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**Kibbutz Yizre'el**

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| ***TO ALL THOSE WITH THE CORONA VIRUS AND THOSE IN QUARANTINE***  ***Hoping for a speedy recovery***  ***We are all with you*** |

**THANKS** to all those involved in the renovations of the housing in the “Chevra Habogeret” for the new eleventh class group moving in.

Sima Arieli and the parents of the new eleventh graders

(Roie Mizrachi, Assaf Arieli, Yonatan Assaf and Maayan Assaf).

**TO YIZRE’EL DRIVERS:** Entering the kibbutz through the western gate is dangerous because there isn’t a road divider and no clear view of the road because of the eucalyptus trees. So even if the gate happens to be open don’t take the risk.

**MAZKIRUT MEETING 13/9/20**

* Report from the Corona Committee.
* Yifat Assaf reported that Assael Mor refused to abide by the recommendation by the Court of Justice to withdraw his lawsuit**.**
* Ariel Brin-Dolinko brought up his recommendation that the main gate of the kibbutz be closed during the day. Ariel was referred to the Safety and Security Committee which should discuss and decide on this matter.

1. Raising a toast to the New Year
2. End of discussion on the topic of preferential work was postponed because Noga Harpaz, Head of the New Generation Committee, was not able to be present.
3. It was decided that any decisions regarding the allocation of funds to chaverim would also apply to “bnei meshek”.

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| **DECISIONS OF THE CORONA COMMITTEE**  Because of the need to make constant changes to Corona restrictions, it was decided that decisions of the Corona Committee will appear on the Kehilanet or the local channel 900 and not in the newsletter. |

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| All those going for Carona test in a kibbutz car, are asked to inform Navot so he can take the vehicle out of the pool to till it is disinfected. |

**MAZAL TOV to Stav Halevi** on her marriage to Aviv Melman, to her father, Ofir and sister, Shachaf and to the grandparents Nitza and Eilon.

**SHANA TOVA** from Aliza Factor, Melbourne.

**FROM THE LIBRARY**: If you have books which you wish to donate to the library, please send us a photo so we can check whether we have a copy or are interested in acquiring the book. We aren’t interested in old, torn, or out of date books. We also find it difficult to throw books out.

Those in quarantine who want books from the library can contact us and we will arrange for them to receive books.

**FROM THE CLINIC:** Monica Brustein will be replacing Zohar Assaf, driving people to Afula at 8:30. Thank you Zohar for your service. Because of the lockdown there will not be trips every day.

The trips this week: Tues 29/9 and Thurs 1/10

Visits to the clinic and the doctor: Best to call the clinic and speak to the doctor or the nurse.

Medications: You can ask for medications to be delivered to your house up till 10:30. At 11:00 we will set out to deliver them.

**THE ALON – YIZRE’EL PETROL STATION AND SHOP** are open 24/7 throughout the holidays except for Yom Kippur.

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| **BALLOT VOTE**  The re-vote, due to a technical problem, will take place on  Tuesday and Wednesday (29/9/20 + 30/9/20)  The Ballot Committee |

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| **GENERAL MEETING ON ZOOM**  **WEDNESDAY 30/9/20 AT 20:00**  **AGENDA:**   1. Formal cessation of the management of the vehicle pool by Assi Mor. 2. Management of Studies for the “Bnei Meshek”.   There will be a zoom station in the moadon or an SMS link the same day at 18:00. |

**PLANNING COMMITTEE**

1. Tomer Chaun, Ziv Ben Bassat’s partner, has been added to the committee as an observer.
2. Requests by residents of the Nof neighborhood Stage 3 to allow the building of storage rooms in their garden area. Each request was examined according to the topography of the area. Some requests were accepted and others not.
3. Planning of the Cemetery: Plans for improvement and the future of the cemetery have been requested. Because there is a limited budget the plans will be carried out in stages. Sigal Perling and Rafi Baum will prepare the stages of the plan.
4. Plans for the new neighborhood are on schedule. The architect made a presentation of the possible design of housing.
5. The Cottages neighborhood: The Planning Committee passed over the plans to the Housing Committee so that they can assign the houses and the families can begin their planning.

**English is Fun - with Rahel**

One of the brightest and most pyrotechnic delights of the English language, reposes in its uncommon stockpile of homophones, words that are spelt differently but pronounced the same. Have you heard the one about the man who bequeathed his offspring a cattle ranch and named it FOCUS? - because it was the place where the sons raise meat.

Is English Prejudiced?

To the estimated five percent of the population that is left-handed, many devices from doorknobs to school desks, from athletic gear to musical instruments, from can openers to flush handles on toilets, seem to be made for right-handed people.

What is even more insidious is that language itself may be designed for the right-handed majority. Does language libel the left-handed? To discover the reputations that seemingly innocent words like *left* and *right* have in English, read the following sentences – is the impression favourable or unfavourable?

* I believe that you are in the right about this issue.
* Her left hand doesn't know what the right hand is doing.
* Throckmorton is the boss' right-hand man.
* Melinda is certainly a dexterous and adroit athlete.
* The FBI has uncovered a sinister plot.
* When it comes to grammar, I feel out in left field.
* Pringle is not only gauche in cocktail conversation but gawky on the dance floor. He was born with two left feet.

Such statements reveal that right in English often suggests, correctness, rectitude and importance. Being right or on the right hand means being in the favourite position. Who ever heard of someone having a left-hand man?

Two words we use to praise skill are *dexterous,* which come to us from the Latin *dexter,* meaning "right" or "right-hand" and *adroit,* from the French *adroit "to the right".* On the other hand, (the left one of course), *sinistra,* the Latin for "left hand", yields the uncomplimentary *sinister* in English.

The French for "left hand" is *gauche,* in English it means "crude, lacking in social grace". And is debased in form to *gawky*, as contrasted to *dexterous and adroit.* Somehow, have two right feet is less gawky than having two left ones, and to be out in left field is to be way off base – a left-handed compliment at best.

Black Americans make up 12% of our population. Under *black* in the Radom House Dictionary of the English Language, we find, among other meanings: "gloomy pessimistic, dismal; a black outlook; deliberately harmful, inexcusable; a black lie; boding ill, sudden or hostile, threatening, black words, black looks, black comedy, black humour; done or written in black - undesirable, substandard, potentially dangerous.

In contrast what do we find under *white* in the same dictionary? "decent, honourable or dependable, auspicious or fortunate, morally pure, innocent, without malice, harmless." But what can you expect from a language in which white pastry is called *angel food cake,*  and dark pastry *devil's food cake?*

Women make up the majority of the population in almost every country in the world. Yet concern has been growing that the English language stigmatized women as an inferior group of human beings, undermined their self-images, and restricts their perceptions of life's possibilities.

In each pair, which term carries more respect: bachelor – spinster; master – mistress, sir – madam, poet – poetess, governor – governess?

The first word in each set carries more prestige than the second.

If a man who pursues freewheeling relationships with women is a womanizer or a philanderer, what do we call a woman who plays the field of men? The idea that a female can pursue men as sex objects is, apparently, so unthinkable that the only words we have for such a person are condemning:  *tease, loose woman, easy mark, slut, nymphomaniac* and *whore.*

*The history of English, like that of all living languages and living things, is the history of constant change. Our language can change so that men, women and children can be free to imagine and explore the full range of their potential. We limit and diminish males and females alike when we use sexist language. In doing so, we become prisoners of language and abandon that which makes us human: the capacity to distinguish, discriminate, compare and evaluate.*

*…………..more next week*