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**Kibbutz Yizre'el**

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**INSTRUCTIONS FROM צח"י**

**From 12/4/20 everyone over the age of 6 must wear a mask on leaving the house.**

You may leave the house for a distance of 100meters. The fine for increasing the distance is 500 shekel. People on other kibbutzim have been fined for this.

We remind the chaverim not to invite anyone who does not live on the kibbutz to visit. We do not want to police this matter and ask everyone to take responsibility for their actions and for the community.

In order to have complete records of the work situation, people are asked to fill in the questionnaire prepared by Adi Laviv.

We are proud of the cooperation and responsibility taken by the members of the community in the fulfillment of their obligations to the community. If only other communities would do the same. Please continue to do so.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

* To Shai and Shlomit Vittelson on the birth of their granddaughter, daughter to Yonatan and Gal, sister to Michal. To the grandparents, Marnina and Michi on the birth of their great granddaughter – Abigail.
* To Shirley Markham on her 97th birthday. May you have many more to come in good health and in the company of family and friends.

**MANY THANKS** to all those young and old who untiringly make our lives bearable and safe, who worry about our good health and all our needs.

Maida and Gavrush, Levi, Delinko, Edsvi families, Marnina and Michi. Yaakov Sasbon,

**ZOOM MAZKIRUT MEETING 12/4/20**

It was felt that the time had come to reactivate the Mazkirut. The day to day decisions and workings will be left to צח"י till the end of the corona period and the Mazkirut will deal with matters that were on the agenda before the coronavirus and matters that have come up lately. The mazkirut will receive reports from צח"י on the daily situation.

**The Home Channel – Well done!!** For the opening of the home channel. It was suggested that a set time should be decided upon for announcements. At the moment the content of the channel has been decided by the צומ"י team. After the corona period the content and the running of the channel will be re-discussed.

**The Service Branches:** Robin surveyed the service branches and found the following: The food branch (Itzik in particular) is working vigorously and very hard in coordination with Sigal Hadar to provide excellent, efficient service. They update each other and make changes according to the situation and the demands. The Kol Bo is examining the possibility of widening the scope of their deliveries in relation to opening the Kol Bo to the public. The clothing branch is working well due to the extra help given. The electricity workshop, the building branch and the gardening branch are working with a limited staff according to the needs of the public. They are not taking on large projects.

The construction management is working according to plan. The rugby project has been started, the northern neighborhood is going forward with tis infrastructure plan, the final stages of the Nof neighborhood are under way and the future occupants of the new cottage area have met to discuss plans.

The new gate at the entrance to the kibbutz has been erected and will become functional with the opening of the gas station.

The gardening branch is preparing to evacuate their area to make way for the paving of the ring road for the new Maytronics project.

**Finance survey:** In order to follow the economic developments due to the corona crisis and its effect on Yizre’el, it was decided to temporarily expand the financial committee with the addition of two members, Idan Zelas and Olga Bar Gefen. The committee received reports on what has been done from the corporations and are working on steps to be taken in the future.

It is important to note that despite the financial strength of Yizre’el we should carefully weigh all expenditures at this time. Expenditures that can be cancelled or delayed to a later date should be re-examined. We are keeping a watchful check on income and expenditure.

**Education:** Neta Blass is proud of the way the educational staff is handling the situation, their connection with the children and parents and their attention to the need of children and individuals.

**The Seniors:** The seniors are well cared for by the seniors’ committee and by the community.

**Opening the gate to outsiders**: The question of allowing people not living on the kibbutz to be allowed entry was discussed. It was decided that the kibbutz is closed to all non-residents of the kibbutz except for essential workers, permanent partners of residents who have received permission to enter. **Guests, family and partners of the young generation are not permitted entry.**

If a son or daughter wish to visit they can meet on opposite sides of the gate. This is a difficult and complicated situation but we must put the health and safety of the community in first place. We can do it and do it together.

 Yifat Assaf

**MEMORIAL DAY** The ceremony this year will be about “the Lebanon Experience” to commemorate IDF’s withdrawal from Lebanon 20 years ago. We would like to collect pictures, songs stories, testimonies and experiences linked to this period for the ceremony.

The ceremony will be recorded in advance and screened on the kibbutz channel on Memorial Day so we need to receive the material written, recorded (audio) and photographed by 19/4/20.

Please send the material to Tamar Senker or Nir Bauer.

 Memorial Day team

**FROM the “ECONOM’S DIARY:**

We have entered the third week of home deliveries with menu choices. This week salads have been added to the menu.

We have noted requests, comments and suggestions and where possible have incorporated them into our scheme. Requests have been made for raw materials, chicken and meat. Our raw materials come packed in large quantities and we do not have the time or manpower to repackage them into small amounts. The meat and chicken also come frozen in large quantities and we cannot defrost them and distribute them.

Eggs are sensitive to contamination so we cannot distribute them, raw or cooked.

Some people have come to the ramp at the back of the dining room or the dining room looking for items not available in the deliveries. If you have a request or problem please ask the person in charge of your neighborhood to help you out rather than come to the dining room area.

When the deliveries are made please come out to accept them. It helps.

We have seen the many thanks for our services and we appreciate them. They give us strength and encouragement to continue.

Many thanks to the youth leaders and the youth who come to help.

Many thanks to the volunteers who have taken upon themselves the responsibility of a neighborhood.

 Itzik Shechter

**B’YIZRE’EL:** Those who are not interested in receiving the weekly B’Yizre’el in their postbox are asked to inform Ruth Mor .

Those interested in receiving B’Yizre’el through their email should send a request by mail to Zimra@yizrael.com . We will be happy to have people change over to the digital form – it saves paper and you can see the colors of photos and texts.

 The Editor

**צומ"י WHAT’S ON NEXT WEEK?**

**The Home TV Channel:** We are expanding the transmissions with permanent video strips. What’s on the program? Kabalat Shabbat, “Good Night” stories for the children, exercise class, Yizre’el cultural program and more. Every week we will announce the viewing schedule.

**“Kirona”:** Every family received a tile to decorate with a colorful floral design. These tiles will be collected and mounted on a wall in the kibbutz as a community memento of this corona period. More details will be given soon.

**Community Clip:** We’ll make a happy community photograph. Additional details later.

**We’ll Meet at Six:** As always, every Monday and Wednesday at six on the Kahilanet.

**\Holocaust Memorial Day:** We won’t be able to hold the usual ceremony but we’ll record it and put it on the Yizre’el Home Channel (900) on 20.4.2020 at 20:00.

**All our activities are on the Kehilanet on the Tarbut forum.**

**English is Fun   - with Rahel**

The following questions and answers were posted on an Australian Tourism Website, and the answers are the actual response by the website officials, who obviously have a great sense of humour, (not to mention a low tolerance threshold for cretins!)

Continued:

Q:  Are there supermarkets in Sydney, and is milk available all year round?

(Germany)

A:  No, we are a peaceful civilization of vegan hunter/gatherers.

Milk is illegal!

Q:  Please send a list of all doctors in Australia who can dispense rattlesnake serum. (USA)

A:  Rattlesnakes live in A-me-ri-ca which is where YOU come from.  All Australian snakes are perfectly harmless, can be safely handled and make good pets.

Q:  I have a question about a famous animal in Australia, but I forget its name.  It's a kind of bear and lives in trees. (USA)

A:  It's called a Drop Bear.  They are called that because they drop out of gum trees and eat the brains of anyone walking underneath them.

You can scare them off by spraying yourself with human urine before you go out walking.

Q:  I have developed a new product that is the fountain of youth.  Can you tell me where I can sell it in Australia? (USA)

A:  Anywhere significant numbers of Americans gather.

Q:  Do you celebrate Christmas in Australia  (France)

A:  Only at Christmas.

Q:  Will I be able to speak English most places I go:  (USA)

A:  Yes, but you'll have to learn it first.

***Life is not the way it's supposed to be.***

***It's the way it is!***

***The way we cope with it is what makes the difference.***

Puns:

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

When Peter Pan punches, they Neverland.

 …………….more next week