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Kibbutz Yizrael

Edi-torial

During these hard times, we draw strength in the knowledge that our brothers and sisters in the Diaspora, stand beside us and are doing everything they possibly can, to support us, and put pressure on their governments where-ever possible. Jenny Udovich teaches in the Emanuel Jewish day school in Sidney, Australia. The school of 900 children, plus parents and teachers, undertook a huge project to show solidarity for the Israeli people. Please watch it. You will definitely want to share it with those you love. The link is attached below.

May this Festival of Freedom mark the release of our brothers and sisters held in captivity. Chag Sameach. Edi-Tor



**Emanuel School, Sydney, presents
Shevet Achim Ve'achayot - A Tribe
of Brothers and Sisters**

<https://vimeo.com/936456312/7144a5dbe4>

Memorial Service for Judy Kort

Sat. 27.4.24

At the Cemetery on Kibbutz Yizrael

Community Management Meeting Report - 14.4.2024

Present: Erez Peleg, Talia Arad, Yifat Segal, Shlomo Levy, Tamir Blass, Limor Griman, Ilana Peleg, Yifat Assaf

Information and Miscellaneous

- Erez described the activities of the Emergency Response Team and the standby squad on the night of the attack from Iran.
- Yifat reported on the "Facebook terror" of which members of Yizrael are victims. She described how the issue is being handled.
- It seems that the work bonus for the year '24 will have to be used for the war expenses.

1. Reinforcing a room in the old secretariat for the benefit of operating a "War Room" The idea is to turn an existing room in the building into a protected room. The chosen place is the small meeting room in the old secretariat. The issue was checked with the constructor, so that the room would not be an obstacle to any future renovation of the building. The solution is to reinforce the existing walls with special materials and thereby significantly increasing the resistance of the structure to mortar shells and shrapnel. The technology is approved by the home guard command.

The cost of the work: about 250,000 shekels and the execution time about 10 days.

The construction of a standard reinforced room of this size would reach a cost of about 400,000 shekels and take several months to complete.

The financing of the project comes from the Public Buildings Fund. If and when an additional budget is allocated for war expenses, this will be the source.

Decision: The need to reinforce a room that will be used as an emergency war room **was approved**. The request for the budget will be brought to the Economic Council (in favour: 6, against: 2, abstentions 0).

2. Establishment of an entry control system at the kibbutz gate

The structure of the gates and the booth at the entrance to the kibbutz make it very difficult to control the entrance, and significantly reduces the effectiveness of the guard.

It is proposed to set up a system, based on “rapid arm barriers”, which will be opened by identifying the vehicle number (also possible with a Pal-gate). This situation will allow the passage of one vehicle at a time, unlike the current situation where many vehicles can pass when the gate is opened. The placing of a “quick arm barrier” will prevent the passage of vehicles in the opposite lane.

The cost of the project is about NIS 50,000.

This is in addition to the recommendation of the security committee to end the hired guard during the daytime after Independence Day.

Decision: The proposal has not been approved at this time (unanimously)... There will be another discussion that will combine the decision reestablishing the system along with a discussion regarding the security policy at the kibbutz gate.

3. Purchase of walkie-talkies for the emergency room

The communication coverage by the walkie-talkies located in the kibbutz is not effective. It is proposed to purchase 14 strong and durable devices that will be used mainly by the standby squad.

The cost of the purchase and installation in Israel is about 32,000 shekels.

Resolved: The purchase of walkie-talkies was unanimously approved at a cost of approximately NIS 32,000 as presented.

4. Purchase and installation of 4 security cameras at strategic points.

The coverage of security cameras in the kibbutz is not complete, along the perimeter fence, and more.

It is proposed to purchase and install 4 additional security cameras at a cost of up to NIS 40,000 from the approved war budget. The high cost is mainly due to the lack of communication infrastructure in the designated locations and the need to connect the cameras to the kibbutz's security system.

There was a discussion about the need to better examine the costs of the communication infrastructure to connect the cameras.

It was decided: to approve the budget for the installation of the cameras while examining all the options to lower the cost of the project (in favour: 5, abstentions: 3, against 0).

Erez Peleg and Yifat Assaf

Kibbutz Participation in Financing Private Fertility and Reproductive Interventions Procedure

(Approved by the community management 7.1.2024) Update after an appeal.

a. Fertility preservation

The section refers to situations in which a member chooses to undergo a fertility preservation procedure (egg freezing) that is not for medical reasons (in cases of need for medical reasons, the entire procedure is at the expense of the kibbutz).

Basic conditions for submitting an application:

1. A kibbutz member aged 34-40.
2. Submission of the application prior to any commitment to a third party.

Method of refunds:

- Where the eligible member is childless or has one child - the kibbutz's participation is 60% and no more than NIS 5000.
- A member with two or more children - no kibbutz funding.

☐ Exceptional cases and after efforts to meet the conditions of the procedure will be transferred by the Health and Welfare Coordinator to the Mutual Aid Fund (with the approval of the applicant) which will discuss the request according to the fund's conditions.

b. Sperm donation

The section refers to situations in which sperm donation is necessary, whether in a couple or a single parent, not as part of a surrogacy procedure, and when the procedure is performed as a private procedure and not through the health services in Israel. Or alternatively, performed through the health services in Israel but with the purchase of the donation from a private bank in Israel or abroad.

Basic conditions:

1. The applicant is a kibbutz member.
2. The member must receive permission prior to signing any agreement and/or any commitment towards a third-party regarding sperm donation.

Method of refunds:**The medical process:**

1. Full financing of the process when performed in Israel through Clalit health services.
2. Clalit Mushlam will participate in the cost of the procedure when it is performed in a private hospital (the hospitals listed in the agreement). In this case the kibbutz will reimburse the member in accordance with Clalit Mushlam policy.

It is the member's responsibility to contact Clalit Mushlam to obtain prior approval and the list of private hospitals in the agreement and to act according to their instructions. In any case, the kibbutz will not refund more than the amount paid by Clalit.

3. A private procedure that is done outside of the arrangement with Clalit, will not be reimbursed.

Purchase of a sperm donation:

The health insurance funds finance the medical treatment, but the recipient purchases the sperm herself, either from within Israel or from abroad.

1. The kibbutz's participation in the costs in Israel from a public sperm bank - full funding.
2. The kibbutz's participation in the purchase from a private sperm bank in Israel or abroad:
 - Where the eligible member is childless or has one child - the kibbutz's participation is 70% of the cost up to the purchase of 5 portions. Maximum participation for this section is NIS 15,000.
 - Where the eligible member has two or more children - there will be no participation of the kibbutz.
3. The costs of preservation and storage of the sperm will be at the expense of the member.

In any case, the kibbutz's participation will not apply to the purchase of sperm for the purpose of future use. If excess portions are purchased, the kibbutz's participation will

be in accordance with the procedure, and it will be possible to submit an application for additional proportional reimbursement in the future if the existing portions are used up.

☒ In the case of a couple when one of the spouses is a resident, the refund will be as specified above minus 50% of the refund.

☒ In exceptional cases, and after efforts to meet the conditions of the procedure, the particular case will be transferred by the Health and Welfare Cluster Manager to the Mutual Aid Fund (with the approval of the applicant), which will discuss the request according to the fund's conditions.

Surrogacy / egg donation / special treatments / adoption

These processes will be transferred by the Health Director to the Mutual Aid Fund with the approval of the applicant and will be discussed individually according to the terms of the fund.

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Update from the Housing Committee

1. **The Edelstein family** moved to a 54 square metre upstairs apartment, which underwent internal renovation, above Hamutal Assaf.
2. **Lia Cohen** will move into the house of the late Arnie and Peggy Friedman. The house is currently undergoing an internal renovation, without an extension and will be a permanent apartment for Lia.
3. **The house of the late Danny Harpaz** is on offer as a permanent home. The size of the house is 92 square meters, without a safe room and without the possibility of further extensions.

The house needs an internal renovation which will be carried out in coordination with the member who will move there. The work will be carried out this year. Those interested in coming to see the house should do so in coordination with Aviva Beutler.

The offer remains open for two weeks until Monday 6.5.24. Submission of applications should be made in writing to Aviva.

Regards, Housing Committee - Aviva Beutler



From the Vehicle Committee - Use in Good Health

As of Wednesday 17.4.24:

A brand new 4-seater Marshall - (without rear loading). This Marshall is intended for transporting people. **New drivers are only allowed to transport one passenger.**

A new Suzuki CROSSOVER type vehicle. The vehicle was purchased in consultation with the Veterans Committee in order to help (in terms of ease of access) transport veteran members who do not drive. This vehicle will receive priority (wherever possible) if it is ordered to transport a veteran who does not drive. Driving the car is only allowed after the end of the "new driver's apprenticeship period (two years from the date of receiving the license).

Ofir Griman - Vehicle Committee



Security Committee Meeting Report - 9.4.24

Present: Lilach Ron, Tal Havshush, Yarden Naor, Erez Peleg.

Absent: Ehud Cohen.

Invited: Adi Laviv

1. Security Cameras: In light of the mapping of the existing security cameras, the gaps were discovered, and it was proposed to install cameras in the areas lacking coverage

throughout the kibbutz. It was decided to focus on the completion of the cameras covering the areas of the fence towards road 60 and road 679 which are a weak point, and in addition a camera that will cover the intersection of roads 1-2-3 as backup.

Decision: to request 4 cameras to complete the peripheral coverage.

2. Entry control system: As a result of the existing gate structure and the location of the guardroom, it is not possible to carry out effective entrance control. (Unless the guard stands outside – Ed) There was also a discussion on the effectiveness of guarding the gate during the day, under the existing conditions. It became clear that guarding the gate will be more effective with an entry control system based on the identification of authorized vehicle numbers and a rapid arm barrier, that allows the passage of one vehicle at a time.

It seems that the present system does not provide the desired result.

Decision: a) to stop guarding during the day after Independence Day.

b) to request an entry control system at the kibbutz gate.

Erez Peleg

Zimra's Column

The 133 Hostages, keep me awake, literally. Like everyone else, I wish they would return them already...! Most frustrating, that we can't help...

☑ Thanks to Reut Shaliv, who allowed me to edit the previous newsletter. I realised that I was not mistaken when I decided to end my position as the editor of the newsletter... I had a tiring week... Thanks to all the writers, who faithfully sent me the articles. I wish all of us better days. and to Reut - easy days editing the newsletter and success in all her endeavors.

When I heard that they were going to prepare a different, "Passover Haggadah", my heart sank... For three years Miki Touz and myself (with much help) edited, prepared, debated and published the Yizrael Haggadah. Turned out nice, didn't it?

Miki's paintings decorate our dining room - there is nothing like them for beauty! So too the paintings in the Passover Haggadah; Miki, who fully understood the meaning of "You said to your son on that day..." and "Remember the day you came out of Egypt from the house of slaves" - managed to present with the best of her art - the plots of

the Israelites in Egypt, in the desert, in "Blood and fire and smoke", through the ten plagues, until the sea was torn apart before the Israelites' eyes "with drums and pestles"! So, every year, we leave Egypt with Miki's paintings, to celebrate the freedom we have won. Thanks, Miki.

About 10 years ago (Pesach, 2013), I wrote in my editorial, about the Passover Haggadah and the many changes it has undergone over the years. I wrote about the special kibbutz culture, in the light of which we were brought up, when the tradition of Jewish culture was always preserved, such as: celebrating Yizrael's festivals, Kabbalat Shabbat with songs and readings, and more. Unfortunately, Yizrael is one of the few kibbutzim that still maintains the tradition of Kabbalat Shabbat. We should not give up the uniqueness of our kibbutz culture.

Today, the new generation wants to make changes, and this time - the Passover Haggadah. In fact, Miki and I did exactly what they are doing to "our" Haggadah; After all, we also took a previous Haggadah (which Patchi Shapira edited years before) with the traditional Haggadah, and made a new Haggadah... I don't think that everything that the pioneers wrote should be sanctified. There is actually beauty in innovation. Innovation is one of the elements of Zionism and the essence of the kibbutz - building and creating something new: "You and I will change the world"... but it is also written in the Haggadah: "And a new generation will arise that did not know Yosef"... it is worthwhile and desirable to appreciate what was and to build the new on the foundations of the past. I hope that we will like the new Haggadah and when the time comes, we will print it...





Jezebel Defends Herself



For two weeks I sat tensely and bit my nails, waiting for the Iranian response.

On Saturday evening, I took a sedative so that I could sleep peacefully, and between one glass of wine and one glass of beer, suddenly the news broke - the Iranians are on their way!

Nervously but with eager anticipation, I waited to see what our friends had prepared for us. I tuned in to the news and after some time the confirmation came - the attack had begun!

Swarms of UAV's (unmanned aerial vehicles) have already set off, "Here, you can see them over Saudi Arabia," the experts said.

It didn't take long, and the cruise missiles and ballistic missiles also joined the party, and now all we have left to do is to wait in alert anticipation until the wee hours of the night, because it will still take some time for the "visitors" to arrive...

Once, when I was young and fighting in the IDF, I was involved with missiles and airplanes, in the magnificent array that everyone knows today only by another name - the air defense array, but then, to our great joy, there was no action.

At most, a quick visit by a Saudi plane in the south, or a few Syrian MiGs in the north; And in general, if something did happen, then they told us that they wouldn't use our missiles at all because they cost a lot of money...

...and now? It's a free-for-all! Iron Dome, Patriot, David's Slingshot, Arrow 2 and even Arrow 3! I would share more information, but you know what they say: The enemy is listening...

Fueled with alcohol and water, to ease the hysteria, I took out my "hood", yes-yes, the one from the Gulf War, and I waited, like a good Yekke, for something to happen... But I was exhausted, so I fell asleep, and I missed all the action... Sources in the know, told me that there was a loud boom, which shook and startled everyone, and there were even brave people among us, who went outside and were treated to a sound and light show of interceptions in the sky.

But don't worry, nothing will reach us, not only does the enemy not know where the Tel is located. Nobody in the country knows either. This is the best place to be - and I say this from experience...

When I woke up in the morning, I saw tons of messages on my phone relating to the events of the exciting night. While I was trying to figure out what time it was, I realised that we had indeed survived the night and it was possible to return to "routine" until the next round.

A little tip - don't forget the mobile charger on the way to the safe room / shelter.

Jezebel

Tzafnat Mor



Little Tips for Big Feelings - Gaya Sankar

Thoughts on Freedom

It seems that since 7.10, the concept of freedom resonates with the feeling of its absence in all our hearts.

And maybe in preparation for the holiday of freedom, which is coming towards us without us being completely ready for it,

I found myself meeting within myself the feeling that I myself am not free.

During this meeting within myself, and thanks to a good friend, a thought occurred to me:

"Don't make yourself a statue or any graven image."

So says the second commandment.

It seems that there is room for another interpretation of this, less literal, less religious. Free!

Because maybe the intention is not to make us a statue.

Let's not dismiss our consciousness as one that is solid and unchanging. May our consciousness and may our perception of ourselves and the world be free. One that is ready to develop, change, learn, listen to the other's way even if it is different from my own, that we can feel and say: "Maybe there is truth in his way too." And that's okay. There is still love.

And the continuation of the saying "Thou shalt not make a picture of thee" - a request for us, not to create a fixed self-image. Let's not see reality only through one prism, which does not know how to change.

And maybe, maybe it's not just that this word comes after the first word, which describes the departure from the land of Egypt. which describes freedom.

May we be free to be who we are, without molds or ties.

It is especially difficult this year, because the concept of freedom seems to have lost all meaning.

But perhaps it is precisely in this place that we are most asked to find the freedom within ourselves, to free ourselves to be free in our own eyes.

Between man and his fellow man

Between man and he who is most not his friend, yet we live here together.

So, after a few moments of reflection and philosophy, the question comes to you:

What are you seeking to free yourself from?

What perceptions, ideas, thoughts, may have been true for you in the past, but now limit you from feeling happiness?

Who is the free person you want to be?

May we all be free inside.

And we pray for the return of all the abductees before the eve of Passover,

healthy in body and mind

to cure the pain

for love

Happy holiday

Everything notwithstanding - Gaya



"Fake News" by Tomer Avital

(Tomer is one of the founders of the website "Shakoof", "Lobby 99", activist and independent journalist)

One of the immediate dangers to humanity is the spread of "fake news".

The solution is of course critical thinking and education from a young age. But our government does the opposite. It depends, as usual, on us.

But here's good news: I'm excited to share with you that a printed version of the Critical Reading Guide is out!

The guide is written fluently and rich in examples. It has already been read by 8,000 people and has received excellent reviews.

A must-read book for those who want to develop critical thinking and understand the Israeli media.

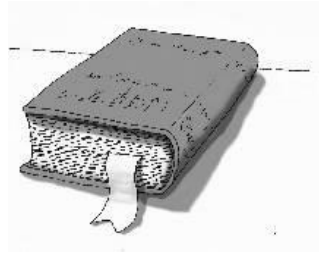
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(The free book can also be accessed through the website: <https://tomravital1.com/>)

Alit Haviv Gilad

(Could all of you who constantly send me FAKE, kindly read this booklet – Ed)



English Books in the Library

The Florios of Sicily/Stefania Auci

Livid/Patricia Cornwell

The Forest of Vanishing Stars/Kristin Harmel

Holiday Hopes/Judith Keim

Past Secrets/ Cathy Kelly

The Bridesman/Savyon Liebrecht

The Red Address Book/ Sofia Lundberg

The Last Bookshop in London/Madeline Martin

Personal Librarian/Marie Benedict & Victoria Cristopher Murray

The Cat's Table/ Michael Ondaatje

Two Nights in Lisbon/ Chris Pavone

The king must die/Mary Renault

Message in a Bottle/Nicholas Sparks

English is Fun - with Rahel

The English language is as fascinating as it is popular and obviously has its own history and quirks.

(Continued and concluded)

- 90% of English text consists of just 1,000 words.
- There are 24 different dialects of English in the US.
- The word LOL was added to the Oxford English Dictionary in 2011.

- What is known as a BRITISH ACCENT came to use in and around London around the time of the American Revolution.
- Shakespeare invented many words such as birthplace, blushing, undress, torture and many more.
- The word “Goodbye” originally comes from an Old English phrase meaning “god be with you”.
- Etymologically, Great Britain means “great land of the tattooed”.
- There are seven ways to spell the sound “ee” in English. This sentence contains all of them: “He believed Caesar could see people seizing the seas”.
- Many English words have changed their meaning over time – for example, “awful” used to mean “inspiring wonder” and was a short version “full of awe”, whereas “nice” used to mean “silly”.
- The first English dictionary was written in 1755.
- The oldest English word that is still in use is “town”.

NUDES AND PRUDES

Nude... “Bernard Defrance, a high school teacher near Paris, told his students that each time they stumped him with a riddle, he’d shed a piece of clothing - starting with his trade-mark bow tie. As it turns out, the kids were too smart for him. During one round of the game in November, the 51-year-old Defrance was left standing naked before his class. He was later suspended.”

Prudes... “In 1934, eight men were fined \$1 dollar apiece for bathing ‘topless’ at Coney Island. “All you fellows may be Adonises,” said the presiding magistrate, “but there are many people who object to seeing so much of the human body exposed.” A year later a mass arrest of 42 topless males in Atlantic City, New Jersey, fattened the municipal coffers by \$84. The city fathers declared, “We’ll have no gorillas on our beaches!”

Nude... "A 41-year-old man, known to the police as "The Naked Bandit" pleaded guilty to robbing a string of convenience stores while in the nude, authorities said on Thursday. "His logic was that the last time he did some robberies, he had clothes on and was identified by his clothes," said Leigh County District Attorney James Anthony."more next week

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