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**Kibbutz Yizrael**

**Translated and edited by Eddie Solow**

**Edi-torial**

**So now we must decide.** What is it to be??? "The Jezreelight" or something else. No new suggestions came in this week, so please help me to choose from those suggestions I received. "The Hebrish Times” tickles my fancy because it frees me of the obligation of finding respectable English names for the tens of committees with new-fangled names. It is up to you. I have but one vote.

**Please send me a WhatsApp to 0523756240 Or place a note in my postbox - no.175**

**Choose between the following**: : The Jezreelight, The Yizralite, The Enlightened Times, The Hebrish News.**.**

**Congratulations**

**Mazal Tov** - to grandparents, Stella and Akiva Greenberg, to parents Tali and Liuka and all the family on the marriage of Noam, their grandson/son. Wishing you happiness and lots of love - from all of us.

**Congratulations** to Ofira and Oz – on the birth of Ofira’s grandson, a son to Moran and Doron. Congratulations and happiness to the Eisner family and Moran’s family. 🌷🌻🍷🍷

**Congratulations** to Ilil and Tzur, on the birth of their daughter 🌷🍷 - sister to Amichai, granddaughter to Nitzan and Jules Feldman. Congratulations and much happiness and joy to the entire Feldman family and Tzur’s family🍼🌺

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| **Bereavements**  We share in the grief of **Noga Harpaz** and the family on the death of  her mother,  **Shoshana Nachshon**  The funeral was held in Kfar Saba  May you know no more sorrow  Beit Yizrael |

**Talking about our Generation**

**From The Younger Generation Committee**

As we always say, there are a lot of updates about our young generation!!!

So, this time...

 **Yarden Griman and Ofri Sharoni** - completed a year of national service and are waiting to be drafted into the IDF

 **Mieka Cohen** - started diploma studies last week

 **Roi Mizrahi** - enlisted last Sunday

May your military service be interesting and enriching.

Take care of yourselves! Waiting for you on the kibbutz!

Young generation committee

**Thank You from Tamar Sanker**

It all started about a year ago, when I saw an advertisement on Facebook for a kibbutz calendar that they made at Kibbutz Sdot Yam.

I thought it was a cool idea and that I would be able to enjoy both the process and the result, so I immediately got moving.

I gathered around me a small and diligent team - Dina Bookman, Yifat Segal, Shimrit Tzfadia, and as photographer - Einan Grosser. We formulated the idea: bringing the motif of the main kibbutz branches in both the past and present to the Yizrael calendar.

But then we realized it was more complex than we thought...

We advertised several times, but we only managed to get hold of a few old pictures. The archive was closed throughout the year, and it was very challenging to find good quality photos of members, which both represented their work in the branches and could also be reproduced.

The photography process required time, and I wish to thank all those who agreed to cooperate with us and be photographed, all with a smile and patience.

Gathering information about the past was also challenging. We asked the veterans to gather information and then we turned to the office bearers and the branch managers who agreed to share current data with us – thanks to them too!

And that's how we slowly gathered the information and the pictures and then when we wanted to move to the graphic design stage, we again needed creative thinking.

The solution was found in the wonderful and talented Dana Beutler.

The excellent proofreading and editing were done by Irit Shemesh.

So, despite the difficulties and effort, it was fun. Hope you liked the result.

The Yizrael calendar team wish you all a happy and blessed new year.

Written by: Tamar Sankar

**And another "Thank You"**

"All a child needs is one adult to believe in him"

**To all the special Kibbutz Jezreel community!**

Time to say thank you 🙏🏼

From five children hiding in apartments in Kiryat Gat, two children from the Ramat Eliyahu neighborhood in Israel, two children in a domestic violence rehabilitation shelter, and a girl in a residence for battered women, and of course all their mothers - for your generous donation of all the equipment required for starting the school year, even down to the smallest thing!

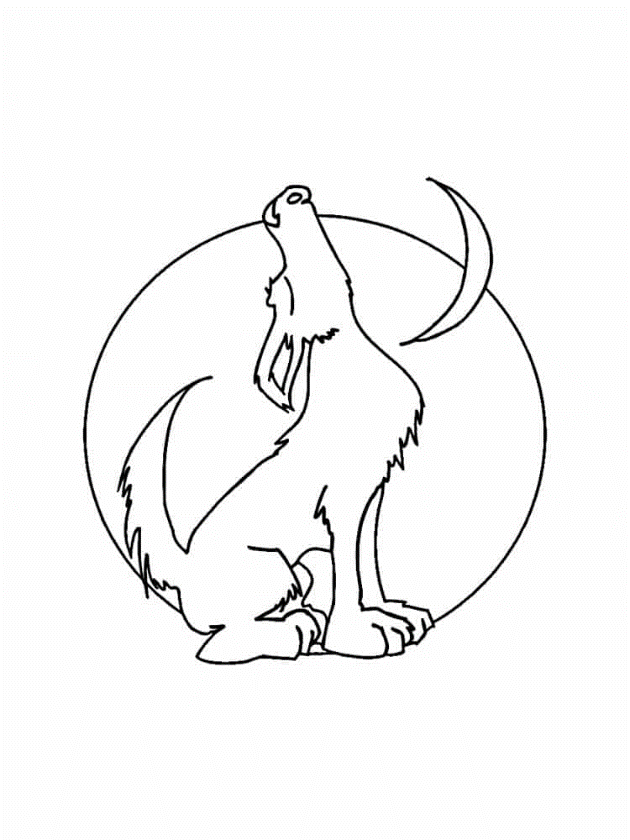
There are no words to describe the mothers’ relief and it is impossible to explain the look on the children's faces when they received the equipment and knew at that moment that they would start the school year like everyone else! You performed a great mitzvah, you made the hearts of children in real need, happy. They would not have been able to obtain this equipment without you!

"All a child needs is one adult to believe in him"

The equipment you donated is equivalent to faith these days, and we all hope that the children will grow from here, with a sense of belonging and a belief that they are worthy and capable.

With thanks and great appreciation, Inesa, Maytal and Meirav - volunteers 'Integration and Community Management'

**Sent by: Neta Cohen, director of the Kolbo**

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**Report from the Community Management meeting**

**Hanhalat Kehilah - 4.9.2022**

Present: Ilana Peleg, Erez Peleg, Yifat Segal, Yishai Levi, Limor Griman, Inbal Adler, Kobi Levi, Racheli Arava, Maor Persai, Stas Gavrilov, Dalia Levitan, Shlomo Levi, Yifat Assaf

(1) General

(a) Inbal Adler: A meeting of veteran members and their families, will take place in December. The planned meeting will include - a social gathering, a lunch, a lecture relevant to the topic of veteran care, round table discussions, a discussion on the topic of veteran welfare on the Kibbutz. This is the first meeting of its kind. More details will be provided later.

(b) Racheli reported that a directors’ course will be held on the kibbutz at the end of October. Board members will be required to take part in the course, and other interested members will be able to register and join.

**1) Maytronics Work Connected Vehicles:** The discussion on this subject will continue at the next meeting and will subsequently be reported in its entirety. (To be continued. Don't miss the next, breathtaking episode – Ed)

**2) A change in the system of members of the younger generation to enable them to work as employees (for payment) - a track to complete financial independence**

Invited: Noga Harpaz

Noga Harpaz - Young Generation coordinator, together with Racheli Arava – Human Resources Manager, submitted a proposal to replace the existing system. They call it with "a system of complete financial independence". This means that members of the younger generation will be fully fledged employees. The kibbutz as has already approved this system for work at Maytronics.

Below are the reasons for switching from the current track to a full financial independence track.

**Introduction:**

 Presently there is no employee-employer relationship and because of this, there are no paid sick and vacation leave. There are no provisions for funds, such as a pension, a study fund. (Until the age of 30, we do not allocate pensions for members on the kibbutz. According to the law, every employee is entitled to a pension fund).

Today's system:

\* Overtime/night/weekend work is costed as an ordinary work hour.

\* Working under the current framework is limited to the age of 26.

\* Working in the grant framework involves a massive investment of time and manpower in the Accounts Dept. Often there are mistakes arising from inaccurate information.

\* At the end of the period, the young person receives a total of 35 NIS for each hour of work (on the one hand this is worth a little less than minimum wage, on the other hand there are the other costs - housing, maintenance etc.) (They forgot to mention that the young person gets an allowance from the kibbutz each month – Ed)

**The Objective:** The “track of complete financial independence" is designed to encourage the connection between the young person and the kibbutz and to allow every young person the opportunity to earn savings for the future and reach self-realisation. All this, while fully transferring the responsibility to the young people themselves in terms of the relationship and dialogue with the employing branch and enabling them to learn independent economic self-management, also ensuring receipt of full social benefits, and adding to their life experience.

**General**

\* The kibbutz will prioritize and encourage the work of the young people as employees in the branches of the kibbutz, according to their suitability and abilities.

\* A young person will be able to work in this track until the end of the young generation period (**age 30**)

\* The track allows the youngsters to work in the branches of the kibbutz and its corporations as employees (like all other employees – Ed), with a paycheck and full social conditions (vacation and sick days, pension provisions, etc.)

\* A young person can work simultaneously in several branches/corporations part-time, subject to the terms of the agreement between him and the branch/corporation.

\* This change will apply to partners too.

**Criteria for entering a full financial independence track**

\* Those whose parents (both) are members of the kibbutz / one parent with more than 20 years of service.

\* Full completion of the obligation period which includes 1200 hours of work, or according to the decisions of the kibbutz.

\* Finding a job in the kibbutz (in coordination with Human Resources) mutually acceptable to both the young person and the employer.

\* Signing of an agreement contract between the young person and the employer.

**Payment**

\* Every young person on a complete economic independence track will receive a salary docket.

\* Each young person in this category will open an independent bank account to transfer the money received.

\*The young person will be charged for the services he uses in the kibbutz.

\* The employing branch is obliged to employ in accordance with the law in terms of working hours, overtime, sick days, vacation days and social payment conditions.

\* The young person is **not** entitled to an allowance from the kibbutz.

**Rent and maintenance**

\* A young person who is on the complete financial independence track is entitled to rent a room in the younger generation housing area dependent on availability of apartments and in accordance with the committee's decisions.

\* The young person will pay rent and maintenance , according to a rate that will be determined/updated by the kibbutz management as part of the annual budget approval process.

\* A young person on the complete financial independence track who lives with his parents, will pay a resident’s fee, according to a table established by the community management.

\* Wherever there is a subsidy for members - the young people are entitled to subsidised services in the same way as members.

**Health and welfare.**

\* The young person is responsible for payment to the National Insurance

\* Insurance for loss of working capacity is the young person's responsibility and at his expense.

\* Health insurance - continues to be the responsibility of the kibbutz.

\*Toranut: A child on the complete economic independence track will be financially rewarded per shift.

\* A discussion was held on the various clauses of the proposal. There was broad support for the idea**. Three caveats were raised** (Histaiguyot - Ed):

(a) The section on payment for Toranut (Roster work – Ed), must be removed. It doesn't make sense to pay. Toranut is part of life and living in a kibbutz.

(b) Section 1 of the entry criteria for this track is complex and should be cancelled. (Referring to single parents – Ed)

(c) There should be a trial period that will last a year, after which the procedure will be re-evaluated. (Some things are irreversible – Ed)

**A vote was held** - subject to the stipulations a. b. c. mentioned above:

In favour- 9, against- 1 abstentions- 1

**It was decided: the procedure for full financial independence for** members’ children was approved (work for payment).

(3)The subject " **Updates to the admission procedure" was postponed** – due to a lack of time.

Erez Peleg and Yifat Assaf

**From Erez's Desk - 09/09/2022**

**Danger at the entrance to the dining room**

The upper entrance plaza to the dining room is also used for parking club cars (kalnoyot). This is legitimate when it comes to a mobility solution for people who cannot walk more than 20 meters. However, we are witnessing the phenomenon of club cars used by fully mobile people being parked near the front door.

This is very dangerous, and the club cars should be kept as far away as possible from the dining room door and pedestrian traffic.

Please take responsibility, and park as far away as possible. Please brief caregivers, who often come by themselves to take food.

The planning committee and the veterans cluster are working on arranging the parking. The parking will be reorganised after the completion of the planning work on changes in the area. (Perhaps park your vehicle opposite the Hut if you are mobile enough – Ed)

**Development of the cemetery**

The cemetery development project began last year, and the work carried out in phase one included - arranging roads and burial structures. The budget approved this year for the continuation of the project is intended for the completion of the irrigation lines and planting vegetation, in the entire area completed in phase one. Planting will be carried out before winter.

**Nof D housing renovation**

At last, the renovation work of the last apartments in the Nof neighborhood (Nof D) is about to commence. First, we will drill the concrete pillars, which will take one to two days, then the casting of the tie beams. We are planning and want to believe that the project will end in 8 months - good luck.

**Anchoring the soccer goals**

The method of anchoring the soccer goals, on the basketball court, has been changed. Now, instead of being anchored with screws to the court, they are anchored with a clip to the basketball post, so that they can be moved.

The anchoring is very important from a safety point of view and is intended to ensure the stability of the facility even if someone hangs from it... The anchoring is required by the safety regulations and stems from accidents that have happened in the past, when children hung from the goalposts, and they fell and received severe head injuries. **Therefore....** Please, avoid hanging on the goals (parents - instruct your children). If you choose to move the goals from their place, for whatever reason, return them to their place, at the end of the activity, and make sure that they are anchored properly to the basketball post.

**Construction without permission**

Recently we have witnessed several cases of construction without the approval of the planning committee. This construction is a violation of the laws of the state and is done without the required permits. It is also a violation of the rules defined in the kibbutz.

Unapproved construction exposes the kibbutz to fines and worse, it constitutes an erosion in our ability to conduct ourselves as a kibbutz, while harming the trust of the members.

Building without the permission of the planning committee may also create difficulty in the ongoing maintenance of the houses. For example: a pergola was built without permission and without planning, in a way that does not allow a safe climb to the roof of the building. Now, when a leak was discovered from the water heater, the building staff could not go up to the roof without endangering themselves or the pergola, and they could not to take care of the problem. The principle is true for any type of construction that is not approved, whether it is pergolas, closing balconies, building warehouses, etc.

It is important to emphasise that this type of construction may pose a safety problem, and that depending on the decisions made in the kibbutz, members may find themselves forced to dismantle or change constructions (erected without permission) at their own expense.

**Security**

Recently, we have received enquiries from concerned residents regarding the issue of security tensions in general and the security response in the kibbutz, in particular. It is important for us to update you on several points regarding the ongoing security operation in the kibbutz, the responsibilities of the residents, as well as steps we intend to take now.

100% security can never be achieved. We are in contact with the Israel Police and the Regional Council's security department... In their opinion, there is no change or special threat in our region.

The kibbutz gate is closed most of the day, except for the morning and afternoon rush hours.

A guard at the gate is also not effective, as is commonly thought. However, during the night there is one guard, as is customary in most kibbutzim in the area, most of the day Matthew is available in the kibbutz, and when needed there are members of the standby team, available. We understand that during the festival holidays the situation becomes more tense, and therefore, even without specific alerts, throughout the holiday month, we will increase the guard.

In addition, considering the multitude of projects and the many workers who visit the kibbutz every day, we decided to recruit an external security consultant, who will assist in the ongoing security work, conduct a risk survey and recommend methods for managing the ongoing security, in order to complete the security concept of the kibbutz.

Security also relies on the vigilance of the members and residents, and adherence to simple rules of conduct. For example: making sure to close the gates, within the scope of the kibbutz, when leaving or entering (and locking doors – Ed)

In addition, it is important to contact Matthew Emerick - on any security issue, at any time of the day in any case of suspicions activity. For example**: if the main gate of kibbutz is open at three o'clock in the morning and the guard is not there**. In such a situation contact Matthew immediately so he can take care of it.

In conclusion, security in the kibbutz is based on the field work of the officials, on electronic means, and on gates. The work is done even if it is not always visible. Apart from that, the vigilance of the public, the timely reporting to Matthew and making sure to close the gates along the perimeter fence - are very important pillars in creating and maintaining security.

That's it for now, Erez

**Manpower - Racheli Arava**

**Wanted: for Naomi's Cafe - looking for an employee with a sparkle in her/his eyes**

**Job description**

**1. Providing courteous service to customers**

**2. Ability to work as part of a team with full coordination**

**3. Intensive work in a small and crowded place**

**4. Ability to engage and carry out all activities of the cafe**

**5. Taking food orders**

**6. Preparation, serving**

**7. Cleaning**

**8. Accepting and processing payments from customers**

**Scope: Full-time. The work is available immediately**

**Subordination: to Naomi Amit**

**Anyone who considers himself/herself suitable is invited to apply and contact me (Racheli): by email: hr@yizrael.com or by cell phone 0507320243**

**Archives**

After a job advertisement, we received several applications. We talked to each applicant checking professional suitability and abilities regarding the position according to the published job requirements. At the end of the process, we chose **Yael Epshtein Cohen** for the position based on fact that Yael has the required skillset for the responsibility and operation of the archive.

Yael deals with history. She has worked 16 years as a history teacher at Kadoori High School, during which time she deals and has dealt extensively with archives of various types. In the last two years, Yael studied for a master's degree specialising in the field of multidisciplinary humanities - Israeli tradition and philosophy, documentation, evidence collection and an introduction to archival studies.

Yael has a deep affinity for preserving various materials and over the years has collected materials so that they would not be lost. Yael sees the archive as a magical place, with potential as a magnet for the entire population of Yizrael. An archive in its conception is a bright and inviting place to peruse and learn about the history of the particular place.

Yael is full of passion for this role, to develop the archive and make it a place of pilgrimage for all the residents of the kibbutz, from infancy through the pre-school and elementary school children, the youth of the kibbutz and of course all the members. Yael wants to turn the archive into a gem, where you can search for materials on various topics, make it and the treasure (archival material ) contained within in it available for everyone to learn from and enjoy. Yael will take up the position immediately, tidy up and organise the new premises, and invite all those who are interested to come and make use of the services offered. Yael will work half time in the archive and will continue her work half time as a teacher at Kadoori School,. Good luck to Yael!!

**Position Filled:**

**Management of the maintenance/agriculture complex infrastructure**

From the inspection conducted in the area of ​​the industrial/agricultural/maintenance complex, a demand arose for the continued development and maintenance of the infrastructure. The designated area of ​​the complex is from road 1 to the south. The Gardening Branch is unable to meet the demands due to the heavy workload and the reduction of manpower in the branch. We were looking for a member with technical abilities who is already involved in the field and with the ability to provide a solution. We asked **Matan Elul** to take on the important task of improving the appearance of the area while providing accessibility to the area connecting the community to the business area of ​​Yizrael.

Matan Elul will begin this month (September) and finish his part-time work in the Building Branch while continuing to be responsible for the water infrastructure in the community, which includes responsibility for infrastructure up to the water meters, while the building branch is responsible for the infrastructure from the water meters up to and inside the buildings themselves. Matan continues to be the contact person with the external authorities, related to the water sector. That is, Matan will work half-time in the water sector and the other half as the infrastructure manager for the holdings/agriculture complex. Matan will be under the umbrella of Yizrael holdings. Good luck Matan!!

Racheli Arava - Human Resources

**Welcome to Commune Number Five**

(I have decided to adopt the Google Translate word…From now SHINSHINS - Ed )

We welcome the members of Commune 5, who began their year of service on Yizrael:

Uri Hadad - from Sde Yoav, Noga Kamilian - from Shoham, Lee Inbal - from Kfar Shmuel,

Gil Nachmias - from Hofit, Shani Wiseman - from Jerusalem, Shaked Meirowitz - from Ma'ale Gamla,

Yoav Hadani - from Kibbutz Matsuba, Ron Aviv - from Tivon, Boaz Kaplan - from Lotan, Tal Veinheber - from Matan.

 The commune begins the year with an intensive introductory course where the new students learn the basics of horticulture, carpentry, and training.

At the end of the introductory course, the "shishins" will be assigned to the various volunteering activities at the elementary schools in the area. The shinshins will also volunteer in the establishment and maintenance of accessible gardens for disabled veterans throughout the regional council. They will be involved in other activities too.

Kibbutz Yizrael is a hostel for the commune and provides the establishment of a base activity, in the form of an educational agricultural farm, through which educational social community work will be done.

**Members of the Shinshin team this year:**

Nachem Levin - the project manager, David Beutler – house father who liaises with the adoptive families and leads the volunteering of the gardens for the elderly, Yotam Assaf - leads the agricultural work at the farm, Noam Freiman Levy - training coordinator, Gazit Baran Levy - emotional support.

A big thank you a to the "adopting" families - We are sure that your accompaniment will be a significant contribution.

**Shana Tova - Nachem Levin**

**Solar Panel Field – Ron Cohen, Jeremy Perling**

At last, we received permission to connect the kibbutz's solar field to the electric company's electricity system.

As of 6/9/22, all the electricity produced by the field from solar energy will be fed into the grid of the electric company and we will receive the agreed rates.

The project will provide Yizrael Holdings with approximately NIS 500,000/year in the coming years.

From here on for the next 25 years we will produce green electricity for the State of Israel.

**Returning to the "Laundry" Pub.**

(Wild pub with a clean name – Ed)

Dear Yizraeluk...

Whether you've heard or not... we're happy to announce that the pub has undergone a serious facelift and is now at your disposal in all its glory!

Among other things:

 The walls were painted, and wood cladding was added (courtesy of the building department)

 A pampering snooker table was purchased

 Dandesh bar furniture was added (You have to be drunk to know what Dandesh furniture is – Ed)

Last Friday, the pub hosted the laser tag gathering, which became a hysterical hit

The pub will open as usual every Friday (at 22:00). Beyond that, we plan to open for watching Maccabi Haifa games in the Champions League and for other events. We will update of course!

As usual, those who are interested and ready to lend a hand behind the bar and/or food truck shifts, are welcome to contact us.

Finally, we must mention that the drink prices have been updated:

 Beer (local) - NIS 10

 Soft drink (bottle/can) - NIS 7

**Cheers!** - Yaniv Lifshitz and the team

**Keep the Black Flags Flying - Chanan Shaliv**

We are again going to the kibbutz entrance intersection, south of the kibbutz (near the gas station) - to protest the attack and injury of demonstrators in various places in the country, and in general to **cry out for a free and democratic society.**

**The date – this Saturday Evening 10/9/22**

17:00 to 18:30

See you there! (Too Late – watch the Kehilanet for the next protest – Ed)

**Update regarding the Closing of Verandas**

Last week there was supposed to be a meeting in which there was to be a discussion on the issue of closing verandas.

The meeting was postponed, because of legal aspects relating to the subject.

The meeting will take place as soon as we have all the necessary answers.

Erez Peleg and Yifat Asaf

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| **Asefa + Economic Council**  **Monday, 12/9/2022**  **at 20:30 at the club**  **General Assembly agenda -**  **(1) The search team will present the candidates for public representatives on the Economic Council:**  **Adi Laviv, Artzi Sankar, Eviatar Assaf, Momi Cohen, Tamir Blas, Barry Feldman, Navot Assaf, Vicky Hollander, Ofir Griman, Yitzhak Peleg, Rotem Agmon, Shlomo Cohen, Danny Levy (8 candidates must be chosen)**  **(2) Election of a director for Yizrael holdings board of Directors**  **Candidates: David Shaharabani, Amir Armoza**  **Economic Council agenda - the renovation of the caravans**  **Assembly and Council Committee** |

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| **A Second Asefa**  19.9.2022 - 20:30    **Agenda**: Decisions regarding Zivit and Yuval Nanikashvili  The Asefa will discuss several demands from the family  (On the advice of our lawyer, the asefa is being advertised two weeks in advance – Ed) |

**Tishrei holidays 2022 - in the Dining Room**

In preparation for the 2022 Tishrei holidays and the expected number of events and meals, due to the desire to lessen the load on the toranim and the staff, we have made several changes in the schedule

All **Shabbat** "Brunches" are cancelled. Instead, we will distribute food and ingredients on Fridays - to prepare at home.

Shabbat evening meals during the holidays will be in a self-serve format, and without the need for prior registration.

**Events to note**

**New Year**

 Saturday brunch 24/9/22 - **will not take place,** due to preparations for the holiday. Distribution of provisions for Shabbat dinner will take place on Friday, 23/9/22.

 Rosh Hashanah Eve is on Sunday, 25/9/22. Rosh Hashanah Eve (second night) - is on Monday, 26/9/22.

 Registration for both Rosh Hashanah eve meals - will close on 18/9/22.

 The Rosh Hashanah **brunch** will be held on Monday morning, as well as on Tuesday morning.

 The distribution of food to those eating at home for the two days of the holiday - will take place on Sunday 25/9/22.

**Yom Kippur**

 Eve of Kippur is on Tuesday, 4/10/22.

 People who intend to fast are asked to register for the meals.

**For those who do not fast - the meals are without registration and self-service.**

Registration for the meals at the start and the end of the fast will close on 27/9/22

**Sukkot and Simchat Torah**

 Shabbat brunch 8/10/22 - **will not take place**, due to preparations for the holiday. Distribution of provisions for Shabbat dinner will take place on Friday, 7/10/22.

 **Sukkot Eve** is on Sunday, 09/10/22. Registration for the Sukkot dinner will close on Sunday, 2/10/22.

 Brunch Saturday 15/10/22 **will not take place**, due to preparations for the holiday. Distribution of provisions for Shabbat dinner will take place on Friday, 14/10/22.

 Simchat Torah evening will be held on Sunday 16/10/22. Registration for the Simchat Torah dinner will close on Monday, 10/10/22.

**General Comments**

The public is requested to help set up the tables on the evenings of the holiday - at 12:00

 Lunches on the evenings of the holiday - will be in the form of a light meal outside the dining room.

 The fresh vegetable market - will open in the morning every Friday and every holiday eve, between 7:00 a.m. and 11:45 a.m.

 Distribution of food in a catering format for those eating at home, during the holidays - will take place between 9:30 and 11:30

 PLEASE stock up on suitable boxes and utensils for transporting the food home ahead of time! **Please do not remove dining room utensils!**

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**To register scan the above bar code**

 For your convenience, there is a page at the end of the newsletter, with a detailed schedule to put on your fridge

Happy holiday and a healthy new year to everyone!

Itzik Schechter and Adi Laviv.

**On the Passing of Queen Elizabeth II**

(From another angle)

Written by Diana Peterson – Tairua – New Zealand

**The  Waning  Moon**

The fur on the back of my neck rises and my ears are up and alert.  I give a low growl of warning to the latest person to enter our bedroom.  There have been many of them all night - endless comings and goings.  Hushed voices. Worried faces.  Hurried feet.

From my basket, I can see the moon high in the night sky.  It is full and shining brightly on the castle turrets.  Showering the ancient palace with its light.  Outside it is still and silent. Uniformed guards stand at intervals around the walls.  Protecting us all from who knows what hidden enemies.

Inside it is far from quiet or peaceful.   I give up trying to sleep.  As is my habit, I jump up onto her bed trying to get under the blankets with her - burrowing my wet nose into the side of her nightgown.  A man in a white coat lifts me down off the bed and puts me back into my basket.  I jump up again - he lifts me down again.  On my third attempt, he is less gentle, muttering under his breath “Damn corgi.  Never has known her place” as he dumps me unceremoniously back on the floor.

He is wrong that I have never known my place.  I know that she loves me and that I love her.  That through thick and thin, I have been her best friend for more years than I am able to count. I give up the fight and remain in my basket.

The night wears on.  The comings and goings in her room increase.  More people, more hushed voices.  More worried faces.  Some are crying.

The man in the white coat gives her more medicine and she appears to be sleeping peacefully.  Her face is relaxed. I see the moon outside waning.  I sense her energy is waning along with that of the moon and I suddenly feel afraid.  Pushing between the people standing around her bed, I jump once more and push down under the blankets to be near her.  To feel her close.  I stay there until the end.   She has taught me well of lifelong devotion and loyalty.

Thank you, Biff, for sharing this moving piece with us – Ed

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**English is Fun - with Rahel**

**The Secrets of 'Nym'**:

Somebody once defined a synonym as a word you use when you can't spell the word you really want. What a synonym really is, of course, is a word with the same, or nearly the same meaning, as another word, such as *big* and *large* or *small* and *tiny.*

Somebody else once quipped that a great many poems\sayings seem to have been written by a prolific Irish genius named Ann O'Nymous. Here the pun is on the word *anonymous,* and when a work is anonymous, its creator's name is not revealed.

In *synonym* and *anonymous,* the common element is *onym,* a Greek word that means 'word' or 'name', and many words about words themselves contain this root. Exploring the secrets of *nym* through a glossary of *nym*ble word words and name words reveals one of the brightest delights of language – its ability to talk about itself.

**Acronym:** Coined from two Greek roots that literally mean 'high word', acronyms are made up of the initials of other words. NASA is formed from the key letters in National Aeronautics and Space Administration, *radar* from those in radio detecting and ranging, and *scuba* from Self-contained Underwater Breathing Apparatus.

**Anatonym:** A part of the body used as a verb; to *toe* the line, *foot* the bill, *face* the music.

**Autonym:** A word that describes itself. *Mispelled* is indeed misspelled, and *hippopotomonstgrosesquipedalian* is a very long word that means 'pertaining to a very long word'.

**Charactonym:** The name of a literary character that is especially suited to his or her personality. The enormous and enduring popularity of Charles Dicken's works springs in part from the writer's skill at creating memorable charactonyms – Scrooge, the tightfisted miser; Mr. Gradgrind, the tyrannical schoolmaster; Jaggers, the rough-edged lawyer, and Miss Haversham (have a sham), the jilted spinster who lives in an illusion.

Not many years ago, a doctor's show named Marcus Welby ruled the television ratings in the US. The title of the show and name of the lead character were purposely designed to make one think of 'make us well be'.

**Homonym:** A word spelled and pronounced like another word, but of different origin and meaning: *bat* (flying mammal) and *bat* (in cricket), *mint* (an aromatic plant) and *mint* (a place where money is made.

**Patronymic:** Family name derived from the father's name or that of a male ancestor are patronymics. *McDonald* means 'son of Donald', *O'Grady* 'son of Grady', *Johnson* 'son of John' and *Richards* 'son of Richard'.

**Retronym:** Coined by Frank Mankiewcz, a retronym is an adjective-noun pairing generated by a change in the meaning of the noun, usually by technology. What we used to call simply 'books' we now call *hardcover books* because ofthe production of paperback books.

What was once simply a 'guitar' is now an *acoustic guitar* because of the popularity of electric guitars. What was once simply 'soap' is now called a *bar of soap* since the invention of powdered and liquid soaps.

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**BEACON ON THE HILL - 14.8 2022 – 18.8.2022.**

**Every day** 8:30 – 12:00 Coffee, cake chats and board games

9:00 – 11:30 Ceramics - to complete work.

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| **SUN**  **11.9** | | Opening the week - baking with Monica  7:00 Feldenkrais with Ilana Lahav (BAO)  9:10 – 12:10 Zoom Lecture with Galia  9:00 Helen Rosenberg – facial (BAO) | | | | | |
| **Mon**  **12.9** | | 9:00 Coffee, cake, chats, and games  9:30 Art Appreciation with Chas  8:30 Limor Mualem – pedicure (BAO)  16:00 – 18:00 Coffee, cakes, chats and games | | | | | |
| **Tue**  **13.9** | | 9:00 Board Games  9:00 Trivia with Galia  9:00 Helen Rosenberg – facial (BAO)  16:00 – 17:45 Ceramics with Miki Touz | | | | | |
| **Wed**  **14.9** | | 9:00 Games  10:00 movie with Galiya “The Intern”  12:00 Pedicure with Na’ama Baum (BAO)  17:00 Tai Chi with Einan Grosser  16:00 – 17:45 Ceramics with Ziv Ben Bassat | | | | | |
| **Thursday 15.9** | | 9:00 Coffee, cake, chats, and games  9:00 – 12:00 Ceramics with Ziv Ben Bassat  9:30 Blooming Nature with Hamutal  7:00 Pedicure with Naama Baum  17:15 Exercise on chairs with Michal Shaanan | | | | | |
| **Sunday** | | **Monday** | | **Tuesday** | **Wednesday** | **Thursday** | **Friday** | **Saturday** | |
| **18.9.22** | | **19.9.22** | | **20.9.22** | **21.9.22** | **22.9.22** | **23.9.22** | **24.9.22** | |
| \*Final day to register for Rosh Hashanah meals | |  | |  |  |  | Distribution of provisions for Shabbat.  \*Evening meal is service to tables | Closed | |
| **25.9.22** | | **26.9.22** | | **27.9.22** | **28.9.22** | **29.9.22** | **30.9.22** | **1.10.22** | |
| \*Breakfast as usual.  \*Light lunch outside.  \***Erev Rosh Hashanah 1** | | \*Rosh Hashanah Brunch  \***Erev Rosh Hashanah 2** | | \*Rosh Hashanah Brunch.  \*If fasting, final day to register for Kippur meals |  |  | \*Erev Shabbat meal is  self service | Brunch | |
| **2.10.22** | | **3.10.22** | | **4.10.22** | **5.10.22** | **6.10.22** | **7.10.22** | **8.10.22** | |
| \*Final day to register for Erev Succot | |  | | \*Breakfast as usual.  \*Light lunch.  \*Kippur meal for those fasting.  \*Self-service supper for non-fasting | \*Kippur Brunch  \*End of fast meal only for those fasting. |  | Distribution of provisions for Shabbat.  \*Evening meal is self service | Closed | |
| **9.10.22** | | **10.10.22** | | **11.10.22** | **12.10.22** | **13.10.22** | **14.10.22** | **15.10.22** | |
| \*Breakfast as usual.  \*Light lunch outside.  \***Erev Succot** | | \*Succot  Brunch  \*Final day to register for Erev Simchat Torah | |  |  |  | Distribution of provisions for Shabbat.  \*Evening meal is self service | Closed | |
| **16.10.22** | | **17.10.22** | | **18.10.22** | **19.10.22** | **20.10.22** | **21.10.22** | **22.10.22** | |
| \*Breakfast as usual.  \*Light lunch outside.  \***Erev Simchat Torah** | | \*Simchat Torah Brunch | |  |  |  | \*Evening meal is service to tables | Brunch | |