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Kibbutz Yizrael - Cyber Edition

Every Person Needs an Egypt

Amnon Ribak

Every person needs
some kind of Egypt,
to be Moses himself emerging from it
with a strong hand,
or with gritted teeth.

Every person needs great terror and darkness,
and comfort, and promise, and deliverance,
so that he may know to lift his eyes to the heavens.

Every person needs
one prayer
that comes readily to his lips.
A person needs, at least once, to bend low,
every person needs a shoulder.

Every person needs
some kind of Egypt,
from where to redeem himself, from the house of bondage,
to go out in the middle of the night into the desert of fears,
to walk unhesitating into the water,
and see it parting.

Every person needs a shoulder
to carry upon it the bones of Joseph.
Every person needs to stand upright.

Every person needs
some kind of Egypt,
and Jerusalem,
and one long journey
to remember for ever, in the soles of his feet.

Reut's Editorial  I was looking for something fitting for Passover.

Something meaningful, something that could connect this holiday, in which the Children of Israel left slavery physically, and then went through a process that led them to freedom and becoming the people of Israel. But I couldn't find anything. Perhaps it's the difficulty in concentrating, even though here, thank God, things are relatively calm. Perhaps it's the news on television, with reports of alarming laws being passed in the Knesset while the country's citizens live in constant fear, with daily missile strikes harming people and destroying their homes, entire buildings reduced to rubble, the heartbreak over the sixty-year-old farmer rooted in his land who was killed in Misgav Am, and just days later the twenty-seven-year-old woman killed on her way to Margalioth.

And yet Passover is almost here, and this issue is the last before Seder night, so I searched for words that might encourage, that might warm the heart, at a time when we cannot celebrate the Seder together in the dining hall. I couldn't find them.

And then, just as I had decided to give up, I went onto Facebook, and a post appeared—written by Sarit Scheideman, daughter of Mike and Laurie. Sarit lives in Australia, and her son was in Israel in October 2023:

This Heavy Feeling – Sarit Scheideman

I read a post yesterday, written by someone carrying a heavy feeling.

I know this feeling well. It does not leave me.

I think many Jews around the world know this feeling today. We thought it would leave us when all the hostages were returned, and it did, but only for a moment.

We live in a world where there is no safe place for a Jew, anywhere. My niece in Israel desperately wants to leave. My son, here in Australia, desperately wants to leave and go to Israel. I, who live a shared life between both, know that there is nowhere to go anymore.

I have never looked to others for direction. It is not who I am. But now I find myself looking to those I consider our elders for guidance. They are not rabbis, though I have the utmost respect for our rabbis, who offer support, guidance, and kindness in the world. For me, there is only one group who truly knows how to lead us through this, if such a way exists: our Holocaust survivors.

Within days of the 7 October attack, they warned us all. They saw, they recognised, they knew. And they still know. For more than two years now, we have been learning

the lessons. We look back at history, and now we understand. What a terrible thing it is to understand.

So many of us are in deep pain, feeling alone and afraid. Yet despite our anger, we must not dehumanise those who hate us. It damages our own souls.

I am not “nice”. I am hurt and I feel betrayed. Each day feels the same. And I am not wise. I am overwhelmed by the evil I see everywhere, all the time. Sometimes it feels as though the space around me is closing in.

But I have learned something from the survivors. I learned it even before this terrible war began.

What carries us through anything and everything is love.

Now, more than ever, we must reach out to one another. Look around you, see who needs you, who loves you and supports you, and do your very best to offer them all the love and protection you can. Cherish every moment you have together.

We will all die eventually. But while we are alive, it is our love and our connection that will carry us through. Open your heart to it. Hold onto it. Share it.

Because without love, I fear we are lost.

Please Note: The next newsletter will be published on the eve of the second holiday. Please send in materials during the coming week. Submissions will be accepted until Sunday, 05.04.26 at 10:00, and no later!

Towards Passover Eve 5786 – Limor Griman, Kibbutz Secretary

This year, because of the war, we cannot celebrate the Seder night together as a community.

For many members, the communal Seder in the Dining Hall makes possible a social gathering and a sense of togetherness on this symbolic and unique evening in Jewish tradition and culture. This year, that will not be possible, **and it may be that some members will remain alone in their homes.**

This is an opportunity for all of us to look to the right and to the left, to check in on our neighbours, and to see whether there is anyone we can help, whether by lending a

hand in creating even a small sense of the festival spirit, and easing the loneliness, if only for one evening.

I wish every household on Kibbutz Yizrael a quiet Passover holiday, one that passes pleasantly, with hope in our hearts for better and more peaceful days.

Limor Grimman, Kibbutz Secretary

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We would like to thank Phil Adler, of the building maintenance team, for his prompt service and excellent attitude.
Thank you, dear Phil.

Patricia and Oscar Groisman



To the wonderful bakers of Kibbutz Yizrael,

We wanted to send you a big hug and express our heartfelt thanks.

Thanks to you, we were able to understand and feel that there is real togetherness within all the chaos, and the sense of isolation is slightly softened.

Your cakes and letters reach us, bring light and a touch of sweetness, and give us great strength to carry on.

With every cake, we feel the investment and the love, and not least the message that someone, somewhere, has taken the time to sit down, think of us, and send us a taste of home.

Thank you for the cakes and for your care, for welcoming our responses in line with the weekly baking schedule.

Thank you for the understanding, for the encouragement, for the warmth and love. You strengthen us more than you can imagine.

With appreciation and immense love,
The surveillance soldiers at the Jalameh crossing ♡

Note: Once every two weeks, towards the end of the week, a group of volunteer women from the kibbutz bake cakes for the surveillance soldiers at Jalameh. Eyal Tirosh, who initiated the project, faithfully and devotedly delivers the cakes to them.

The WhatsApp group of the baking women was set up by Adi Ilan and has been active for quite some time.

Anyone interested is welcome to contact Adi.

Gazit Baran Levy

Community Management Agenda **Sunday, 29.03.26, 17:30, Meeting Room**

- 1. Proposal of the Absorption Committee for the “First Home in the Homeland” track**
- 2. Continued discussion on the issue of blast shelters**

Emergency Response team

Security Updates, The Past Week



This week we experienced a single siren alert, amid many calm days, so different from what is happening in other parts of the country. Fortunately, we saw that all of us, young and old alike, know very well what to do and where to go, and the siren even occasionally creates unplanned meetings in the blast shelters and public shelters.

Our children have already returned to an almost full routine. They are champions, above all, at getting through the siren and immediately going back to their favourite games.

Last week, we asked, in the newsletter, that members not invite guests from outside the kibbutz for the Seder night, if they may need to bring them to the limited public protected spaces. We would like to clarify that this request should in no way be understood as meaning that, if guests do arrive at a public shelter, they will be turned away...In times of emergency, we are responsible for one another and for every human being, and we will not close a shelter to anyone during a siren alert.

We repeat our request to take this into account before the holiday and to act with personal and communal responsibility regarding the invitation of guests.

We wish the entire Yizrael community a calm and pleasant weekend, in which the rain will be the only thing falling on us from the sky.

Yizrael Emergency Response Team

Summary of Community Management Meeting – 22.03.2026



Participants: Erez Peleg, Talia Arad, Yifat Segal, Kinneret Govrin, Noga Harpaz, Naomi Amit, Shlomo Levy, Tami Penn, Tamir Blass, Limor Griman

Agenda:

- 3. Preparations for Passover Eve on the kibbutz under wartime conditions**
(Guests: Itzik Shechter and Adi Laviv – Food Branch)

Background:

The Emergency Response Team decided last week that, in light of the security situation and Home Front Command guidelines, it will not be possible to hold the Passover Seder communally in the Dining Hall this year.

In addition, the team emphasised the need to limit the number of guests on the holiday evening and to take into account how many people can safely fit into each household's protected space.

After three weeks of food distribution during the war, it is evident that the quantities of food being taken home are very large, requiring the Food Branch to produce up to double the usual amount in order to meet demand.

In light of this, the question arose whether the same approach should be taken on Passover Eve, or whether quantities should be limited for this large event.

Discussion:

Various options for distributing food on the holiday evening were raised:

- Preparing packaged meals according to the number of residents in each household (excluding guests).
- Allowing additional portions for payment.
- Free distribution following advance registration.

Different views were expressed regarding these options:

- Passover is a family holiday, and it is not appropriate to prevent members from hosting family, especially during a time of anxiety and loneliness.
- It is problematic to introduce drastic changes only a week and a half before the holiday.
- The kitchen team noted that packaging individual portions would require earlier preparation and would significantly complicate operations.

Decision:

Three alternatives were put to a vote:

1. Buffet-style distribution with advance registration.
2. Pre-packaged meals without registration, based on household size.
3. Pre-packaged meals with registration, based on the number of portions requested.

Option 1 was selected: buffet-style food distribution, with advance registration serving as a “declaration of intent” for kitchen planning.

In addition, it was decided to establish a small team to review and discuss possible changes ahead of the Shavuot holiday meal, given that there is sufficient time to consider adjustments and make informed decisions.

4. **Request by Omri and Shlomit Fink to install a blast shelter near their home**
(Guest: Omri Fink)

Omri and Shlomit Fink do not have a safe room in their home. The nearest protection is a public shelter, which is not accessible for individuals with mobility difficulties due to the distance and the descent required.

They requested permission to place a blast shelter near their home to address this accessibility issue.

Shlomo and Erez presented several alternatives that had been examined together with the family, outlining the challenges associated with each:

- Bringing a truck and crane into the older neighbourhood to install a blast shelter would likely cause significant damage to infrastructure, pavements, and electrical lines.
- A possible location was identified at a reasonable distance from the house, though not adjacent to it.

Omri and Shlomit requested that the kibbutz purchase the blast shelter, which would also serve other nearby residents.

Discussion:

- The proposed location does not address additional needs beyond those of the Fink family.
- Installing a blast shelter for one family would set a precedent requiring similar solutions for others with accessibility challenges, at an estimated cost of millions of shekels.
- It was suggested that the family be offered temporary housing in an available apartment with a safe room.

Decision:

Several alternatives will be further examined, after which a final decision will be made.

Limor Griman



Update from the Steering Committee on the Social Process



Dear members, we continue to share with you the building of the social process.

The aim of the process is to build, together, a shared and agreed future, through listening deeply to all the voices in the community and with a genuine desire to hear the full range of views and positions among us. This process is planned to conclude with decision-making based on broad agreement.

To initiate it, the Executive Committee appointed a steering committee to establish the process and select a facilitator.

In the meetings we have held with Esti, who is accompanying us, we began mapping the challenges facing a community like Kibbutz Yizrael as it enters a structured discussion process:

- **Decision-making patterns and lack of trust:** In Yizrael, there is a relatively low level of trust in social discussion processes, whether due to past processes that did not succeed or because members are accustomed to decision-making through the general assembly, led by the committees, and are less experienced in open dialogue. In addition, many fear that discussions will drag on and ultimately not lead to clear decisions.
- **Stigma and generalisations:** Almost every member of the kibbutz carries a label such as “opponent” or “supporter,” and is associated with a particular camp. People often assume they already know what others think before truly listening. This leads to selective listening and the formation of “lobbies” rather than genuine dialogue. The challenge is to remove these labels and create deeper listening.
- **The alternative of inaction:** The team identified that the current economic reality, which includes the need to take loans and reduce budgets, intensifies the need for such a process. The challenge is to manage the future proactively, as, without a structured process, reality may impose painful changes on the kibbutz in an uncontrolled way.

Are there additional challenges we have not identified? If you can think of any, we would very much like to hear them.

Last week, we met with Community Management and the Executive Committee to present the work completed so far and the proposed process, and to receive their support to move forward. It was a fascinating discussion, with a range of voices—both supportive and concerned—but we came away with a clear statement that the leadership bodies support the process.

Next stage: we would like to expand the steering committee and transform it from a founding team into a leading team. We aim to double the size of the group by adding another 7–8 members who, together with the current members, will represent the full social fabric of Kibbutz Yizrael—across age, gender, and outlook—ensuring broad representation of perspectives and needs.

Those interested in joining the team will need to commit to consistent participation in our meetings, which take place on Thursdays at 17:00, and to actively promoting the process, listening, social discussion, and the pursuit of broad agreement.

Anyone who feels suited and able to commit to the above is invited to contact Uri Gilad or Limor Griman. Before joining, there will be a personal conversation with Esti, our facilitator.

If more members apply than there are available places (and we certainly hope that will be the case), we will select from among the applicants those with whom we can form a team that is as diverse and representative of Yizrael as possible.

There is much to look forward to. This is a process that belongs to all of us, and we believe that broad participation will help bring Yizrael to a better place. We will continue to update you next week.

Yours,

The Steering Committee – Peter Pezaro, Tamir Blass, Yifat Assaf, Arnon Matalon, Yaniv Shapira, Uri Gilad, and Limor Griman.

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Summary of Demography Cluster Meeting – 22.03.26

Participants: Adi Goldstein Ilan, Keren Kagan, Eviatar Assaf, Karen Eilon Brustein, Sarit Laviv, Ranit Levy, Rafi Baum, Nitzan Kamilian, Uri Gilad

Absorption Committee Proposal: “First Home in the Homeland” Track

(Beit Rishon B’Moledet)

Karen and Eviatar presented the outline for a new track.

Background:

The Absorption Committee, in line with the demographic plan, aims to absorb approximately 4–6 families in the coming years. There is already difficulty in reaching these numbers for the intake planned for summer 2027, and the Absorption Committee is seeking new avenues. Recently, through contact with the Jewish Agency, a new opportunity has emerged via the “First Home in the Homeland” programme.

Main elements of the programme:

A one-year trial period on the kibbutz, followed by entry into the absorption process. The designated families come to live on the kibbutz. The first half of the year is devoted to Hebrew studies in an ulpan, and the second half to integration into the workforce. The children are part of the kibbutz education system throughout the year. The programme has been operating in recent years in privatised kibbutzim, and is now also being examined for cooperative kibbutzim.

The proposed track:

Following initial screening by the Jewish Agency and the Absorption Committee, two families interested in a cooperative, community-oriented lifestyle will arrive on the kibbutz. The families will be accompanied throughout the year by a coordinator from the Ministry of Absorption and by the Absorption Committee.

In the first stage, the families’ finances will be covered by the absorption basket and by the kibbutz. The initial estimate is a cost to the kibbutz of approximately 35,000 NIS for the two families. At the end of this stage, their suitability for continuation to the second stage will be assessed.

In the second half of the year, the families will work for their livelihood and cover their costs in accordance with resident arrangements under a “temporary residency” track. During this period, the families will undergo the full screening process of the Absorption Committee to ensure full suitability.

Timeline:

Arrival of the families in summer 2026, entry into the absorption process in summer 2027.

Advantages

- Value-driven Zionist activity through the absorption of new immigrants.
- Expansion of the pool of potential candidates.
- Kibbutz Yizrael has a strong track record in absorbing immigrants.

- Families enter the absorption process after a full year of close acquaintance.
- The current housing inventory makes this track possible based on available temporary apartments.

Challenges:

- Investment of kibbutz resources in a “high-risk” initiative, at a time when the Absorption Committee is already handling additional intakes.
- Financial investment during a period of cut-backs.

Summary:

The Demography Cluster supports the programme and commends the Absorption Committee for its work and creativity. In addition, the cluster recommends:

- Bringing in two families (fewer would make it difficult to draw conclusions; more would increase the risks).
- Refining and finalising the financial cost, especially identifying a budget source.
- Considering charging residency fees already during the first half of the year.
- Ensuring with representatives of the Ministry of Absorption and the Jewish Agency that all available benefits are secured.
- Meeting with programme graduates in order to better understand their needs during the process.
- The Absorption Committee should prepare for the significant workload expected from summer 2026.

The matter will be brought for approval by Community Management.

Summarised by: Uri Gilad

Update from the Housing Committee



1. Maayan and Alon Matalon have moved into the house above Zehava **Edvi** in Hod Housing.
2. We are happy to report that in recent days several families have moved into their new homes in the Rugby neighbourhood. Mazal tov, and best of luck to those moving soon.
3. The Dashevski family, Sivan Guy and the children, will soon move into the house that has become vacant in the Zachat.
4. Anna Gavrilov's mother will be moving in over the next few days to the former home of the late Natalie Baum in the Parents' Housing.
5. The homes of the late Pnina Omer and the late Mirik Yuval in Upper Tzameret Housing are now being opened for tender as permanent homes. Both houses are 110 square metres, both have a second storey, and both include a safe room. The tender will remain open for two weeks, until 10.04.26. Visits to the houses will be by arrangement and accompanied by a representative of the Housing Committee. You may contact Nitzan Kamilian or Noga Harpaz.

Nitzan Kamilian, on behalf of the Housing Committee



Human Resources Updates

Within the complex reality in the country, and as we approach the end of a month of "Roaring Lion," here are several guidelines regarding work reporting:

- For the dates 01.03–13.03, all members who did not work or did not complete a full workday will be recorded under an emergency code.
- From 15.03 onwards, full work is required. One parent per household with children under the age of 14 will be recorded under an emergency code, as long as the formal education systems remain closed.
- Members whose workplaces are still not operating fully or partially are asked to contact Kinneret in order to be integrated into places where assistance is needed.
- In general, and at present as well, anyone doing reserve duty is asked to submit a reserve duty report to Human Resources so that the days can be recorded in the work register.

- Outside workers, as usual, are requested to submit their payslips to Dana Alster by the 10th of the month. Reporting will be done accordingly, based on the payslip and kibbutz decisions.

- As this is not a routine month, you may seek assistance from Human Resources regarding work reporting, and send your March work records to Kinneret by email hr@yizrael.com.

These guidelines apply to the month of March. We will update further regarding April.

For any questions regarding work and work reporting, you are welcome to contact Kinneret.

This is an opportunity to express our sincere thanks to all those who have continued working and maintaining the ongoing functioning of the systems.

We would appreciate assistance in the service branches on the kibbutz, including early childhood and guard duty.

With hope for a swift return to a safe routine,

Limor Griman, Secretary
Erez Peleg, Community Management
Kinneret Govrin, Human Resources Manager

Update from the Higher Education Committee



In light of the situation, we have decided to extend the deadline for submitting applications for studies until 20.04.26, in order to give those who have not yet had the time to complete the forms required for studying a little more time to do so.

We all hope for days of quiet and peace, amen. Sarit Laviv



From the Committee Appointments Committee

1. Young Generation Committee

The committee proposes **Shimrit Tzafadia** and **Adi Ilan** as members of the Young Generation Committee.

2. Mourning Committee

The committee proposes **Reut Shaliv** as a member of the Mourning Committee.

3. Sportiyulim Committee

The committee proposes **David Sarno** as a member of the Sportiyulim Committee.

4. Education Cluster

The committee proposes **Gal Wittelson** as the public representative to the Education Cluster.

Gal's candidacy will be presented at the general assembly, and the election will be held by ballot.

You are invited to contact members of the Committee Appointments Committee: **Kinneret Govrin, Albert Rosilio, Liran Penn, Navot Assaf, Dotan Savir, Sheli Edelstein, Hedva Sharabani.**

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Rainfall Table - Winter 2025-2026 – **26.3.26**

Rainfall to date: 389 mm

Over the past 7 days 39 mm of rain fell

As compared to the multi-year average to date: **403 mm (-4%)**

Month	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	Apr	May
Total	12	0	53	149	105	26	44		
Average	0.7	15	52	100	112	81	51	19	5

Ohad Ziv

The Hut in the Rugby Grove - Noga Harpaz

Following the publication in the last newsletter regarding the hut, I would like to share the full picture and present all the facts as they are.

The hut has existed for over 30 years and served the Rugby Branch for many years. Throughout this entire period, it functioned as an active kibbutz structure, shared by kibbutz members and players from outside the kibbutz. During all those years, no claim was raised regarding the absence of permits, nor was the possibility of dismantling the structure ever brought or raised. At least not for broad public discussion.

After the Rugby Branch relocated and vacated the structure, I requested permission to convert it into a community woodworking workshop, and I received approval from Community Management. Contrary to what was written in the newsletter, it is important to clarify that the activity taking place there is not “unauthorised,” but is fully coordinated, open, and acknowledged.



The workshop is a voluntary, community-based social initiative, intended to enable creativity, connection, and a sense of belonging. Today, around 30 kibbutz members aged 40–80 participate.

The workshop operates four times a week, and also hosts activities for community branches, workshops for members, birthday events, and a summer programme for children from the tlatonim.

The activity operates under the Tapuach Cluster.

It is important to note that several significant professional checks have been carried out regarding the structure:

1. The structure was inspected and approved by a structural engineer.

2. A safety inspection was conducted for both the structure and its equipment.
3. The matter of insurance was reviewed, and there is indeed insurance coverage for the activity.

When the green area for the new neighbourhood was planned, no reference was made to the historic structure already located on the site. This represents a planning oversight that stemmed from insufficient awareness of the site's importance as part of our community heritage.



In the original plan for the area, a playground was indeed designated at the location of the hut. However, changes were later made to the plan:

the playground was cancelled, and the width of the pavement was altered due to its proximity to the hut. This indicates that, in later planning stages, the hut was taken into account and its presence effectively acknowledged.

In light of all this, it is unclear why the issue is being raised now, after planning adjustments have already been made and professional approvals have recognised both the structure and its use.

As of today, no decision has been made, and the discussion is still ongoing. However, prior to the meeting that took place over a month ago, I was told that I would be invited to participate, yet in practice the discussion was held without me.

In addition, the report in the newsletter was published only about a month after the discussion, which does not allow for real-time transparency and limits the public's ability to take part in the process.

Beyond the specific details, a broader question arises:

Is it appropriate to decide on dismantling an existing structure, with a history and active community use, without broad community involvement?

It is also important to note that when there is a conflict of interests among some committee members regarding the location in question, there is an even greater need to ensure full transparency and to conduct the process with sensitivity and care.

The feeling is that the possibility of regulating, preserving, and adapting the structure is not being thoroughly examined, and that the process is moving forward too quickly relative to its significance.

I believe this is a broad community decision, not merely a technical one.

A Glimpse into the Service Year - Karen Eilon Brustein

On Friday, 27.02.26, just before the tense Shabbat that marked the opening of the campaign against Iran, our Year of service volunteers (shinshinim) set off to their homes for what was meant to be a routine weekend. What began as a short break turned into a week of uncertainty. The question, “When will we be able to return to the kibbutz?” hung in the air, accompanied by a strong desire among the shinshinim to come back and contribute wherever activity was continuing.

As Home Front Command guidelines became clearer, we were very pleased to bring the commune back to Yizrael. The kibbutz quickly mobilised to reopen the education system in the best possible way, and the shinshinim immediately integrated into community work wherever they were needed.

In normal times, we are used to having one or two shinshinim present in the early childhood system, but the security situation, together with strict protection guidelines, required many more helping hands. Alongside volunteer parents, the shinshinim were recruited to ensure the safety of the young children and to enable rapid movement to protected spaces if necessary. Today, they can be seen working with dedication in the Petel and Duvdevan toddler groups, the Rimon preschool, and Alon kindergarten, while also continuing their roles in the informal education system, at Tlaton Carmel, Tavor, and in the youth groups.

Throughout the year, a significant portion of the commune’s activity takes place outside the kibbutz: guiding in schools, working with communication classes and special education, volunteering with Akim, in “Merchav Neshima,” in the boarding schools Beit Singer and Beit Ruth, and in elderly community gardens across the valley, led by David Beutler.

The current shift, with most of the work now centred within the kibbutz, is both interesting and deeply connecting, allowing the shinshinim to get to know the community more closely.

We asked four shinshinim about their educational work:

Tom Asulin (Alon Kindergarten and Tlaton Carmel):

“For me, working in education is an opportunity to bring my full self into what I do. There is no greater satisfaction than sharing with the children the things I love and seeing the spark in their eyes when they begin to love them too. In those moments, I understand how deep the meaning of what we do here really is.”

Tamar Sondak (Petel toddler group and youth):

“The heart of my work is the conversations with the teenagers. That’s where the real magic happens. I feel that, through words and personal connection, I can make a positive impact and give them something to carry forward. If I have one tip for anyone entering this world, it would be: come with plenty of initiative and determination, that’s the key to success.”

Erez Pizanti (Alon Kindergarten and youth):

“The combination of working with early childhood at Gan Alon and the activity with the youth is a refreshing change that gives me a broader, more dynamic perspective. It’s fascinating to accompany the process the participants go through and to see them grow. I feel that the bond we’ve built this year is strong and unique, and that’s what makes this service so meaningful.”

Bari Ben Haim (Rimon preschool):

“The most moving part of the work is the sense of fulfilment at the end of the day, when the children see me on the paths or in the dining hall, run up for a hug, and say hello. In those moments, I know I am truly meaningful to them. Working in education requires a great deal of patience and flexibility to meet the system’s needs, and alongside the challenges, I find the small moments of joy that gives strength and fills the heart.”

With hope for good news and continued meaningful work,
The Service Year Team - Submitted by: Karen Eilon Brustein



Impressions from Academia on the Bar,

(this time in Or B'Giva)

Tzach Sassi's lecture: "Investment Principles That Work for Everyone"

The lecture was a good opportunity for a couples' date night, to get out a bit, and to learn how to make money.

The lounge at Or B'Givah was packed from wall to wall, from the younger generation upward, after all, this was not a topic to be missed...

So, after one false alarm, and thank God we did not all have to squeeze into a single blast shelter, we settled into the subject at hand.

In a light atmosphere, with a first-rate lecturer, we were introduced to important concepts from the world of investments: the S&P 500, returns, the long term, compound interest, and more...

Most importantly, we were given practical tools on the subject, including recommendations on what to do, and what not to do, in the capital market.

The explanations were clear and accessible, accompanied by an impressive presentation that proved to us that it is possible to learn about the capital market without being flooded by endless graphs, because if it works for cats, it will work for us too...

The quickest among the group had already managed, that very same evening, to send an email to Meni Barko asking to be moved into an S&P 500 investment, and said goodbye to that money for many long years.

Everyone else was probably left reflecting on the less successful investment in TARIA.

Thank you to Tzach for reminding us once again that it is possible to learn anything, you just have to choose the right teacher.

Wishing us all a pleasant and peaceful weekend,
Shelly Moshe Edelstein

Note from the Alon Editor: It should be remembered that what was said in the lecture did not constitute financial advice, but was a general lecture only.

Art Week on the Kibbutz - Sarit Laviv



Art Week on the kibbutz was a truly lovely initiative, offering some welcome escapism.



The week was clearly accompanied by a great deal of thought: consideration for venues near protected spaces, activities suited to a range of ages, and a variety of creative forms, including writing, cutting, weaving, and more.



On a cool evening, Tali Brauman drew me away from my Zoom routine and took me to Tlaton Tavor, where a collage workshop with Nitzan R.F. was taking place. There were friendly faces I had not seen in quite some time, along with conversation, guidance, and creative work that allowed us to imagine and, for a while, forget the everyday.

Thank you to Nitzan for her generosity

and guidance, and to the Culture Committee for thinking creatively about how to provide a meaningful response for the community during these times (for full disclosure, I am a member of the committee, though I was not involved in planning Art Week 😊).



Collage



Creative Writing



Communal Singing



Flower Arranging



Delving into the archives

Since the early days of Yizrael, we have been fortunate to be blessed with illustrators who created backdrops for our festivals and various events.



In 1954, Moshiko (Moshe Sinai) painted illustrations for the Passover Seder that was held in the dining hall hut.



For too many years to remember, Miki Touz's decorations have been an inseparable part of the Passover Festive celebrations



My Second Nature -The Great Tit* (Yargazi) -



The great tit is a resident songbird, present here all year round, and by Passover one can already see fledglings that have left the nest and pursue their parents, pleading for food. The great tit's breeding season normally begins between March and June, although nesting has been observed in January and

February. There are many great tits on Kibbutz Yizrael, scattered throughout corner. The great tit likes to nest in small in trees and in man-made cavities. Nest openings in outdoor light fittings, and place that can serve as a protected all become nesting sites. The female lays



also every holes boxes, any hollow about

seven eggs and incubates them, and both parents share the task of feeding the chicks, even after they have become fledglings. Great tits feed on small insects. In the photograph, a great tit that chose a clay jar with a long neck as its nesting site has returned to it for the third consecutive year. Rotem Agmon

** (No pun intended – Ed)*

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Chat's Addition to the Greater Tit story:

Ed – Good morning, Chat. Why is it called a TIT

Chat: It sounds funny in modern English, but the word “**tit**” in bird names has nothing to do with its slang meaning.

The name comes from very old European languages. The root “**tit**” or “**tite**” simply meant “**small**” or “**little**”. It appears in several Germanic languages (like Old English and Old Norse) and was used for small animals or objects.

So “**titmouse**” (the older full name) literally meant something like “**small bird.**”

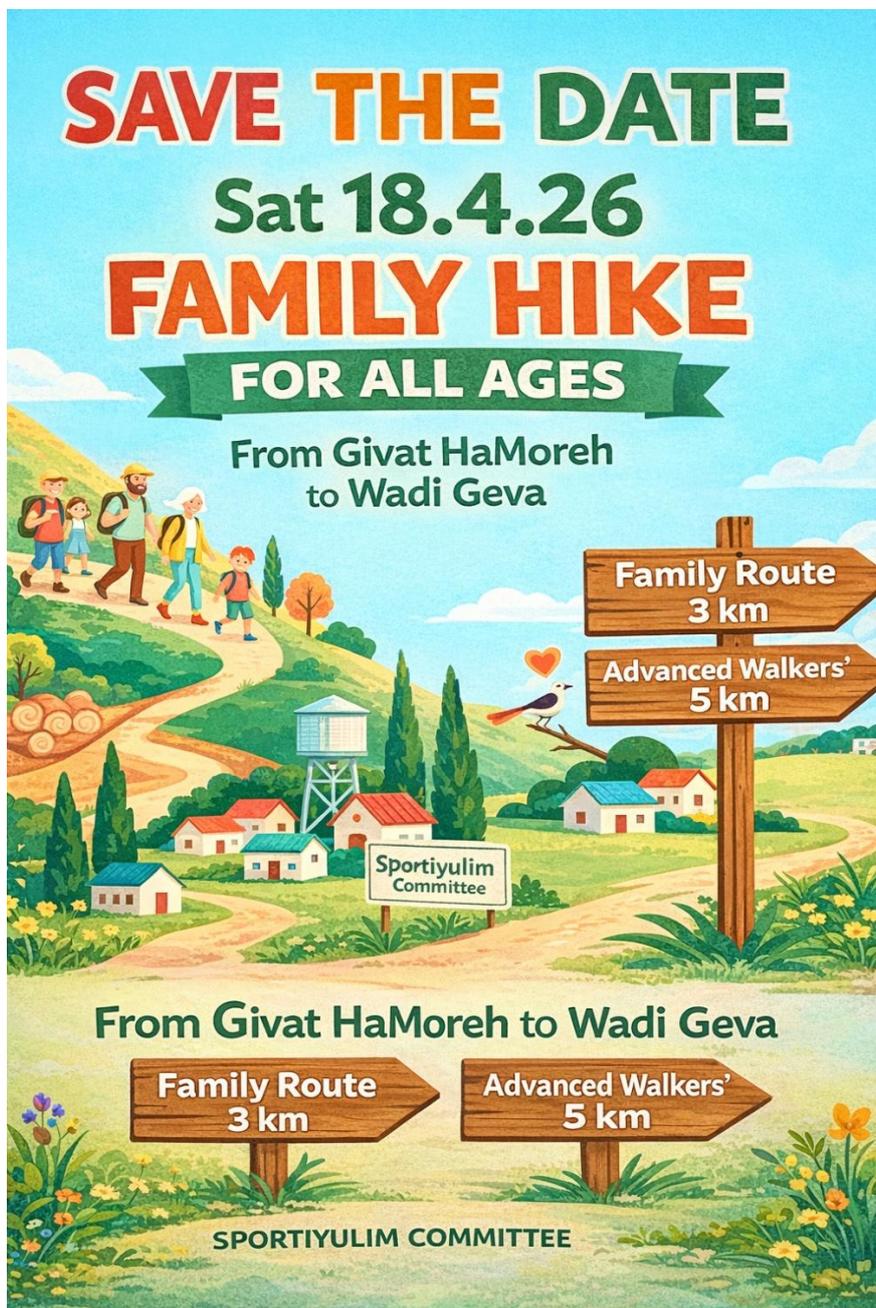
- “**tit**” = small

- “mouse” (from an old word *mase*) = bird

Over time, the “mouse” part dropped out in common usage, leaving us with names like **great tit**, **blue tit**, **coal tit**, etc.

So basically, a **great tit** just means “a relatively larger bird within a group of small birds.”

It’s one of those cases where language evolved... and ended up sounding much stranger to modern ears than it originally was 😊





PASSOVER EVENTS ON KIBBUTZ YIZRAEL

Freedom, Spring, and Community



Wed 01.04 | Holiday Eve

Holiday Meal Distribution
Dining Hall



Thurs 02.04 | Soup & Song

Sing-Along with Stas
At the moadon



Shabbat 04.04 | Exodus Journey

“From Egypt to Freedom”
A Journey Between Bomb Shelters



Mon 06.04 | Afikomen Challenge

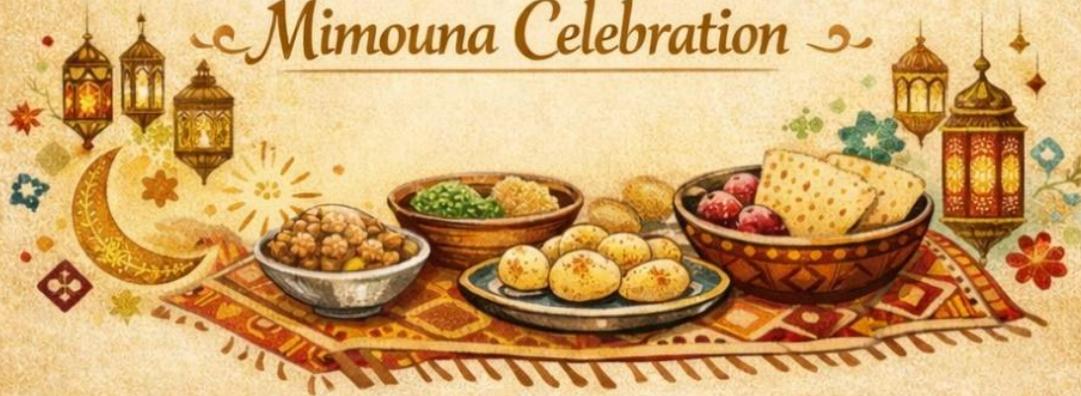
Family Game Experience
“Search for the Afikomen”

Wed 08.04 | The Joymobile

Bringing Music and Smiles
To Your Neighbourhood



Mimouna Celebration



ENGLISH IS FUN with Rahel

MORE ENGLISH

If you spell the words "absolutely nothing" backwards, you get gnihton yletulosba, which ironically means absolutely nothing.

TEACHER: Give me a sentence which includes the words defense, defeat and detail.

CHARLIE: When a horse jumps over defense, defeat go first, and then detail.

I recently called an old Engineering buddy of mine and asked what he was working on these days. He replied that he was working on "Aqua- thermal treatment of ceramics, aluminum and steel under a constrained environment".

I was impressed until, upon further inquiry, I learned that he was washing dishes with hot water under his wife's supervision.

If GH is pronounced P in hiccough,
If OUGH is pronounced O in dough,
If PHTH is pronounced T in phthisis,
If EIGH is pronounced A in neighbour,
If TTE is pronounced T in gazette, and
If EAU is pronounced O in plateau,
Then the correct way to spell potato would be:
GHOUGHPTHTEIGHTTEEAU

GOOSE - GEESE

NOOSE - NOOSES

MOOSE - MOOSE

(Honestly, English learners never had a chance!!)

Don't use a big word when a singularly unloquacious and diminutive linguistic expression will satisfactorily accomplish the contemporary necessity.

If you think that the
the work of a
proofreader is easy
read this again .
70% of the public can't
spot the mistake in this text.

100 years ago, everyone owned a horse and only the rich had cars.
Today, everyone has a car and only the rich have horses.
The stables have turned .

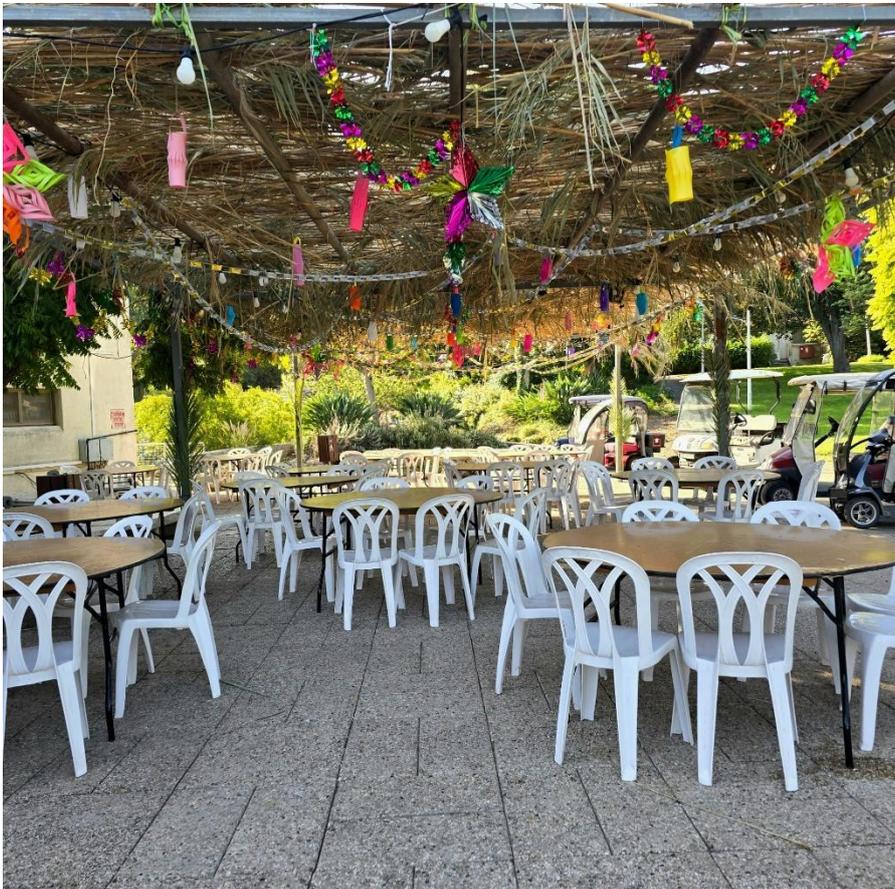
Nothing in the English language starts with an N and ends in G.

.....more next week

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The Kibbutz Yard – Through the lens of Yaniv Shapira









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