
We trust that the story
Will end in God's glory;
But, at present, the other side's winning.*

I once thought a lot of a friend
Who turned out to be, in the end,

(As I feared at the start)
The southernmost part
Of a horse with a northerly trend.

An old Indian named Running B'ar
At making it rain was a star.
Asked, "How do you do it?"
He said, "Nothing to it –
To get rain, me just wash-um car!"

There was a young lady from Dingle
Who felt an unusual tingle,
From her toes to her head,
As she lay in her bed,
And bemoaned the fact she was single.

There were three little birds in a wood,
Who always sang hymns when they could;
What the words were about
They could never make out
But they felt it was doing them good.

*That inept young lass, Miss Muffet
Had further bad luck with her tuffet:
Some used-tuffet dealers
Decided to steal hers,
And now she must rent one or rough it.more next week*

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