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Kibbutz Yizrael

Suddenly, a Scream Erupted.

David Grossman / At a demonstration

Tel Aviv, June 22, 2024

Suddenly a scream Erupted
out of nowhere, with a sharp
and intense crack
Waking us from a frantic sleep—
It roared – 'Tell me, have you gone mad or what'?
To give up on all this?
Just like that, already, to despair
Without putting up a fight'?
'Leave us', we said,
'Let us retreat into ourselves,
'To mourn our dead,
'To wait until this thing,
which no words can describe, ends.

We are mute in the face of heavy sorrow,
In the face of the horror of our hostages.
So let us be, just be,
Without understanding, without thinking
Until the pain of the plundered, trampled
land, stops hurting.
The ravaged land, the raped land.
For a moment the lights trembled, for a moment the tunnels howled
And the world was black and white.
And the world was coal and ice.
And in the middle of the night, we got up to flee,
My wife, me, and the child,
And the scream laid on my shoulder,
And hope on my other shoulder,
Ventilated and anesthetised
'Because how long can we go on like this,' my wife said quietly,
so the child would not hear,
so the terror wouldn't strike him,
'We were the most high-tech people in the world, and we were a "start-up nation,"
And now it turns out, we had a defect,
essentially, we were just...
the opening act
for that one in the square who shouted,
'Fake! Fake!'
'Look,' whispered my wife,
'See, this is how it unfolds
'This is what it looks like when it really happens'

we saw – we saw long, silent convoys,
flowing from the mountains to the valleys,
being swallowed by ships, which are swallowed by the seas,
'As if in one day of horror this land became too demanding,
beyond our means,' said my wife in amazement.
'No, no,' scoffed a passing boy on a scooter, with a gun in his belt,
'No, no, but in one day of terror you waned, maybe you lost,
maybe you never had the passion
for a land of your own– '
'It's not that we are fleeing'
I said to my wife,
'We are just changing state, just relocating,'
Suddenly the child spoke: 'Come on, get up parents,
Rise from the ashes–
Fear and despair make you gray– '
So spoke our son, and before our eyes he grew and grew,
Displaying pictures of himself from an album we didn't know,
of a bleeding childhood, a childhood of war, a destroyed cradle,
Here and there also pictures of a vibrant childhood...
' Because if we don't rise from the ashes now,' said the son,
'We will never rise again, ever– '
'Or we will rise transformed'
My wife said, 'So strange and terrible,
'So harsh and bitter,
'And hating –
Until we are never again
The false generation."

'Now it's the last moment,'
roared the son, 'and even if it sounds like a cliché,
As if: 'a temporary measure',
Indeed, now the rules are being written:
'People who were abandoned – abandon.
'People who were forsaken – forsake. Speak to me, father,
Give me breath,
'I am getting older, father, I am on the verge,
'My soul is weary of the surroundings, weary.
'Give me hope, give me a reason -
'You are silent, father, I will say it for you:
Now is the time to fight, men and women
'Now is the time to go out into the streets and the highways,
'And there is someone to fight for, there is something to fight for,
'Because such a gift, from life,
'We will never receive again,
And a state will not grow again
Out of the strife.
'There is someone to fight for,
'Everything depends on you,
'Now is the time to rise, to live,
To be a nation or not to be at all,
To be or not to be –
And there is someone to fight for, and there is something to fight for,
And everything depends
Do not hold back..'

David Grossman

New defibrillator in the rugby club.

This week, we installed a new defibrillator in the rugby area near the 'Doctor's Room' for the benefit of rugby players, various activity groups, and gym members.

A reminder of the existing defibrillators' locations:

1. Secretary's office in the outside cabinet (accessible 24/7).
2. Rugby area (accessible 24/7).
3. Clinic's club car, mobile with Liran.
4. Main entrance of the dining hall (accessible 24/7).
5. Pool area, in the cabinet next to the refrigerator (during pool hours).
6. Clinic, (during clinic hours).
7. Lilach Ron's house, Tzameret upper housing. Mobile with Lilach.

The defibrillators are not locked to ensure they can be used in emergencies without unnecessary hassle. Do not open or remove them from their place unless for medical purposes.

All devices were recently checked and found to be in good condition.

If you borrow the device for an activity, please get approval or update Liran so we know it is not in its regular place.

May we never need them.

Liran Pen and Talia Arad



Hosting the Kibbutz Menara community

We are privileged to be hosting the Manara community, which has been evacuated from their homes for many months, on Thursday, 4/7/24.

From 4:00 p.m. the swimming pool and the moadon will be used by them, and will be closed to Yizrael members.

Hospitality Contact - Irit Mor

We wish the Manara community an enjoyable a few hours together.

Yifat Asaf.

Disposable Utensils... not for me!!!

This week, the project to replace the dishwasher in the dining room began. Along with the joy of the improvement and upgrade in the food branch, there were also bad feelings about the number of disposable dishes that we will have to use during the coming weeks.

Fortunately for us, after one day of testing, the food branch decided to go back to using regular cutlery.

In order to encourage the dining public to preserve the quality of the environment, we placed a dishwashing station in the square outside the dining room.

At the station you have at your disposal - a trash can, dish soap, scotch tape and paper towels.

We invite the general public to bring disposable tableware from home (plate, cup, bowl) and at the end of the meal to wash the dishes at the station, so you can take them clean for the rest of your day.

In the coming days, we hope to add, next to the washing station, a hanging device, on which you can leave your dishes in a bag so that they will be waiting for your next meal.

Blessings for a clean world for all of us -

Uri Gilad, Ella Cohen, Gazit Baran Levy, Tal Wolfson-Darom, Yotam Assaf, Adi Ilan-Goldstein,

Adi Laviv (representative of the Food Branch), Einan Grosser, Amr Sharoni, Amri Sankar, Shira Yisraeli (Shira, Google translate calls you “Israeli Poetry” A fitting name for a caring person. I won’t use “Paper Towels”. I will wipe my utensils on my shirt... just don’t tell my wife... Ed)



Thanks, from the Fink family

We would like to thank everyone who helped in the last weeks of her illness, and after the passing of my beloved wife and children’s mother, Dorit.

To the clinic staff, and especially to Liran Penn, for her dedication in the last days of her life.

To The House of Music’s klezmer band who came on their own initiative to play for Dorit. To the entire House of Music staff and in particular to Stas, for organizing and performing the moving and unique ceremony in the moadon and for accompanying the family during the entire Shiva.

To the mourning committee, and especially to Enan and Yitzchak Peleg.

We thank all the members of the kibbutz who came to visit and came to comfort us.

Thank you so much. From the Fink family.

Summary of the community management meeting - 6/23/2024

Present: Erez Peleg, Talia Arad, Yifat Segal, Shlomo Levy, Ilana Peleg, Tamir Blas, Limor Greiman, Kinneret Govrin, Ishai Levy, Maor Persai, Yifat Assaf

1. Reservist grants in the Iron Swords War (guests: Bar and Shahar Levy, Einan and Alita Grosser, Ishai and Mor, Segal and Shay Hadar)

There was a discussion on the reserve grants given by the state to reservists in the Iron Swords War. The reservists and their wives who came to the meeting expressed their opinions. The discussion took place in a good and supportive atmosphere towards our reservists, and at the same time there is an issue here that challenges the cooperative kibbutz. The discussion will continue at the next meeting, after which the full report will be published.

2. Procedure for extended vacations. (Shnat Chofesh)

The Extended Leave Procedure came up for discussion at the assembly, and after a relatively large number of reservations were raised, including those that require legal counsel, we stopped the discussion in order to receive legal advice, to examine the reservations that were raised and incorporate some of them into the procedure, as well as to add an appendix, which refers to the members who are Pensioners (in cooperation with Inbal Adler, coordinator of the third age cluster).

Since then, the community management devoted two more meetings to the issue, in order to once again bring to the meeting as clear and comprehensive a procedure as possible, after adjustments and improvements.

It was decided: to recommend to the assembly to accept the proposed procedure.

Note: Due to the length of the procedure, it will be uploaded at the end of the week to Kehilant for review. You can also get a printed copy at the secretariat.

Sundry - Tamir Blas requests to put on the agenda of the community management a discussion regarding a generator for "Sadot". The request was accepted.

Conclusion: Yifat Assaf

Report from the Assefa - 6/24/2024

Chairman - Shlomo Cohen

Present - 30 members

On the agenda:

Public representatives in the management of the reserve fund - David Shahrabani and Idan Zelas

The composition of the management Committee: Chairman Elad Ilan, external accountant - Raviv Yishai, external attorney - Omer Cohen, representative of the community management - Shlomo Levy, representative of the management board - Tzachi Tzafadia, David Sharabani and Idan Zelas.

Public representatives in the Young Generation Committee - Matan Elul, Rotem Kamilian

The composition of the committee: Ranit Levy (coordinator), Ishai Levy (director of the Cluster), David Beutler, Monica Brustein, Keren Kagan, Rotem Kamilian and Matan Elul.

Nir Segal introduced the various candidates.

The assembly wished success to the public representatives in the Young Generation Committee.

Public representatives in the management of the reserve fund - David Sharabani and Idan Zelas.

27 - in favor

0 - against

1 - avoided.

The assembly wished success to David and Idan. Yifat Assaf

Economic council - 6/24/2024

Chairman - Uri Gilad

Ron Cohen opened the council with a brief overview of the Maytronics situation.

(The details were not reported in the Alon – Ed)

1. Approval of the gas station project - Phase III

Ron Cohen presented the proposal, which includes:

-Confirmation of execution of Phase III for the gas station complex of the Yizrael Alon Corporation

-Enlarging the Alonit compound

-Establishment of an advanced car washing complex.

-Establishing a commercial complex to fully exploit the land's potential - a total of about 1,000 more square meters of commercial building.

Rationale for the proposed deal:

Business results: so far - 70% more than the original business plan.

Ron detailed the proposal for continuing to exploit the joint success of Yizrael Alon and realizing the business potential, as well as the gist of the deal.

Vote: The Economic Council approves the decision of the Holdings Board of Directors regarding overall execution for the completion of Phases B and C of the gas station

complex and recommends to the kibbutz assembly to approve the transfer of the land - 4 d [Lots 520 + 521] to the joint corporation - Yizrael Alon for the purpose of expansion and business development.

(22- for, 2- against, 1- abstained)

2. Approval of a budget for the conversion of the ZAZAT building and the gym into two housing units for evacuees

Erez presented the data according to the presentation sent as background material. A discussion was held that dealt with the source of the funding, and it was clarified that the funding would be from the housing fund, to which the absorption fees of those admitted would be returned. Erez presented the outline that was approved two weeks earlier in the assembly.

- The building will be needed for the purpose of the ZACHAT required by 2029
- Project initiator: Absorption Committee
- The project was approved by the community management and in the assembly on May 27, 2024
- Project cost: about NIS 600,000 (for two units on the top floor of the building)
- Source of funding: The Housing Fund. Based on the transfer of the admission fees that will be collected from the families, which will be transferred back to the housing fund
- Project manager: the construction manager
- Actual operation: the building branch (such as is customary when renovating temporary apartments)
- Start date: 1.8.2024
- Duration of the project: 4 months

Resolved: In accordance with the data in this presentation, the Economic Council approves the budget of 600,000 NIS for the purpose of converting the ZACHAT building and the gym into two housing units. (17- in favor, 7- abstentions, no opponents).

3. Approval of reinforcing a room for the control center in the building designated for the secretariat (Old dining room)

Erez presented the need for a protected control center, and the desire to reinforce a room in the building intended for the secretariat:

- In times of emergency, a Kibbutz control center's role is to coordinate operations, assist in the deployment of forces, and respond to members' needs.
- The need for a protected control center was raised by the Home Defence team (Tzachi) and approved by the community management
- The chosen place - the small meeting room in the old secretariat building
- In light of the condition of the building, the location of the room was determined also in consultation with a constructor
- The reinforced room will serve as a protected space in the structure and will be integrated into any future planning
- The cost of shielding an existing room and qualifying it as an emergency room: about 250,000 NIS
- The cost of building a similar-sized reinforced room, outside of the outline of the building: about NIS 400,000
- Implementation date: as soon as possible
- Duration of the project: about two weeks

A discussion was held, in which doubts were raised, whether it is correct to reinforce the room and not to use an existing shielded structure, such as a shelter, or one of the Reinforced rooms in the kindergartens. It was also said that it is not correct to reinforce a room and determine a design fact before there is an overall design for the secretariat building. Erez said, that in all planning the secretariat will remain in the original structure. In his opinion, the control center cannot be part of an educational structure, and a shelter cannot be used as a control center. The need for a control center is immediate, but the decision was not made hastily.

Lilach, the chairman of Tzachi home security team, explained the security need to reinforce the control center. The control center cannot be used as a place that has another function - it has to be immediately ready for use.

There was a discussion on the degree of urgency of establishing a control center. Various alternative solutions were proposed.

The council agreed to withdraw the proposal, rethink it, and return it for approval after further examination.

Concluded: Uri Gilad and Yifat Assaf

Summary of the H.R. Management Meeting - 23/6/2024

Participants: Noa Armoza, Yifat Assaf, Peter Pizarro, Eddie Solow, Shlomo Cohen, Irit Shemesh, Nir Segal, Rotem Agmon, Erez Peleg and Kinneret Govrin.

1. The work of the members in Maytronics

For about a year and a half we have been making a proactive effort on the part of H.R. to absorb as many kibbutz members as possible in Maytronics. Due to the importance of the issue, this is also one of the goals of H.R.'s work plan for the coming year. At the same time, Maytronics entered a complex situation that requires reductions in manpower, which makes it very difficult to meet the plan. Over the past year, the working relationship with the Maytronics H.R. has strengthened, trust has been built and there is joint and continuous work, as well as a full understanding on the part of Maytronics of the importance of integrating kibbutz members into the company. Every week, C. Vs of members, candidates and the younger generation are passed on, and they are invited to interviews and introductory meetings. In addition, there is an attempt to prevent as much as possible the laying off of members and candidates. It is important to note that there are differences between the termination factors of each employee in the company and the dismissals are largely among salaried employees either. In the last year, there was even a study of the engagement agreement between the kibbutz and Maytronics regarding the employment of kibbutz members, and when it can be updated, the issue will be examined in depth.

In the discussion

- There is a lot of "noise" around those who are laid off by Maytronics, not about those who are accepted for work there.. The movement of outgoing and incoming was similar in the last year.
- What you hear on the paths should be taken with a grain of salt - the managers cannot publicly say the reasons for the layoffs, but the fired people can say anything they like.
- We must prepare for a more problematic period in Maytronics with all that this implies, and take into account that there may be another wave of personnel cutbacks.
- It takes time to build a relationship of trust between the kibbutz and the company.
- It is important to reflect to the public the situation in Maytronics and that the members can prepare financially.

- Now is not the time to burden Maytronics with requests and demands from the kibbutz.
- One should be careful not to throw the baby out with the bath water and make demands that can only damage the employment conditions of members of Maytronics.
- There is a feeling over the years that quite a few members do not want to work at Maytronics due to the length of the work day and the commitment involved.

In conclusion, there is no gap in relation to the percentage of kibbutz members entering or leaving work at Maytronics than expected in accordance with the general efficiency of the company. The work between H.R. Yizrael and H.R. Maytronics continues to be close. We wish for the success of the company and the entry of members, but it is important to prepare for the opposite situation as well. Any member/candidate/young generation interested in working in the company is invited to contact Kinneret.

Kinneret Govrin

A Call for a new Editor of the kibbutz bulletin (Alon)

Reut Shaliv's has asked to be replaced in her work of editing the Alon

General:

Overall responsibility for the Yizrael newsletter, starting from the stage of collecting the materials until bringing it to print.

Subordination: Mazkir

Scope of Position: Two days a week - priority for pensioners (Who can work full time if they want – Ed)

Apply Kinneret. H.R. by July 13, 2024.



From Erez's Desk

The summer vacation is here and I wish all students and 12th graders a summer of clearing their heads and gaining strength for the future. May this period allow you to experience a "normal" summer vacation without unusual security and safety incidents.

Security

The State of Israel has been at war on several fronts since October 7, 2023, and we understand that it is not going to end soon. The winds of war, as reflected in the media, herald the intensification of fighting on the northern front and probably on other fronts as well, including the one located only five kilometers from us.

It is true that our kibbutz is not a target. However, the current war is not similar to the previous wars we have experienced, both in terms of its length, both in terms of the number of active fronts, and in terms of the types of armaments used by our enemy. In light of all this, we must take into account that we too, in our kibbutz, may experience events that require defensive action.

We are prepared to respond to various scenarios and we are constantly busy assessing the situation with the official security officials. I call on each and every one to go over the defensive instructions in every case of an alert. The instructions appear on the Home Front Command website but also on Kehilanet. We must be prepared for any scenario.

Playgrounds About a month ago, the project of making the playgrounds used by the toddlers accessible to all, was completed. The project was carried out as part of the community's annual investment plan, and according to the accepted Israeli standards for the establishment of playgrounds.

The accessibility of the playgrounds using synthetic grass has raised many objections and concerns among some parents and those concerned with the quality of the environment. In light of the concerns and the additional information presented to me, we will work to reduce the surface area of the synthetic grass while maintaining the principles of accessibility and safety.

The vehicles serve us, but...

The vehicles that serve us, including scooters and clubcars, allow us comfort and even quality of life. However, their use also creates risks. In our kibbutz space, there are very clear definitions regarding the separation between the paths in the residential

areas in the center of the kibbutz and the regulated parking options, especially in its perimeter. Parking vehicles of any kind as close as possible to the member's house, blocking the public thoroughfares, is a safety hazard and a public nuisance. The paths are mainly intended for pedestrians. ...(At any time an ambulance may need to pass – Ed!)

For example: the entrance to the dining room is crowded with pedestrians and club cars driving and parked ...right next to the entrance. This is also the case at the entrance to the store,

I ask each and every one, to park their vehicles only in the regulated parking lots and to maintain a distance of at least five meters from the doors of the dining room and the kolbo.

West Nile fever

West Nile fever is transmitted by mosquito bites. Mosquitoes breed in water and places with standing water. In order to reduce the mosquito population, it is recommended to make sure that there is no standing water in the vicinity of your home... not even empty flowerpots or buckets. Make sure that there are no sources of water that cause dampness or high and constant humidity!

Project progress report.

- **The northern neighborhood** - the construction permit process is nearing completion and we are busy preparing the tender file for the building contractors. The intention is to publish the tender in the middle of July and start the construction in the second half of September.
- The building in parents' housing is nearing completion.
- The building of youth housing - estimated completion of the project - end of the year.
- Renovation of the kitchen and kolbo - the project of replacing the dishwasher and renovating the dishwashing room has begun. Estimated completion of the project August 1, 2024. This is an important and significant milestone in the kitchen renovation project, which will continue over several years. The renovation works require special preparation and changes in the functioning of the food branch, as published by the branch.

Head of the community's water system -

Matan Elul ends his role as the head of the community's water system. As of July 1, 2024, the person responsible for the community's water system will be Kobi Levy, under the auspices of the building branch. I would like to thank Matan for his service in this important position in recent years, and wish Kobi success in fulfilling his role.

Head of energy control -

Jeremy Pearling ends his position as the person in charge of energy control in the community, to free up his time for his other duties. Jeremy continues to be the kibbutz's energy manager. From July 1, 2024, the area of energy control in the community will return to Hashmaliya (Electrical branch) and will be managed by Alon Reuven. I thank Jeremy for his work in the field of energy control and wish Alon the best of luck.

Erez Peleg

Higher Education Committee Meeting Minutes - 18.6.24

Present: Natalie Zinenko, Rotem Agmon, Revital Zelas, Peter Pezaro, Philippa Segal, Alita Mor, Sarit Laviv

Welcome to Alita and Natalie, the new members of the committee.

The committee discussed the list of students as previously published; updates were provided regarding the various students.

It was decided:

- At the next meeting, each committee member will receive a continuing student and a new student whom he accompanies throughout the year. Each student must sign the new agreement. The committee member must be in regular contact with the student for the purpose of monitoring and handling problems that sometimes arise.
- To hold an organised student conference in October in preparation for the new study year, the purpose of which is to explain to students their rights and obligations.

The committee received the list of graduates, who have completed their studies and confirmed that they had completed their academic duties - good luck to everyone!

The committee discussed the request of one of the students for an increase in educational costs that were not included in its original request.

It was decided:

Sarit will contact the applicant and update her regarding the committee's decision.

Subjects on the committee's Agenda. The committee decided on a list of topics that the Higher Education Committee wishes to deal with this year:

- a) Define the roles and duties of committee members
- b) Update the criteria table.
- c) Pensioners' enrichment learning program.
- d) Update the procedure for those students on a sabbatical year.
- e) Streamline the committee's processes: Notification of acceptance or non-acceptance to studies, proactiveness of the committee in contacting potential students or potential candidates for key positions in the kibbutz, and an education conference in January
- f) Publication in the Alon in preparation for the submission of applications for the next study year.

Small Business Committee Meeting - 22.5.2024

Present: Maor Persai, Anna Abramovitch, Irit Mor, Kinneret Govrin, Shimon Zelas

1. Summary 3 months 2024

Shimon presented the results of the first 3 months 2024 of all twenty-two businesses. The revenues of all the businesses together amounted to 874,000 NIS (3% more than the plan and 29% more than last year) and the net profit is 225,000 NIS.

2. Request to enclose the pergola of Neomis Cafe

Irit and Naomi presented the proposal. In the community budget for 2024, an amount was allocated for the expansion of the cafe. Today there are only 15 seats inside the cafe (another 25 seats outside). The cafe makes use of the outdoor areas, but there are about 8 months of the year when it is unpleasant to sit outside (flies, rain, cold/heat). Enclosing the pergola will make it possible to seat 16 more people inside. The addition of customers will make it possible to achieve a monthly sales turnover that brings the business to profitability. The closure will cost 22,000 NIS including flooring, electricity and air conditioning. The cafe will pay rent to the kibbutz for the use of the pergola.

Decision: The Business Committee approved the investment of the pergola at a cost of NIS 22,000.

Note... After the meeting, after further checking, it was agreed with Naomi not to advance the project and return to the previous proposal - to expand the western side of the cafe building.

Section 3. Tom Adler's request to open a business

Tom did not come to the meeting because of a commitment to his workplace. At Tom's request, Shimon presented the proposal. Tom is interested in setting up the food truck (belonging to the pub) in the wooded area of the Yizrael-Alon gas station. In about two years, Tom wants to move to one of the restaurants planned as part of the expansion of the gas station. Tom has knowledge and experience as a cook and kitchen organiser in several restaurants and catering companies. The food truck will be open 6 days a week (closed on Sunday) from 11.00 to 17.00. It was agreed with the kibbutz that if a food truck (which belongs to the pub) is needed in the evenings, Tom will return it. Two people including Tom are required to work every day, and a third worker may be required on weekends. The business will sell meat, fish, chips, salads and soft drinks.

It was agreed: before making a decision, the members of the committee asked to meet with Tom.

On 4.6.24 there was a meeting of the committee with Tom. Tom introduced himself and explained his request. Committee members asked Tom to fill in missing details and update the business plan accordingly. It was agreed to return the issue to the committee after further checking. Shimon Zelas

A message from the Health and Welfare Cluster

Stress and Anxiety on Yizrael

It's been too many months now that we've been losing kibbutz members and friends, some from old age, some prematurely. The senior community is losing close friends.

Also, among us there are kibbutz members who are dealing right now with a complex illness or medical challenge, and along with them, their worried families.

The families of the soldiers worry constantly. This affects the entire household, parents, spouses, children...

The situation is affecting the entire community, each and every one of us.

We, in the Health and Third Age teams, do our best to help and to locate those who need help, but we don't always know how to reach everyone.

If you yourself are experiencing difficulty, notice a family member or a good friend experiencing distress, please notify us, or contact us. We have several ways to assist, discreetly.

You can contact anyone from the Health and Welfare Cluster branches - the clinic staff, Inbal Adler - Third Age coordinator, Dana Baum - Counseling Field coordinator, directly to Merav Navot or me.

And in the meantime, we will all be sensitive, patient and empathetic towards each other. This is probably the best medicine.

Wishing us all good health,

Talia Arad

Update on the Replacement of an Information System Accounting Programme

At the beginning of the year, we reported on embarking on a project to replace the accounting information system, from One ERP software to Priority software. Several months have passed and we can update on what has been done and report on what is still ahead.

It is important to mention the two people who are leading the project in practice: Damian Chicorel is responsible for the entire technological aspect, data conversions, interfaces and support for software users. Sharon Barker, the Chief Accounts Manager, is responsible for the professional accounting aspect, for the system settings so that it is appropriate for the work on Yizrael and meets the professional requirements of bookkeeping. Both have prior familiarity with Priority programming, which is a significant force multiplier in this type of project. The quality work of Sharon and Damian is reflected in the progress of the project, the productivity of the implementing team and the achievement of the milestones.

As with any change, a challenging and interesting period awaits us. We might discover glitches and problems we hadn't thought of, and we might just have to get used to working a little differently. In any case, achieving the major goals of the project will allow us to provide a better and more efficient service over time

Maor Persai

Finance Director



From Lilach's Desk

Updating Security Guidelines for the Summer Holidays!

The summer vacation has arrived, certainly a reason to celebrate...

But our children are a bit less under our supervision, a bit farther away, and wandering around at odd hours.

Since almost everyone has smartphones, it's a good idea to download the **Home Front Command app** for them, explain what the alerts might be, and review the protected public spaces with them in case they are far from home. Of course, if they are far from a safe space they should lie face down with hands over their heads.

Lilach

From the Library

On 7/11 there will be a meeting with the authors Michal Kreitler who wrote the book "Burnt Edges" and Iris Kaufman who wrote "Taste of Salt". Both books were published by the excellent "Shtim" publishing house.

For those who like to buy books - Book Week discounts last until the end of June.

New Library Books:

The Corfu Trilogy/Gerald Durrell

The Promise/Damon Galgut

Becoming Scarlett/Ciara Geraghty

The Art of Happiness/ HH Dalai Lama

The survivors/Kate Furnivall

Malice/Keigo Higashino

Slam/Nick Hornby

Daughters of War/Dinah Jefferies

Six Tudor Quins-Katherine of Aragon the True Queen/Alison Weir



Delving into the Archives



Who are the children and who are the caregivers in the photo? Which year?

Answers to Jules Feldman: 052-3756308

Philo-sophia – Phil Adler

Drunken Driver

Are you like me in the middle of a nightmare? I have a recurring dream that I am in a car that is hurtling backwards with a drunken driver who has thrown the steering wheel out the window. In the dream I look around and I see am not alone, but no one seems able or willing to do something about the driver. I woke up in a cold sweat – my heart was hammering away like a Welsh coal miner – it just seemed so real.

Almost sixty years ago I had a similar experience I dreamt that I had forgotten all about one of my third-year courses so I wouldn't be able to graduate University. I leapt out of bed and checked and to my relief all was well. This time I ran to check out my vast

investment portfolio – better known as AFIG (Adler Family Investment Group). My NVIDIA shares were going through the roof as are my shares in the vast New Zealand defense industry (where did you think all the lamb sandwiches in the combat rations come from?).

Lucky for us we don't invest in the Middle East – enough said.

I know nothing about the stock market – my brothers still laugh at me about my investments in Enron, Pan AM, Theranos, The United Fruit (bananas) Company and Lehman Brothers.

In fact, I come from a long line of failed investors. My great grandfather was one of the leaders in the Polish attempt to overthrow Russian rule in what became known as the November Insurrection of 1830. He invested everything he had in the arming of the revolutionaries (he was a bagel magnate – he had shops all over Europe – "Adlers Bagels"). What he didn't count on was the one hundred and fifteen thousand troops that Czar Nicholas sent in to deal with the forty thousand optimistic Poles armed only with onion and cream cheese bagels. Reminiscent of Blackberry's failure to see the iPhone.

My German grandfather was one of the original founders of Siemens along with Werner von Siemens and Johann Halske. It was my grandfather who discovered the dynamo electric principle which established the idea that electricity could be used as a power source. Today the company is worth fifty-three billion... my grandfather threw it all in in 1939 to emigrate to New Zealand to set up a margarine factory – not a great idea in a country where its sale was illegal at the time. He was given the wrong information apparently – those Germans have a lot to answer for. My grandmother told me he was just a "dummkopf" which was a little unfair because staying in Germany may not have ended well.

My cousin has worked in computing since 1976. When I was in Sydney, I was visiting friends awaiting his arrival for dinner. They told me that his friends had asked him to join in their start up plans – he declined – they are now multi-millionaires. It was suggested I ask Bob (not his real name) what Josh and Ivan were doing these days. I admit I had great delight leading him on as if I knew nothing. I threw in lines like "wow wish I was a partner" and "once in a lifetime opportunity". When he realised, I knew he had turned them down we all, including Bob cried laughing (actually Bob might have just cried). Every now and then I remind him he's better off without a Ferrari or a house with a swimming pool overlooking Sydney harbour bridge and the Opera House.

Then of course there is my Moroccan aunt

Success has Many Fathers...

This year I successfully completed the 10th grade, 11th grade, and 12th grade education cycle. This is not my first cycle. I have graduates who today are parents of children. The last three years have been very difficult on a global, national and personal level for all of us. It's hard to believe that I took in the students at the beginning of the 10th grade under conditions of a second corona vaccine. We spent the first half of the year wearing masks.

And why do I say that success has many parents? Because the kibbutz and the members of the kibbutz often supported me and my class. I will try to elaborate, but it seems that the page is too short to contain all the names. When most places closed their doors, and did not allow student educational tours, Idan Zelas welcomed us at Maytronics. Ken Phillips hosted us in the dairy branch and proved to be a guide with a great sense of humour. The donation committee through Adi Ilan and Yoni Brauman paid the school fees of a child, so that she could get textbooks and go on the annual trip. Nissim Ya'akov repaired a laptop for her. During the cooking shifts, Doron Kagan was my "Guide to the Perplexed" regarding the twists and turns of the student's guardianship rights and duties. At times, I was required to be a father, a brother and sometimes also an emotional therapist for some of the students. I received invaluable advice from Netta Blass and Alina Axelrod, and thanks to them I improved in this area as well. When my student was injured in a motorcycle accident, Liran Penn directed me where to go and what to do. Esti Mittelberg hosted us in the children's ward. During the annual trips, my class and I took on the economics and cooking for the entire grade. Itzik Shechter helped me build a menu so that we could meet our budget and keep the preparation simple.

Three times my students visited Yizrael, and on each visit we were royally received. Nachem Levin explained to the students the world of the service year in the kibbutz movement. Adi Laviv prepared a spread for us at a cost that the school was able to cover. Eddie Solow saved us in the pool. Anna Abramovitch allowed us to use the pub for a lecture with a projector and screen. When I had to arrive at the crack of dawn for a school activity, Navot Assaf was the one who volunteered to take me, and I got a ride back from Eviatar Assaf. And when I got stuck without a car, Ofir Grimman found a solution. When I went with the students on a trip to Poland, Gazit Levy gave me Polish money (for the toilets), and Marnina Gross came to talk to the whole class. School equipment broke down several times and Barry Feldman's golden hands saved the day. Idit Halevi saves the leftover cakes for me. My students indulged in tea and cake many a time, thanks to her.

There are many others that I have already managed to forget. As if it's routine and it's clear they'll lend me a hand. It is important for me to stop for a moment and thank everyone. It's not taken for granted.

Students are called up to the army, early... too early. I would have preferred the war to end first and then they would comfortably mobilise in peacetime. Parting is hard, especially at a time like this. Gilad Rosenblit from Ginnegar (an ex- student of mine) was killed in the Gaza Strip, and Shalev Salzman (Ramat Yishai) from the previous year's group also will never return. I am busy collecting donations for a memorial room, and I hope that there will only be a small corner in the room, in memory of the fallen. We don't need more losses. In this project I got help from Ron Cohen and Jeremy Perling.

Many thanks to my wife, Ella, who discovered that my cozy profession is not cozy after all. Between teaching hours, I continued to have meetings with the school psychologist, the council's CBA, home visits, and more. And at home with the cell phone messages and report summaries, in addition to preparing the lessons for tomorrow. Ella also knows how to check Bible study test papers, but she is strict with the grades, so I try to avoid getting her help.

The education was so successful that I volunteered for another cycle, with an equally challenging class. It's hard to say that I'm ready for the challenge, but there is still a beacon of light that helps me think positively: if I need something, I have where to turn. And the truth is that the ball is already rolling. Brent Abramovitch is already finalising a tour of the Afula police station for my students. A starting point that will give some prospective to the students regarding the price of straying off the straight and narrow path.

Thank you all,

Shlomo Cohen

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world: Indeed, It’s the only thing that ever has.

Margret Mead

SUCCESS HAS MANY FATHERS; FAILURE IS AN ORPHAN.

Little Tips for Big Feelings - Gaya Sankar



Prayer for the Road

This week I found myself thinking, again, about the power of prayer, of pure heart, of intention.

Amongst everything, I also remembered a small prayer that a friend and I prayed. We were cute little four-year-olds, and we created a kind of slogan that I remember well to this day:

"Sun, laughter, blue sky

And a small little smile

Children running in the grass

and the rainbow"

It is the most innocent prayer there is, and I feel excited to write it here. Excited about it still, no matter how many years have passed. And it always helped me.

When there were threatening things in the news, when that friend moved far away, when I moved far away, when I was angry, when I felt that I should not be angry, when I was afraid, when I felt alone. It definitely helped me as I grew older, in difficult times and to this day. Sometimes at night, I find myself reciting it over and over.

And it is true that it is not taken from (biblical) sources, but it is taken from the sources of the soul, of two little four-year-old girls who expressed their heart's desire and in fact - this is a prayer for me, a moment of connection, of unity, of innocence, of complete listening.

It can be a request, or a dialogue, or a statement.

It is a reminder of the oneness that is us.

And when we remember that we all have the same heart, that in the end we all have the same desires (even if they seem to contradict each other): to love, to be loved, to feel safe.

The prayers become one.

From all religions, from all sectors, from all languages, from all years and ages.

There is one, there is one.

I invite you to create your own prayer: what does your heart desire? What makes you feel more embraced, more strengthened? What helps you to keep walking on, despite the difficulties? What reminds you of your connection to yourself?

A prayer that you can take with you, on your way

Wishing you a pleasant weekend and an open heart

Gaia



Letter to the Edi-tor

Hi Eddie

A really poignant and well-presented edition on the passing of Dorit. So sad for Bernie and family, to whom I express my condolences, and the Yizrael family too. She will be remembered and missed.

In reading the latest edition, (other than the suggestion to take your plates home to wash, there is an incredible amount of activity that taking place at Yizrael. You live an incredible, complete life... which still exists, despite the dynamics of change that have occurred over the years.

Greg Bass. Durban South Africa

The Ma'ayan Barmitzvah Group

Are proud to invite you

To our Bar Mitzvah play:

“Circus Evening”

Fri 5.7.24

20:00

Save the Date





Programme for 30/06/24 – 4/07/24

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

Sunday 30 June

Opening the week with Monica.

09:10 Zoom – Around the World – Naftali Hilger – Travelling the Jewish world – West Africa

10:30 Ceramics room open with instruction from Ziv Ben Bassat

Monday 01 July

08:00 Pedicure with Limor Mualem (by appointment only)

09:30 The Art of Drawing with Chas Broadhurst

16:00 Or B'Givah open for coffee and lively conversation

Tuesday 02 July

10:00 Games and trivia with Galia Shemi

10:00 Pool exercises with Eyal Tirosh

10:30 Ceramics room open with instruction from Ziv Ben Bassat

Wednesday 03 July

09:30 Handicrafts with Rahel Grossman / Armchair lecture

14:00 Ceramics room open with instruction from Ziv Ben Bassat

Thursday 04 July

07:00 Pedicure with Na'ama Baum (by appointment only)

10:00 Movie screening with Galia / Pool exercises with Eyal Tirosh

17:15 Exercises on chairs with Michal Sha'an'an

English is Fun - with Rahel

SUBJECT: Spelling

The correct way to spell POTATO

If the GH can stand for P as in "hiccough"

If OUGH can stand for O as in "dough"

If PHTH can stand for T as in "phthisis"

If EIGH can stand for A as in "neighbour"

If TTE can stand for T as in "gazette"

If EAU can stand for O as in "plateau"

Then the correct way to spell POTATO would be

GHOUGHPTHTEIGHTEEAU

AN AMAZING SENTENCE IN ENGLISH

"I do not know where family doctors acquired illegibly perplexing handwriting; nevertheless, extraordinary pharmaceutical intellectuality counterbalancing indecipherability transcendentalizes intercommunication's incomprehensibleness."

The person who made this sentence must be a vocabulary *GENIUS*.

Reason: This is the sentence where the first word is one letter long, the second word is two letters; the third word is three letters long...the eighth word is eight letters long, and so on.... the twentieth letter is twenty letters long.

Subject: **NOW** **and** **THEN**

"That word is inappropriate." "Say that again and I'll wash your mouth out with soap."

"Good job trying one bite of the dinner I made. Now you can have Mac and Cheese."

"You'll eat what I make whether you like it or not. There are starving children in the world."

"I can see you're upset. Take a deep breath and use your words."

"You better stop crying or I'll REALLY give you something to cry about."

"You can't walk around the block by yourself. I'll drive you. Text me when you need a ride back."

"You want to go out? Take your bike. Be home before dark."

"I packed your lunch with almond butter on whole grain, kale chips and an organic smoothie."

"Take a brown paper bag with a peanut butter sandwich on white bread. Grab a brownie and a Coke too."

SUBJECT: GRAMMAR

A WOMAN, WITHOUT HER MAN, IS NOTHING.

A WOMAN: WITHOUT HER, MAN IS NOTHING

PUNCTUATION IS POWERFUL

.....more next week

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