

**A SUMMER OF SUNSHINE AND HIGH HUMIDITY AT MATZUVA – IT'S BEEN A LONG SUMMER, THE SWIMMING POOL IS OPEN TO MEMBERS, RESIDENTS AND VISITORS WHO PAY FOR THE ENTIRE SEASON OR BY PAYING AT THE ENTRANCE GATE**

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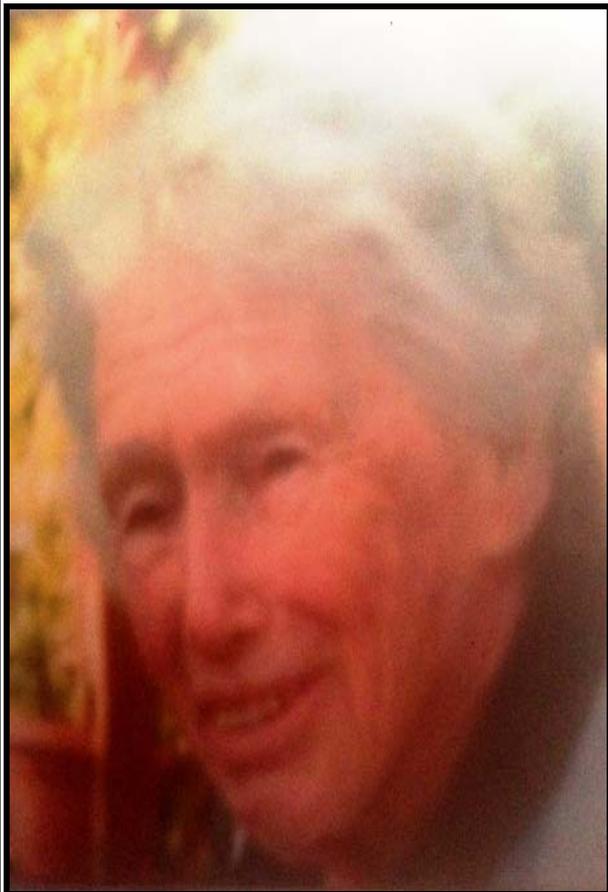
*Schools and kindergartens are quite full and around 07:00 – 08:00 buses and private cars bring the hundreds of children to kindergartens and the primary first grade children to the school housed in the old dining room complex. There is an ongoing dangerous problem with parking on the kibbutz when dropping off the children in the morning and collecting them after finishing their activities at the end of the day.*

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**It is with great sorrow that we once again mourn the passing of one of our senior members after a prolonged illness.**

**Dasi (Hadassa) Banai ז"ל**

**20.10.1925 - 18.8.2017**



*May her dear soul be  
in everlasting peace*

**Hadasa Banai ז"ל 'was born in Jerusalem in 1925 one of three daughters of the Glasman family. In the beginning the family lived in the Rechavia district of the city. The family lived in one of the first houses in the district. Many of the founding members of Israel were neighbors' of her family. At the age of 4 the disturbances of 1929 broke out and they were traumatic. Hadassa's father was a renowned dentist and among his clients were many people of the resistance as well as King Abdulla and his family from Jordan. After leaving school studies Hadassa went to a kibbutz for agricultural training spanning two years and then joined Matzuva and there she became a close friend of her future husband called Aryeh. They married and during the War of Israel's Independence she gave birth to her children. She left the hospital in an armored vehicle to Haifa peripheral towns to the north. At Matzuva Hadassa worked in charge of the clothing store and later became the matron of the Matzuva Ulpan. Dassi was a quiet person and was a sculptor leading a ceramics circle and over the years she became a great-great grandmother. Her health began to be difficult and she had a live-in lady called Shen-Si who helped her day and night until Dasi succumbed to her illness and she passed away at her Matzuva home. The entire kibbutz mourns her passing**

As many of our friends know today Matzuva has two elected committees representing members of Kibbutz Matzuva and the second committee named the **Local Committee** representing all the residents of Matzuva with special emphasis on the smooth running of education, municipal improvements, security, etc. The kibbutz committee is called "**Vaadat Agshach**" (Kibbutz Matzuva Association Committee) and represents all the kibbutz members, Matzuva Agriculture (fruit orchards, chicken runs and there is now an opportunity to establish a milking dairy at Matzuva). The recently elected head of the **Local Committee** is **Keren Arnon**, the daughter-in-law of kibbutz member Avigdor Arnon. We wish her every success in her important municipal role. Ex-Ulpan graduate **Joanna Samushi** married to Ori Samushi has accepted the role of the social education director and educators will receive an additional 3% on their salaries in January 2018.

Updates from the **Local Committee**: This week we said goodbye to Ronen Gal the director of the Local Committee and thanked him for his leadership and dedication in the smooth running of the entire community at Matzuva covering both the kibbutz members and settlers. We wish Ronen every success in the future. The present committee is managed by Avi Levi, Gadi Segal, Yigal Danino, Adi Azugi and Vered Alon.

Meanwhile the Local Committee is interested in calling for volunteers to become members of the Cultural Committee of Matzuva to cater for and lead the full adult population of our community.

The "**Vaadat Agshach** **Committee**" As mentioned above a meeting was held with the external director of the Matzuva Agricultural committee **Eitan Shefer** (Miluot Regional Organization). The subject on the agenda was of Matzuva Agricultural finally after a number of years since 2009 of trying will now be able to establish and set-up a dairy milk farm at Matzuva according to the strict specifications of the Ministry of Agriculture.

Once Again **Matzuva Agriculture** has been awarded 2 Awards of our **Avocado** Orchards with second place for income/per dunam and second place in tonnage per dunam of plantation in the Western Galilee.

**Matzuva Kindergartens**: During the summer holidays break (23/08/17 – 1/09/17) the facilities are closed. The set-up is as follows – "Gan Tomer" with Ava Samushi, Ilana Chemo with 27 children, "Gan Shikma" with Mital Bognho, Mital Zigdon, Teren HaLevi with 29 children. "Gan Dekel" with Shimrit Neir with 22 children, "Gan Renen" with Karin Amzaleg, Shoshana Cohen, Gali Mendelbaum, Bracha Almani with 19 children. "Gan Zemer" with Bat-Chen Regev, Madi Yaniv, Shlomit Edri,, Penina Adari – Baby house "Shir": Leyat Shalom, Rutie Pelach with 5 babies with more on the way. Each children's house has an alternative adult who will be acquainted with parents visiting the babes during the day bringing them in or taking them home at the end of the day. /Ronit Dangur in charge of the kindergartens.

**12<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduates**: Males: Idan Winter, Tuval Shachar, Ziv Arzi, Edan Tzur, Tomer Novack, Alon Alperin Females: Zohar Weizman, Efri Ateas, Michal Tzarfati, Kalil Segali, Lipaz Ronen, Raz Ben-David, Shachar Levi, Shachaf Amnoni.

Those going serve for a year: Raz Ben-David, Garin Oded at the Ashkelon Beach Council, Tuval Shachar at Kibbutz Revivim, Efri Atias at "Barmat Hadassa" at the village for youth at risk. The remainder are waiting for a call-up to the IDF (Israel Defence Forces) . To all the 12<sup>th</sup> graders we send our blessing "**Go forth and be successful in whatever path/s you wish to tread**"

Founder's Hill at Matzuva: There is a saying "... that we should search for the future and yet remember what we have experienced in the past". Since beginning to try and set-up the wish of veteran member Nitzan Reuven who was born at Matzuva on August 25, 1940 and was one of the first children of Kibbutz Matzuva. Nitzan was one of these first children of the fledgling kibbutz and was still a little child when his father out on a mission lost his life in a road accident that was caused by drunken British soldiers near Akko during the British Mandate of Palestine. The beginning of Matzuva took place on the hill of today when the small band of 68 pioneers left the Lower Hanita camp to the north. They crossed the northern road and made their way onto the boulder strewn hill with a few carob trees that had been purchased from a wealthy effendi from Beirut in Lebanon. The town of Shlomi that was originally called "Basa" until the end of the British Mandate was not friendly to the fledgling kibbutz just a few kilometers away. Matzuva had no running water and it was brought in from Nahariya – only in 1947 was water found on the hill. In the first years Matzuva was a small village of pioneers (the majority from Nazi Germany) they set up a few huts and bell tents that were brought down from Lower Hanita and only after the State of Israel was created permanent housing was built. During 1948 the kibbutz children including Nitzan were taken to the Achziv Beach and were ferried by boat to the safe northern districts of Haifa city.

Today, Matzuva is a pleasant spot in Western Galilee and when the embargo was lifted in Cyprus by the British the remnants of war-torn young adults of the Holocaust arrived in Israel. In 1948 many Jewish youngsters from all over the world came to Israel and joined a Hebrew Ulpan at kibbutzim and others worked as volunteers on the various kibbutzim including Matzuva.

Our estimates at Matzuva show that from 1947 until 2000 plus around 5,000 young people from all over the world spent time at our kibbutz who were both Jews and Gentiles. For most youngsters these were highlights and a first-hand experience of a young country in the making. I write these words and see you as part of the Matzuva story – some were disappointed while the vast majority had a wonderful time seeing a young society, comradeship, learning Hebrew and being guests of an Israeli family during their stay – the trips around Israel were always outstanding and enjoyed by participants. Some ulpan students/volunteers also experienced being under-fire while at Matzuva with rockets flying in from over the northern border.

We have received a number of contributions from our young working guests from abroad and we thank you for your kindness. Your contribution will be marked on a special plaque at the site of the "Founder's Hill". There have been contributions from others including kibbutz members who have also donated towards this project.

If you are able and willing to place a cheque/check or a local currency note in an envelope by airmail addressed to our accountant so please address your donation to:

**Yael Mimon  
Kibbutz Matzuva  
M. P. Western Galilee  
Israel 2283500**

Thank you for your kind attention  
Sincerely,

*Baruch Kadmon*

Young **Shiraz Elias** is the daughter of parents who run the superstore at Matzuva. Shiri is among other things a gifted trumpet player. The journey of Shiraz to China as a member of the national youth orchestra was of great interest to Edna Nathans the editor of "Aleh Giv'a" the Matzuva fortnightly newsletter that is published in order to update members and residents of Kibbutz Matzuva.

Shiraz began to play the trumpet at the early age of 7 years and when the family settled at Matzuva she continued her musical education at the Manor Kabri school just south of Matzuva. She is now in the 12<sup>th</sup> grade and is busy with other subjects at school. Israel has a Youth Orchestra and she began to be with them once a fortnight. After the school year ended she attended a fortnightly get-together with other young musicians and afterwards we flew to China for a musical festival. It was not a competition and Israel was one of the 14 countries participating. The orchestral convention took place at the city of Chingdow. Afterwards we reached Beijing overnight and the next morning we took a high-speed train. Our orchestra performed daily concerts in a good acoustic hall. Concerts lasting 90 minutes were tiring but it was worthwhile with the Chinese audiences being happy and attentive. The most significant concert took place in the local Opera House. "The concert was entirely ours in the largest auditorium we had ever played in". Today Shiraz is sitting exams for the IDF orchestra but she has the option to fulfill a year in service of others. /**Edna Nathans**

## "FOUNDER'S HILL" – KIBBUTZ MATZUVA

**History:** Kibbutz Matzuva was established in 1940 by members of the "Young Maccabi" Youth Movement from Germany and Czechoslovakia. This nuclear group was reinforced by young persons from youth groups from Hungary who survived the Holocaust. The intention was to ensure that the hill and its surroundings remain under Jewish control following the purchase of the area from affluent Lebanese land owners in Beirut a year earlier. With the end of the British Mandate in sight in 1947 the U.N. divided up Mandatory Palestine with the kibbutz finding itself within the area of the proposed Arab state. The fledgling kibbutz was one of the pioneer textile manufacturers in Israel as well as engaging in agriculture in the Western Galilee and educated their children to love the emerging state and its citizens.

In 2003 the kibbutz experienced a difficult economic crisis and since has moved towards recovery and emergence from this crisis. The number of resident families has increased through an intensive program of absorption with second generation kibbutz born and families from urban centers in Israel. This influx has brought in its wake a remarkable rise in the number of Matzuva residents. It has also resulted in new children's houses catering for the younger generation at Matzuva.

## The Plan

The Master Plan of the entire enterprise is in the hands of architect Itzik Ben-David who is a resident of Kibbutz Matzuva

"Founder's Hill" was until a few years ago situated outside the defined border of residential Matzuva. Due to the building of residential neighborhoods it was also included as a part of the kibbutz overlooking the entrance gate to Matzuva. Quite quickly we realized that the Founder's Hill was a gem overlooking a fantastic view of the surrounding area and that its existence was quite visible to everyone entering the kibbutz

When Nitzan Reuven explained to residents of Matzuva of the need for documentation and commemoration of the birth of the settlement it became crystal clear that the proposed site was the perfect venue for this project. When the mapping of the hillock was revealed we were faced with the challenge to incorporate a replica of the original courtyard & the construction built when the pioneers settled there included a watch tower, a surrounding security stone wall, work tools and other objects kept in the Matzuva archives. I recognized the importance of the fantastic beauty spots that afford a marvelous vantage point of the fantastic scenery around Matzuva. With natural growth and an abundance of local natural fauna merging with the regional fauna, the paths and lawns combine to make this Matzuva hill an exciting venue for visitors writes Architect Itzik Ben-David, Matzuva's resident architect."

I also recognized the importance of planning scenic spots that afford views of the beautiful area surrounding Matzuva as well as a variety of local natural flora and fauna. The pathways, lawns are also in the plans affording visitors a beautiful and friendly environment for visitors to the hillock" /Itzik Ben David

We encourage our Ulpan alumni and ex-volunteers to revisit Israel and come up to Matzuva "...for a walk down memory lane!"



## **MATZUVA AGRICULTURE**

*Growing with Love*

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



**Best wishes**

**Baruch**

**Matzuva – September, 2017**