

Matzava celebrates its 76th Birthday – February's extreme mix of rain and hot weather and rain once again on the horizon! The sad passing of a young adult at Matzava who's short life ended in mid-January! After a lifetime struggle Ran Azulai passed away.



***Ran Azulai רנ"א
24.07.1988 – 10.01.2016***

On the first night of the last Passover Seder Night 2015 Ran was born anew.

On that day...the message spread like wildfire. On that Thursday evening Ran was in the operating theater receiving both a new heart and a new lung simultaneously. This was a unique operation in Israel and worldwide. No news report on TV or in the newspapers failed to report on this unique operation. On the Passover night we raised one of the four glasses of wine wishing him successful surgery and good health..

We knew that Ran was diagnosed with a weak heart a month after birth. His life was littered from surgery to surgery! In the following months after the latest breakthrough surgery we came across Ran on the kibbutz paths on his mobility scooter and his medical problems always seemed covered over by his smile.

Following the surgery we began to see Ran walking finally around the

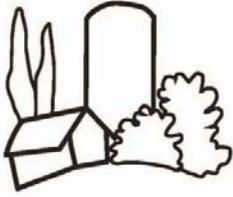
Kibbutz on foot despite his weakness but always with a smile on his face. He was full of optimism and we wished him and his parents Rafi and Anat and his siblings our blessings for a complete recovery. His physical progress was encouraging but in the ensuing half-year the first signs of problems became evident eventually determining his fate.

During his short life he and the family mapped out his desire to live as much as possible for a normal life – school, army, profession and employment. During the good times he covered many field trips within Israel and also became interested in work as an I-phone technician, communications, computers and telephony and later as a driving instructor. Towards the end he was back at the Beilinson Hospital (Rabin Medical Center) with a large team of heart specialists in attendance. The final communiqué from the team read "***We were determined to save Ran's life.the countdown began - we waited for a donor...We decided despite the procedure to save as many patients from any donation to track the donor for Ran! The complex surgery was a success and everything indicated that everything was OK...everyone of us contributed and Ran was in the care of dedicated specialists for his recovery. The recovery was good, step by step and he began to recover'***"

The respiratory physiotherapy was important and began to work...walking slowly on the kibbutz Sidewalks followed by sporting walks, riding a bike and long-distance running. The combination of sport in his life was an integral part of his rehabilitation. The medical team were surprised at his recovery from being so frail and after six months he had strengthened as a healthy human being and a living example to healthy people!

Perhaps it will provide his family and the medical team the strength and knowledge that they were able to provide him towards the end of his final half-year of heroism of hope and optimism.

* [English translation of the Eulogy delivered by Avia Zimran at the burial ceremony]



Matzuva Day – 76 Years Old and still going strong

This year Matzuva Day will be celebrated with various events and The weekend before (29-30 Jan to 5-6 Feb) movies will be shown in the moadon (clubhouse) showing the early days of the kibbutz. The Matzuva Birthday Festival will take place on February 12, 2016 in the dining room at 17:00 hours. There will be a hiking trip during March to the Kibbutz Yifat Museum (provided there are sufficient participants).



"Kehilanet" Kehilanet allows users to be a part of a community to which they belong in real life. Every user has a personal profile and can be a member of various interest groups. The system allows posting events, photos, messages, posts, ads, sending mail and sending SMS. The system provides personal messages while maintaining data security. The system is very common in Israel and is active in hundreds of communities , organizations, businesses and student organizations.

The Agshach (Kibbutz) Committee has recently signed up and joined Kehilanet founded by one of our neighbours who lives at Shavei Zion just south of Nahariya . The network has numerous subscribers throughout Israel. Agshach has involved the Municipal Committee in financing this project in order to enable all residents of Matzuva to have access to Kehilanet on their computers.

Welcome to Kibbutz Matzuva

Finally, and it's taken 75 years, you can now see a special sign on the first roundabout when you pass the automatic main gate and the night watchman's hut. Two large local stones proclaim that you have arrived at your destination with the metal sign in painted in black in Hebrew reads "Established 1940 Kibbutz Matzuva"



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(Many thanks to member Shai Tzalel)

We encourage our alumni and ex-volunteers to revisit Israel and come up to Matzuva.

***** Do you think an ulpan/volunteer reunion could be organized at Matzuva ??? - We need some ulpan/volunteers abroad to co-ordinate with us!**

(*a similar reunion took place recently at Kibbutz Amiad with over 80 participants from Israel and abroad)



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Until the next update – keep well and be in contact.

**Best wishes to all our readers
Baruch - Matzuva, February 7, 2015**



MATZUVA'S 76th YEAR



107 YEARS OF THE KIBBUTZ MOVEMENT